

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

May 2018 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 IB Assessment Centre.

Thursday 26 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	--- No exams ---	SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1

Friday 27 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 2	Group 3	Business management HL paper 1 Business management SL paper 1 World religions SL paper 1
			2h 15m 1h 15m 1h 15m

Week 1

Monday 30 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Group 3	Business management HL paper 2 Business management SL paper 2 World religions SL paper 2	Groups 1 & 2	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 15m 1h 45m 1h 30m		2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m

Tuesday 1 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Groups 1 & 2	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	Group 3	Economics HL paper 1 Economics SL paper 1
	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m		1h 30m 1h 30m

Wednesday 2 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Group 3	Economics HL paper 2 Economics HL paper 3 Economics SL paper 2	Group 5	Mathematical studies SL paper 1 Mathematics HL paper 1 Mathematics SL paper 1
	1h 30m 1h 1h 30m		1h 30m 2h 1h 30m

Thursday 3 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
Group 5	Mathematical studies SL paper 2	1h 30m	Group 3	Geography HL/SL paper 1	1h 30m
	Mathematics HL paper 2	2h		ITGS HL paper 1	2h 15m
Mathematics SL paper 2	1h 30m	ITGS SL paper 1		1h 30m	
G6	Music HL paper 1	2h 30m	Group 3	Philosophy HL paper 1	2h 30m
	Music SL paper 1	2h		Philosophy SL paper 1	1h 45m
				Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	1h
				Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h

Friday 4 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
Group 3	Geography HL paper 2	2h	Group 4	Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
	Geography HL paper 3	1h		Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
	Geography SL paper 2	1h 20m		Design technology HL paper 1	1h
	ITGS HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m	Design technology SL paper 1	45m	
ITGS HL paper 3	1h 15m	Design technology HL/SL paper 2	1h 30m		
Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h	Inter	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h	
Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 15m				
Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	2h				
Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 3	1h				
Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	2h				

Week 2

Monday 7 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
Group 4	Computer science HL paper 2	1h 20m	Groups 1 & 2	English A Literature HL paper 1	2h
	Computer science HL paper 3	1h		English A Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
	Computer science SL paper 2	1h		English A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h
Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m	English A Language & Literature SL paper 1		1h 30m	
Inter	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h	Inter	English B HL paper 1	1h 30m
				English B SL paper 1	1h 30m
				English ab initio SL paper 1	1h 30m
				Literature & performance SL paper 1	1h 30m

Tuesday 8 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
Groups 1 & 2	English A Literature HL paper 2	2h	Group 3	History HL/SL paper 1	1h
	English A Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m		History HL/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				
Int	Literature & performance SL paper 2	1h 30m			

Wednesday 9 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Group 3	History HL paper 3	2h 30m	Excluding English, French & Spanish: Language B HL paper 1 Language B SL paper 1 Language ab initio SL paper 1 Latin HL paper 1 Latin SL paper 1 Mathematics HL paper 3
			1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 15m
			1h

Thursday 10 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Groups 1 & 2	Excluding English, French & Spanish: Language B HL paper 2 Language B SL paper 2 Language ab initio SL paper 2 Latin HL paper 2 Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 2h 1h 30m	Group 4 Physics HL paper 1 Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 1 Physics SL paper 2 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 1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m

Friday 11 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Group 4	Physics HL paper 3 Physics SL paper 3 Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h 1h 15m 1h	Group 3 Psychology HL/SL paper 1 Global politics HL/SL paper 1
			2h 1h 15m

Week 3

Monday 14 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Group 3	Psychology HL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 3 Psychology SL paper 2 Global politics HL paper 2 Global politics SL paper 2	2h 1h 1h 2h 45m 1h 45m	Group 4 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

Tuesday 15 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
Group 4	Biology HL paper 3 Biology SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	Groups 1 & 2	Classical Greek HL paper 1 Classical Greek SL paper 1	1h 30m 1h 15m
	Nature of science SL paper 2	1h		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	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m
				Spanish B HL paper 1 Spanish B SL paper 1 Spanish ab initio SL paper 1	1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m

Wednesday 16 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
Groups 1 & 2	Classical Greek HL paper 2 Classical Greek SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m	Group 4	Chemistry HL paper 1 Chemistry HL paper 2 Chemistry SL paper 1 Chemistry SL paper 2	1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m
	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			

Thursday 17 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
Group 4	Chemistry HL paper 3 Chemistry SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	Groups 1 & 2	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	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m
				French B HL paper 1 French B SL paper 1 French ab initio SL paper 1	1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m
			G5	Further mathematics HL paper 1	2h 30m

Friday 18 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
Groups 1 & 2	French A Literature HL paper 2 French A Literature SL paper 2 French A Language & Literature HL paper 2 French A Language & Literature SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m	G5	--- No exams ---	
	French B HL paper 2 French B SL paper 2 French ab initio SL paper 2	1h 30m 1h 30m 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 2017 Handbook of Procedures for the Diploma Programme until mid-August 2017. From mid-August 2017 this information will be published in the 2018 Diploma Programme *Assessment procedures* (formerly *Handbook of procedures*).

2019 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2019 will start on Thursday 2 May 2019, and end on Friday 24 May 2019.