

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

May 2023 examination schedule PROVISIONAL

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 27 April			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		SBS	School-based syllabus SL paper 1
			Nature of science SL paper 1 1h 30m

Friday 28 April			
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
	Nature of science SL paper 2 1h		

Week 1

Monday 1 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

Tuesday 2 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	Language A Literature HL/SL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2 * Except: English, French & Spanish	1h 45m 1h 45m	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

Wednesday 3 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	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	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 English B HL paper 1 English B HL paper 2 - Reading comprehension English B SL paper 1 English B SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension English ab initio SL paper 1 English ab initio SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension Literature & performance SL paper 1

Thursday 4 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
	English A Literature HL/SL paper 2 English A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2 English B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension English B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension English ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension	1h 45m 1h 45m 1h 45m 45m	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
	Literature & performance SL paper 2	1h 30m	

Friday 5 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Geography HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m	Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
Geography HL paper 3	1h	Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
Global politics HL paper 2	2h 45m		
Global politics SL paper 2	1h 45m		
Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h
Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 15m		
Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	2h 30m		
Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Week 2

Monday 8 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Computer science HL paper 2	1h 20m	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 1	2h
Computer science HL paper 3	1h	analysis and approaches SL paper 1	1h 30m
Computer science SL paper 2	1h		
Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 1	2h
		applications and interpretation SL paper 1	1h 30m

Tuesday 9 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 2	2h	Language B HL paper 1	1h 30m
analysis and approaches SL paper 2	1h 30m	Language B HL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 2	2h	Language B SL paper 1	1h 15m
applications and interpretation SL paper 2	1h 30m	Language B SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
		Language ab initio SL paper 1	1h
		Language ab initio SL paper 2	
		- Reading comprehension	1h
		* Except: English, French & Spanish	
		Latin HL paper 1	1h 30m
		Latin SL paper 1	1h 15m

Wednesday 10 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Language B HL paper 2		History HL/SL paper 1	1h
- Listening comprehension	1h	History HL/SL paper 2	1h 30m
Language B SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		
Language ab initio SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		
* Except: English, French & Spanish			
Latin HL paper 2	2h		
Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m		
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 3	1h		
Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 3	1h		

Thursday 11 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
History HL paper 3	2h 30m	Chemistry HL paper 1	1h
		Chemistry HL paper 2	2h 15m
		Chemistry SL paper 1	45m
		Chemistry SL paper 2	1h 15m
		Design technology HL paper 1	1h
		Design technology SL paper 1	45m
		Design technology HL/SL paper 2	1h 30m

Friday 12 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
Chemistry HL paper 3	1h 15m	French A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m		
	Chemistry SL paper 3		1h	French A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
				French A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m	French A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m		
		French B HL paper 1	1h 30m		
		French B HL paper 2			
		- Reading comprehension	1h		
		French B SL paper 1	1h 15m		
		French B SL paper 2			
		- Reading comprehension	1h		
		French ab initio SL paper 1	1h		
		French ab initio SL paper 2			
		- Reading comprehension	1h		

Week 3

Monday 15 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
French A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Economics HL paper 1	1h 15m
	French A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2		1h 45m
French B HL paper 2		World religions SL paper 1	1h 15m
- Listening comprehension	1h		
French B SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		
French ab initio SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		

Tuesday 16 May					
Morning session		Afternoon session			
Economics HL paper 2	1h 45m	Classical Greek HL paper 1	1h 30m		
	Economics HL paper 3		1h 45m	Classical Greek SL paper 1	1h 15m
	Economics SL paper 2	1h 45m	Spanish A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m	
World religions SL paper 2	1h 30m	Spanish A Literature SL paper 1			1h 15m
		Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1			2h 15m
		Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 1			1h 15m
		Spanish B HL paper 1			1h 30m
		Spanish B HL paper 2			
		- Reading comprehension	1h		
		Spanish B SL paper 1	1h 15m		
		Spanish B SL paper 2			
		- Reading comprehension	1h		
		Spanish ab initio SL paper 1	1h		
		Spanish ab initio SL paper 2			
		- Reading comprehension	1h		

Wednesday 17 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Classical Greek HL paper 2	2h	Biology HL paper 1	1h
Classical Greek SL paper 2	1h 30m	Biology HL paper 2	2h 15m
Spanish A Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Biology SL paper 1	45m
Spanish A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2	1h 45m	Biology SL paper 2	1h 15m
Spanish B HL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	1h		
Spanish B SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		
Spanish ab initio SL paper 2			
- Listening comprehension	45m		

Thursday 18 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
		ITGS HL paper 1	2h 15m
		ITGS SL paper 1	1h 30m

Friday 19 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Psychology HL paper 2	2h	Keep available for examinations as contingency during the May 2023 session, awaiting instruction from IB	
Psychology HL paper 3	1h		
Psychology SL paper 2	1h		
ITGS HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m		
ITGS HL paper 3	1h 15m		

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Principles used in creating the IB Examination Schedule

1. It is not possible to take into account public, national or school holidays 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. Where there are subjects with particular regional or cultural links we will endeavour to take these into account, for example Arabic literature/language examinations will not be scheduled on a Friday.
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)

2024 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2024 will start on Thursday 25 April 2024, and end on Friday 17 May 2024, subject to confirmation in 2023.