

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

May 2022 examination schedule

Updated November 2021

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 28 April					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	Physics HL paper 1	1h		Business management HL paper 1	1h 15m
	Physics HL paper 2	2h 15m		Business management SL paper 1	1h
	Physics SL paper 1	45m			
	Physics SL paper 2	1h 15m		Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	2h
				Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h
				World religions SL paper 1	45m

Friday 29 April					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	Business management HL paper 2	1h 45m		School-based syllabus SL paper 1	
	Business management SL paper 2	1h 15m		School-based syllabus SL paper 2	
	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	1h			
	Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	45m			
	World religions SL paper 2	45m			

Week 1

Monday 2 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		--- No exams ---	

Tuesday 3 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
--- No exams ---		--- No exams ---	

Wednesday 4 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
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 15m	History HL/SL paper 1 History HL/SL paper 2	1h
	1h 15m		45m
	2h 15m		
	1h 15m		

Thursday 5 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
History HL paper 3	1h 45m	Computer science HL paper 1	2h 10m
		Computer science SL paper 1	1h 30m
		Design technology HL/SL paper 2	1h 30m
		Nature of science SL paper 1	1h 30m
		Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h

Friday 6 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Computer science HL paper 3	1h	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 1 analysis and approaches SL paper 1	2h
Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m		1h 30m
Nature of science SL paper 2	1h	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 1 applications and interpretation SL paper 1	2h
Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h		1h 30m

Week 2

Monday 9 May			
Morning session		Afternoon session	
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 2 analysis and approaches SL paper 2	2h	Economics HL paper 1 Economics SL paper 1	1h 15m
	1h 30m		1h 15m
Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 2 applications and interpretation SL paper 2	2h		
	1h 30m		

Tuesday 10 May					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	Economics HL paper 2	1h 45m		Language B HL paper 1	1h 30m
	Economics HL paper 3	1h		Language B HL paper 2	
	Economics SL paper 2	1h 45m		- Reading comprehension	1h
		Language B SL paper 1		1h 15m	
		Language B SL paper 2			
		- Reading comprehension		1h	
		Language ab initio SL paper 1		45m	
		Language ab initio SL paper 2			
		- Reading comprehension		1h	
				* Except: English, French & Spanish	
			Latin HL paper 2	2h	
			Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m	

Wednesday 11 May				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	Language B HL paper 2	1h	Biology HL paper 1	1h
	- Listening comprehension		Biology HL paper 2	2h 15m
	Language B SL paper 2	45m	Biology SL paper 1	45m
	- Listening comprehension		Biology SL paper 2	1h 15m
	Language ab initio SL paper 2	45m		
- Listening comprehension				
	* Except: English, French & Spanish			

Thursday 12 May				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL paper 3	1h	English A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
			English A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
			English A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
	Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 3	1h	English A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
			English B HL paper 1	1h 30m
			English B HL paper 2	
			- Reading comprehension	1h
			English B SL paper 1	1h 15m
			English B SL paper 2	
			- Reading comprehension	1h
			English ab initio SL paper 1	45m
			English ab initio SL paper 2	
			- Reading comprehension	1h
			Literature & performance SL paper 2	1h 30m

Friday 13 May				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	English B HL paper 2	1h	Geography HL paper 1	45m
	- Listening comprehension		Geography SL paper 1	45m
	English B SL paper 2	45m	Global politics HL paper 2	1h 45m
	- Listening comprehension		Global politics SL paper 2	1h 45m
	English ab initio SL paper 2	45m	Philosophy HL paper 1	1h
	- Listening comprehension		Philosophy SL paper 1	1h

Week 3

Monday 16 May				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	Geography HL/SL paper 2	1h	Spanish A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
	Geography HL paper 3	1h	Spanish A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
			Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
	Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h	Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
	Philosophy HL paper 3	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	45m
			Spanish ab initio SL paper 2	
			- Reading comprehension	1h
		Classical Greek HL paper 2	2h	
		Classical Greek SL paper 2	1h 30m	

Tuesday 17 May				
Morning session			Afternoon session	
	Spanish B HL paper 2	1h	ITGS HL paper 1	2h 15m
	- Listening comprehension		ITGS SL paper 1	1h 30m
	Spanish B SL paper 2	45m		
	- Listening comprehension		Psychology HL paper 1	2h
	Spanish ab initio SL paper 2	45m	Psychology SL paper 1	2h
	- Listening comprehension			

Wednesday 18 May					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	ITGS HL paper 3	1h 15m		Chemistry HL paper 1	1h
	Psychology HL paper 2	1h		Chemistry HL paper 2	2h 15m
				Chemistry SL paper 1	45m
				Chemistry SL paper 2	1h 15m

Thursday 19 May					
Morning session			Afternoon session		
	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1	1h		French A Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
	Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2	2h 15m		French A Literature SL paper 1	1h 15m
	Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1	45m		French A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h 15m
	Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	1h 15m		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	45m
				French ab initio SL paper 2	
				- Reading comprehension	1h

Friday 20 May		
Morning session		Afternoon session
French B HL paper 2	1h	Keep available for examinations as contingency during the May 2022 session, awaiting instruction from IB
- Listening comprehension		
French B SL paper 2	45m	
- Listening comprehension	45m	
French ab initio SL paper 2		
- Listening comprehension		

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. 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)

2023 Examination Schedule

- The exam schedule in 2023 will start on Thursday 27 April, and end on Friday 19 May, subject to confirmation in 2022.