

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

**Please note that for Studies in language and literature
and Language acquisition, English, French and Spanish are scheduled
individually from all other languages.**

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	2h 15m 1h 15m

Week 1

Monday 6 May					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	Business management HL paper 2	2h 15m		Language A Literature HL paper 1	2h
	Business management SL paper 2	1h 45m		Language A Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
				Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h
				Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
				* Except: English, French & Spanish	

Tuesday 7 May					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	Language A Literature HL paper 2	2h		History HL/SL paper 1	1h
	Language A Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m		History HL/SL paper 2	1h 30m
	Language A Language & Literature HL paper 2	2h			
	Language A Language & Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m			
	* Except: English, French & Spanish				
	Music HL paper 1	2h 30m			
	Music SL paper 1	2h			

Wednesday 8 May					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	History HL paper 3	2h 30m		Geography HL paper 1	2h 15m
				Geography SL paper 1	1h 30m
				Global politics HL/SL paper 1	1h 15m
				Philosophy HL paper 1	2h 30m
				Philosophy SL paper 1	1h 45m
				Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	2h
Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h 30m				

Thursday 9 May					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	Geography HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m		Biology HL paper 1	1h
	Geography HL paper 3	1h		Biology HL paper 2	2h 15m
				Biology SL paper 1	45m
	Global politics HL paper 2	2h 45m		Biology SL paper 2	1h 15m
	Global politics SL paper 2	1h 45m			
	Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h		Nature of science SL paper 1	1h 30m
	Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 15m			
	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	2h 30m			
	Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	1h 30m			

Friday 10 May					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	Biology HL paper 3	1h 15m		Psychology HL paper 1	2h
	Biology SL paper 3	1h		Psychology SL paper 1	2h
	Nature of science SL paper 2	1h		ITGS HL paper 1	2h 15m
				ITGS SL paper 1	1h 30m

Week 2

Monday 13 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Green	Psychology HL paper 2	Red	Mathematical studies SL paper 1
	Psychology HL paper 3		Mathematics HL paper 1
	Psychology SL paper 2		Mathematics SL paper 1
	ITGS HL/SL paper 2		
	ITGS HL paper 3		

Tuesday 14 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Red	Mathematical studies SL paper 2	Blue	Language B HL paper 1
	Mathematics HL paper 2		Language B SL paper 1
	Mathematics SL paper 2		Language ab initio SL paper 1
			* Except: English, French & Spanish
			Latin HL paper 1
			Latin SL paper 1

Wednesday 15 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Blue	Language B HL paper 2	Green	Economics HL paper 1
	Language B SL paper 2		Economics SL paper 1
	Language ab initio SL paper 2		World religions SL paper 1
	* Except: English, French & Spanish		
	Latin HL paper 2		
	Latin SL paper 2		
Red	Mathematics HL paper 3		

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

Friday 17 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Blue	English A Literature HL paper 2	Orange	Physics HL paper 1
	English A Literature SL paper 2		Physics HL paper 2
	English A Language & Literature HL paper 2		Physics SL paper 1
	English A Language & Literature SL paper 2		Physics SL paper 2
	English B HL paper 2		Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1
	English B SL paper 2		Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2
	English ab initio SL paper 2		Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1
Purple	Literature & performance SL paper 2		Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2

Week 3

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

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

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

Thursday 23 May				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	Chemistry HL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	French A Literature HL paper 1	2h
	Chemistry SL paper 3		French A Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
			French A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h
			French A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
			French B HL paper 1	1h 30m
			French B SL paper 1	1h 30m
		French ab initio SL paper 1	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. Studies in language and literature and Language acquisition 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 Studies in language and literature or Language acquisition 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.