

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

May 2020 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 30 April				
Morning session		Afternoon session		
	--- No exams ---		SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1

Friday 1 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 4 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Business management HL paper 2 Business management SL paper 2	2h 15m 1h 45m	
			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 * Except: English, French & Spanish
			2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m

Tuesday 5 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	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 * Except: English, French & Spanish	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m	
	Music HL paper 1 Music SL paper 1	2h 30m 2h	History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2
			1h 1h 30m

Wednesday 6 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	History HL paper 3	2h 30m	
			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 7 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	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	
			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 8 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Biology HL paper 3 Biology SL paper 3 Nature of science SL paper 2	1h 15m 1h 1h	
			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 11 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
	Psychology HL paper 2	2h		Mathematical studies SL paper 1	1h 30m
	Psychology HL paper 3	1h		Mathematics HL paper 1	2h
	Psychology SL paper 2	1h		Mathematics SL paper 1	1h 30m
	ITGS HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m			
	ITGS HL paper 3	1h 15m			

Tuesday 12 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
	Mathematical studies SL paper 2	1h 30m		Language B HL paper 1	1h 30m
	Mathematics HL paper 2	2h		Language B SL paper 1	1h 15m
	Mathematics SL paper 2	1h 30m		Language ab initio SL paper 1	1h
				* Except: English, French & Spanish	
				Latin HL paper 1	1h 30m
				Latin SL paper 1	1h 15m

Wednesday 13 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
	Language B HL paper 2	2h		Economics HL paper 1	1h 30m
	- Listening comprehension	(1h)		Economics SL paper 1	1h 30m
	- Reading comprehension	(1h)		World religions SL paper 1	1h 15m
	Language B SL paper 2	1h 45m			
	- Listening comprehension	(45m)			
	- Reading comprehension	(1h)			
Language ab initio SL paper 2	1h 45m				
- Listening comprehension	(45m)				
- Reading comprehension	(1h)				
* Except: English, French & Spanish					
Latin HL paper 2	2h				
Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m				
	Mathematics HL paper 3	1h			

Thursday 14 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
	Economics HL paper 2	1h 30m		English A Literature HL paper 1	2h
	Economics HL paper 3	1h		English A Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
	Economics SL paper 2	1h 30m		English A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h
				English A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
	World religions SL paper 2	1h 30m			
				English B HL paper 1	1h 30m
				English B SL paper 1	1h 15m
				English ab initio SL paper 1	1h
				Literature & performance SL paper 1	1h 30m

Friday 15 May				
Morning session		Afternoon session		
English A Literature HL paper 2	2h		Chemistry HL paper 1	1h
English A Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m		Chemistry HL paper 2	2h 15m
English A Language & Literature HL paper 2	2h		Chemistry SL paper 1	45m
English A Language & Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m		Chemistry SL paper 2	1h 15m
English B HL paper 2	2h			
- Listening comprehension	(1h)			
- Reading comprehension	(1h)			
English B SL paper 2	1h 45m			
- Listening comprehension	(45m)			
- Reading comprehension	(1h)			
English ab initio SL paper 2	1h 45m			
- Listening comprehension	(45m)			
- Reading comprehension	(1h)			
Literature & performance SL paper 2	1h 30m			

Week 3

Monday 18 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
	Chemistry HL paper 3	1h 15m		Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
	Chemistry SL paper 3	1h		Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
				Design technology HL paper 1	1h
				Design technology SL paper 1	45m
				Design technology HL/SL paper 2	1h 30m
				Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h

Tuesday 19 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	
		Spanish B HL paper 1		1h 30m	
		Spanish B SL paper 1		1h 15m	
		Spanish ab initio SL paper 1		1h	
Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h				

Wednesday 20 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Classical Greek HL paper 2	2h	Physics HL paper 1	1h
Classical Greek SL paper 2	1h 30m	Physics HL paper 2	2h 15m
Spanish A Literature HL paper 2	2h	Physics SL paper 1	45m
Spanish A Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m	Physics SL paper 2	1h 15m
Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 2	2h	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1	1h
Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2	2h 15m
Spanish B HL paper 2	2h	Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1	45m
- Listening comprehension	(1h)	Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	1h 15m
- Reading comprehension	(1h)		
Spanish B SL paper 2	1h 45m		
- Listening comprehension	(45m)		
- Reading comprehension	(1h)		
Spanish ab initio SL paper 2	1h 45m		
- Listening comprehension	(45m)		
- Reading comprehension	(1h)		

Thursday 21 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Physics HL paper 3	1h 15m	French A Literature HL paper 1	2h
Physics SL paper 3	1h	French A Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3	1h 15m	French A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h
Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h	French A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
		French B HL paper 1	1h 30m
		French B SL paper 1	1h 15m
		French ab initio SL paper 1	1h
		Further mathematics HL paper 1	2h 30m

Friday 22 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
French A Literature HL paper 2	2h	Keep available for examinations as contingency during the May 2020 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	2h		
- Listening comprehension	(1h)		
- Reading comprehension	(1h)		
French B SL paper 2	1h 45m		
- Listening comprehension	(45m)		
- Reading comprehension	(1h)		
French ab initio SL paper 2	1h 45m		
- Listening comprehension	(45m)		
- Reading comprehension	(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)

2021 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2021 will start on Thursday 29 April 2021, and end on Friday 21 May 2021, subject to confirmation in 2020.