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

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Week 1

Monday 4 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 5 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 6 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 7 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		
		Nature of science SL paper 1	1h 30m
Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h		
Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 15m		
Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	2h 30m		
Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	1h 30m		

Friday 8 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 11 May

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Psychology HL paper 2	2h	Mathematical studies SL paper 1	1h 30m
Psychology HL paper 3	1h		
Psychology SL paper 2	1h	Mathematics HL paper 1	2h
ITGS HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m	Mathematics SL paper 1	1h 30m
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
		Language B SL paper 1	1h 15m
Mathematics HL paper 2	2h	Language ab initio SL paper 1	1h
Mathematics SL paper 2	1h 30m	*** 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)*		
Language B SL paper 2	1h 45m	World religions SL paper 1	1h 15m
- 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		Spanish A Literature HL paper 1	2h
	Design technology HL paper 3	1h 30m		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 15m
				Spanish ab initio SL paper 1	1h

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
		Physics SL paper 1	45m
Spanish A Literature HL paper 2	2h	Physics SL paper 2	1h 15m
Spanish A Literature SL paper 2	1h 30m		
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
		Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1	45m
Spanish B HL paper 2	2h	Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	1h 15m
- Listening comprehension	*(1h)*		
- 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
		French A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h
Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3	1h 15m	French A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m
Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h		
		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.