

## **GCSE Business Studies Grade Descriptions**

The following grade descriptions indicate the level of attainment characteristic of the given grade at GCSE. They give a general indication of the required learning outcomes at each specific grade. The grade awarded to me will depend in practice upon the extent to which I have met the assessment objectives. I can balance shortcomings in some aspects of the examination by scoring a better performance in other aspects.

### **Grade A**

To achieve this level of performance, I will need to show competence in the following areas.

- I am able to demonstrate in-depth knowledge and critical understanding of the full range of the specification content.
- I can apply this knowledge and critical understanding to the business data given
- I am able to use terms, concepts, theories and methods effectively to address problems and issues
- I am able to select and organise information from a wide variety of sources and analyse and interpret this information effectively
- I can evaluate evidence effectively and I am able to make reasoned judgements based on the business data given
- I am able to present conclusions accurately and appropriately
- I can use linked statements well that fully answer the question
- I can interpret numerical data well
- I can effectively apply numerical skills to business data

### **Grade C**

To achieve this level of performance, I will need to show competence in the following areas.

- I can demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of most aspects of this specification content
- I can apply this knowledge and critical understanding to the business data given
- I can use terms, concepts, theories and methods effectively to address problems and issues.
- I am able to select and organise information from a variety of sources
- I am able to evaluate evidence and be able to make reasoned judgements
- I can make reasoned judgements based on the relevant business data
- I can present conclusions that are supported by evidence
- I can use linked statements to answer the question
- I am able to interpret numerical data
- I can apply numerical skills to business data

## Grade F

- I can demonstrate knowledge and understanding of some aspects of the specification content
- I can show some ability to apply this knowledge and critical understanding to the business data given
- I can show some understanding of key terms
- I can select and organise information from a variety of sources
- I can make judgements on the business data that is given
- I can make reasoned judgements on the relevant business data
- I can present simple conclusions that are sometimes supported by evidence
- I can make statements to answer the question
- I can attempt to use simple numeracy skills to help me interpret business data and answer questions

To give you exam practice, you will be tested at the end of each unit of work. Your test papers will be marked to GCSE standard. They will be returned to you and a detailed analysis of each question will be given. You will therefore be able to see how you scored your particular grade. This will give you the opportunity to improve your exam technique and achieve or exceed your target grade.