

## FAQs for A-level Statements of Results

### What are AQA, EDEXCEL, OCR and WJEC?

These are the four different exam boards (or 'awarding bodies') that we use. Edexcel is part of Pearson Education.

### What is the difference between GCE/A and GCE/B?

GCE/A refers to the overall award: GCE/B to the separate units.

### Why are some results shown in upper case and others in lower case?

Upper case grades are the overall grade for the subject, and the lower case letters show the unit grades. U means 'ungraded' and no certificate will be issued for a subject with this result.

### What is shown in the Mark / Equivalent column?

The numbers alongside the overall grades are the total UMS marks for the subject, and those against the unit grades are the UMS marks for those units (see below for an explanation of UMS marks).

### What do "points" signify?

For the purposes of national results analysis by the government different grades are awarded a particular points score. You can ignore these, they are nothing to do with the mark for the subject, or UCAS points.

### How do I know how close I am to the grade boundaries?

A-level exams are marked out of a wide range of totals, and the grade boundaries for the raw marks vary from year to year and depend on such things as the level of difficulty of the paper. Therefore in order to make things easier for students the raw marks are converted to a Uniform Mark Scheme (UMS) which is what is shown on your statement of results. On the UMS, 80% is always an A, 70% is a B, 60% is a C etc. However different papers also carry different weightings. To interpret the number on the sheet you need to know the maximum UMS mark for the paper. Knowing this, you can use the conversion table below to work out how close you are to the grade boundary.

Max UMS Mark	60	80	90	100	108	120	132	140	150	200	300	400	600
(A*)	54	72	81	90	97.2	108	118.8	126	135	180	270	360	540
A	48	64	72	80	86.4	96	105.6	112	120	160	240	320	480
B	42	56	63	70	75.6	84	92.4	98	105	140	210	280	420
C	36	48	54	60	64.8	72	79.2	84	90	120	180	240	360
D	30	40	45	50	54	60	66	70	75	100	150	200	300
E	24	32	36	40	43.2	48	52.8	56	60	80	120	160	240

Please note new spec AS/A Levels are not issued with UMS marks.