

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:

| | | | |
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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 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 2h 15m |
| | Nature of science SL paper 2 1h | | Business management SL paper 1 1h 15m |

Week 1

| Monday 1 May | | | |
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| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| | Business management HL paper 2 Business management SL paper 2 | 2h 15m 1h 45m | |
| | | 2h 15m 1h 15m 2h 15m 1h 15m | |
| * 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 | 1h 45m 1h 45m | |
| | * Except: English, French & Spanish | 1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m | |
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| Wednesday 3 May | | | |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| | Physics HL paper 3 Physics SL paper 3 | 1h 15m 1h | |
| | Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3 | 1h 15m 1h | |
| | | 2h 15m 1h 15m 2h 15m 1h 15m | |
| | | 1h 30m 1h 1h 15m 1h 1h 1h | |
| | | 1h | |
| | | 1h 30m | |

| Thursday 4 May | | | |
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| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| | English A Literature HL/SL paper 2 English A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2 | 1h 45m 1h 45m | |
| | English B HL paper 2 - Listening comprehension English B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension English ab initio SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension | 1h 45m 45m | |
| | Literature & performance SL paper 2 | 1h 30m | |
| | | 2h 15m 1h 30m | |
| | | 1h 15m | |
| | | 2h 30m 1h 45m | |
| | | 2h 1h 30m | |

| Friday 5 May | | | |
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| 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 |
| Global politics HL paper 2 | 2h 45m | Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1 | 1h |
| Global politics SL paper 2 | 1h 45m | | |
| 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 | | |

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 | | |
| 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 | | |
| Mathematics: applications and interpretation HL paper 2 | 2h | Language B HL paper 2 | 1h |
| applications and interpretation SL paper 2 | 1h 30m | - Reading comprehension | 1h 15m |
| | | Language B SL paper 1 | 1h |
| | | Language B SL paper 2 | 1h |
| | | - Reading comprehension | 1h |
| | | Language ab initio SL paper 1 | 1h |
| | | Language ab initio SL paper 2 | 1h |
| | | - 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 | 1h | History HL/SL paper 1 | 1h |
| - Listening comprehension | | | |
| Language B SL paper 2 | | | |
| - Listening comprehension | 45m | History HL/SL paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| Language ab initio SL paper 2 | 45m | | |
| - 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 |
| Design technology HL paper 3 | 1h 30m | French A Language & Literature HL paper 1 | 2h 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 | 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 | Economics SL paper 1 | 1h 15m |
| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 | | |

PROVISIONAL

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.