

## 5.1 THE WEIGHTING SYSTEM

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE: That the existing Weighting System shown below applies to Public Universities. Candidates are therefore advised to study and understand the weighting system.**

## 5.2 WEIGHTING CRITERIA

All subjects taken at the Advanced Level of Education are grouped into three categories and weighted as follows for purposes of admission to any programme of Undergraduate study in the University.

<b>Subject Category</b>	<b>Weight</b>
(i) Essential	3
(ii) Relevant	2
(iii) Desirable	1

The Essential A' Level subjects for University Programmes must be passed with a Principal Pass. A Principal subject passed at Subsidiary level i.e. Grade O can however be weighed as Relevant but not as an "Essential".

5.3 For a given candidate, not more than three subjects taken at the principal level shall carry a weight of 3, 2, or 1.

5.4 Not more than two subjects shall be weighed as "Essential".

5.5 A pass with a Distinction or Credit in a subject taken at subsidiary level such as General Paper, Sub-Maths or Computer Studies shall carry one point. A subsidiary pass ranges from grades D1 to C6.

In case of programmes where "Essential" subjects may be three or more, an "Essential set" of subjects is defined. The **best-performed** two subjects of the essential set shall be designated as "**Essential Subjects**" and **weighted three**. The 3<sup>rd</sup> best done subject from the Essential Set shall be designated as the "**Relevant Subject**" and **weighted two**.

5.7 When computing points, special programme requirements are also taken into consideration.

5.8 For 'O' level grades, Distinctions 1 & 2 carry 0.3 points, Credits 3 to 6 carry 0.2, Passes 7 & 8 carry 0.1 and Fail (9) carries 0.0 weights respectively.

5.9 For A' Level grades, the conversion scale is A=6, B=5, C=4, D=3, E=2, O=1, F=0 points.

#### **4. THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF A CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY**

- a) The O'Level weight of a candidate for any programme in the University, is obtained by multiplying the numbers of Distinctions/Credits/Passes, by the relevant weights and adding up for the Distinctions, Credits and passes actually obtained by the candidate.
  - b) The 'A' Level weight, for a given programme, of a candidate is obtained by multiplying each subject grade point by the relevant weighting factor and adding up for all the subjects taken and passed.
50. The combined weight of a candidate for a given programme is obtained by adding the O'Level weight obtained (a) above to the 'A' Level weight obtained (b) above. The best candidate for each programme is the one with the highest combined weight.