

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:

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| | 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 | | | |
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| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| | --- No exams --- | SBS | School-based syllabus SL paper 1 |

| Friday 1 May | | | |
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| 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 | |
| | | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m | |
| | | * Except: English, French & Spanish | |

| 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 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m | |
| | | 1h 1h 30m | |
| | | * Except: English, French & Spanish | |
| | Music HL paper 1 Music SL paper 1 | 2h 30m 2h | |

| Wednesday 6 May | | | |
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| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| | History HL paper 3 | 2h 30m | |
| | | 2h 15m 1h 30m | |
| | | 1h 15m | |
| | | 2h 30m 1h 45m | |
| | | 2h 1h 30m | |

| Thursday 7 May | | | |
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| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| | Geography HL/SL paper 2 Geography HL paper 3 | 1h 15m 1h | |
| | Global politics HL paper 2 Global politics SL paper 2 | 2h 45m 1h 45m | |
| | Philosophy HL/SL paper 2 Philosophy HL paper 3 | 1h 1h 15m | |
| | Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2 Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2 | 2h 30m 1h 30m | |
| | | 1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m | |
| | | 1h 30m | |

| Friday 8 May | | | |
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| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| | Biology HL paper 3 Biology SL paper 3 | 1h 15m 1h | |
| | Nature of science SL paper 2 | 1h | |
| | | 2h 2h | |
| | | 2h 15m 1h 30m | |

Week 2

| Monday 11 May | | | |
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| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| | Psychology HL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 3 Psychology SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 1h | |
| | ITGS HL/SL paper 2 ITGS HL paper 3 | 1h 15m 1h 15m | |
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| | | | Mathematical studies SL paper 1 Mathematics HL paper 1 Mathematics SL paper 1 |
| | | | 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m |

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

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

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

| Friday 15 May | | | | |
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| 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 | | | | | |
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| 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 | | | | | |
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| 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 | |
| | Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2 | 2h | | 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 |
| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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.