

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

May 2019 examination schedule

Morning examinations must start after 0700 hours and finish by 1300 hours local time.
 Afternoon examinations must start after 1200 hours and finish by 1800 hours local time.
An examination cannot be rescheduled without authorization from the Assessment Division, IB Global Centre, Cardiff.

Legend of Subject Groups:

	Interdisciplinary Subjects		Sciences
	Studies in language and literature and Language Acquisition		Mathematics
	Individuals and Societies		The Arts

Examination Schedule

Thursday 2 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	--- No exams ---	SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1

Friday 3 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2		Business management HL paper 1 Business management SL paper 1 <div style="text-align: right;">2h 15m 1h 15m</div>

Week 1

Monday 6 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
<div style="background-color: #00B050; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Business management HL paper 2 Business management SL paper 2	2h 15m 1h 45m	<div style="background-color: #0070C0; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Excluding English, French & Spanish: Language A Literature HL paper 1 Language A Literature SL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m

Tuesday 7 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
<div style="background-color: #0070C0; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Excluding English, French & Spanish: Language A Literature HL paper 2 Language A Literature SL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature HL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m	<div style="background-color: #00B050; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2	1h 1h 30m
<div style="background-color: #FFFF00; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Music HL paper 1 Music SL paper 1	2h 30m 2h		

Wednesday 8 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
<div style="background-color: #00B050; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> History HL paper 3	2h 30m	<div style="background-color: #00B050; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Geography HL paper 1 Geography SL paper 1 Global politics HL/SL paper 1 Philosophy HL paper 1 Philosophy SL paper 1 Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1 Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	2h 15m 1h 30m 1h 15m 2h 30m 1h 45m 2h 1h 30m

Thursday 9 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
<div style="background-color: #00B050; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Geography HL/SL paper 2 Geography HL paper 3 Global politics HL paper 2 Global politics SL paper 2 Philosophy HL/SL paper 2 Philosophy HL paper 3 Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2 Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	1h 15m 1h 2h 45m 1h 45m 1h 1h 15m 2h 30m 1h 30m	<div style="background-color: #FF8C00; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Biology HL paper 1 Biology HL paper 2 Biology SL paper 1 Biology SL paper 2 Nature of science SL paper 1	1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m 1h 30m

Friday 10 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
<div style="background-color: #FF8C00; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Biology HL paper 3 Biology SL paper 3 Nature of science SL paper 2	1h 15m 1h 1h	<div style="background-color: #00B050; width: 15px; height: 100%; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Psychology HL paper 1 Psychology SL paper 1 ITGS HL paper 1 ITGS SL paper 1	2h 2h 2h 15m 1h 30m

Week 2

Monday 13 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Psychology HL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 3 Psychology SL paper 2	2h 1h 1h	
	ITGS HL/SL paper 2 ITGS HL paper 3	1h 15m 1h 15m	
			Mathematical studies SL paper 1 Mathematics HL paper 1 Mathematics SL paper 1
			1h 30m 2h 1h 30m

Tuesday 14 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Mathematical studies SL paper 2	1h 30m	
	Mathematics HL paper 2	2h	
	Mathematics SL paper 2	1h 30m	
			Excluding English, French & Spanish:
			Language B HL paper 1 Language B SL paper 1 Language ab initio SL paper 1
			1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m
			Latin HL paper 1 Latin SL paper 1
			1h 30m 1h 15m

Wednesday 15 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Excluding English, French & Spanish:		
	Language B HL paper 2	1h 30m	
	Language B SL paper 2	1h 30m	
	Language ab initio SL paper 2	1h	
	Latin HL paper 2	2h	
	Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m	
	Mathematics HL paper 3	1h	
			Economics HL paper 1 Economics SL paper 1
			1h 30m 1h 30m
			World religions SL paper 1
			1h 15m

Thursday 16 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Economics HL paper 2	1h 30m	
	Economics HL paper 3	1h	
	Economics SL paper 2	1h 30m	
	World religions SL paper 2	1h 30m	
			English A Literature HL paper 1 English A Literature SL paper 1 English A Language & Literature HL paper 1 English A Language & Literature SL paper 1
			2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m
			English B HL paper 1 English B SL paper 1 English ab initio SL paper 1
			1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m
			Literature & performance SL paper 1
			1h 30m

Friday 17 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	English A Literature HL paper 2	2h	
	English A Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m	
	English A Language & Literature HL paper 2	2h	
	English A Language & Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m	
	English B HL paper 2	1h 30m	
	English B SL paper 2	1h 30m	
	English ab initio SL paper 2	1h	
	Literature & performance SL paper 2	1h 30m	
			Physics HL paper 1 Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 1 Physics SL paper 2
			1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m
			Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2
			1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m

Week 3

Monday 20 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Physics HL paper 3 Physics SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	
	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	
			Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1
			2h 10m 1h 30m 1h 45m 1h 30m 1h

Tuesday 21 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Computer science HL paper 2 Computer science HL paper 3 Computer science SL paper 2	1h 20m 1h 1h	
	Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m	
	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h	
			Classical Greek HL paper 1 Classical Greek SL paper 1 Spanish A Literature HL paper 1 Spanish A Literature SL paper 1 Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1 Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 1 Spanish B HL paper 1 Spanish B SL paper 1 Spanish ab initio SL paper 1
			1h 30m 1h 15m 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m

Wednesday 22 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Classical Greek HL paper 2 Classical Greek SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m	
	Spanish A Literature HL paper 2 Spanish A Literature SL paper 2 Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 2 Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m	
	Spanish B HL paper 2 Spanish B SL paper 2 Spanish ab initio SL paper 2	1h 30m 1h 30m 1h	
			Chemistry HL paper 1 Chemistry HL paper 2 Chemistry SL paper 1 Chemistry SL paper 2
			1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m

Thursday 23 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Chemistry HL paper 3 Chemistry SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	
			French A Literature HL paper 1 French A Literature SL paper 1 French A Language & Literature HL paper 1 French A Language & Literature SL paper 1 French B HL paper 1 French B SL paper 1 French ab initio SL paper 1
			2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m
			Further mathematics HL paper 1
			2h 30m

Friday 24 May		
Morning session		Afternoon session
French A Literature HL paper 2	2h	Keep available for examinations as contingency during the May 2019 session, awaiting instruction from IB
French A Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m	
French A Language & Literature HL paper 2	2h	
French A Language & Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m	
French B HL paper 2	1h 30m	
French B SL paper 2	1h 30m	
French ab initio SL paper 2	1h	
Further mathematics HL paper 2	2h 30m	

Principles used in creating the IB Examination Schedule

1. It is not possible to take into account public, national or school holidays, or religious festivals because of the number of countries in which the IB Diploma Programme is offered.
2. Registration data has been used to ensure that the minimum number of candidates globally are impacted by subject timetable clashes.
3. Group 1 and Group 2 language subjects are not scheduled on the same day so a candidate does not have to be examined in two different language subjects on the same day.
4. Arabic examinations in either group 1 or group 2 will not be scheduled on a Friday out of respect for candidates of the Islamic faith.
5. Almost all subjects are scheduled in an afternoon and morning pattern on consecutive days. This is to minimise the impact of absence on any given day, whilst maintaining continuity for candidates.
6. Subjects with the highest candidature are not scheduled consecutively and are spread as evenly as possible over 3 weeks to try and distribute the workload for candidates. Language examinations and science examinations are scheduled on each of the 3 weeks for the same reason.
7. Except for English, Spanish and French, Language A examinations are scheduled separately from Language B.
8. The examination period remains three weeks long. This is to maintain an acceptable balance between the number of conflicts in the schedule, the school overheads in running an examination schedule, the time available to teach, and the IB's responsibility to get the marking done on time to the required quality.

Rescheduling Policy

- Rescheduling of an exam for a candidate requires approval from IB.
- The criteria and the process for applying for a reschedule can be found in the Diploma Programme Assessment procedures (formerly Handbook of procedures)

2020 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2020 will start on Thursday 30 April 2020, and end on Friday 22 May 2020, subject to confirmation in 2019.