

IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

November 2018 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

| Friday 26 October | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| --- | No Exams --- | SBS | School-based syllabus SL paper 1 |

Week 1

| Monday 29 October | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| SBS | School-based syllabus SL paper 2 | Groups 1 & 2 | 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 30m Spanish ab initio SL paper 1 1h 30m |

| Tuesday 30 October | | | |
|--------------------|---|-------------------|--|
| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| Groups 1 & 2 | Spanish A Literature HL paper 2 2h Spanish A Literature SL paper 2 1h 30m Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 2 2h Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 2 1h 30m Spanish B HL paper 2 1h 30m Spanish B SL paper 2 1h 30m Spanish ab initio SL paper 2 1h | Group 4 | Physics HL paper 1 1h Physics HL paper 2 2h 15m Physics SL paper 1 45m Physics SL paper 2 1h 15m Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1 1h Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2 2h 15m Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 45m Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2 1h 15m |

| Wednesday 31 October | | | |
|----------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
| Group 4 | Physics HL paper 3 1h 15m Physics SL paper 3 1h Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3 1h 15m Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3 1h | Group 3 | Economics HL paper 1 1h 30m Economics SL paper 1 1h 30m Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1 1h Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1 1h |

Thursday 1 November

| Morning session | | Afternoon session | | | |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|--------------|--|------------------------------|
| Group 3 | Economics HL paper 2 Economics HL paper 3 Economics SL paper 2 | 1h 30m 1h 1h 30m | Groups 1 & 2 | 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 |
| | Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2 Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 3 Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 2h | | English B HL paper 1 English B SL paper 1 English ab initio SL paper 1 | 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m |
| | | | Inter | Literature & performance SL paper 1 | 1h 30m |

Friday 2 November

| Morning session | | Afternoon session | | | |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------|---------|--|--|
| Groups 1 & 2 | English A Literature HL paper 2 English A Literature SL paper 2 English A Language & Literature HL paper 2 English A Language & Literature SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m | Group 4 | Computer science HL paper 1 Computer science SL paper 1 | 2h 10m 1h 30m |
| | English B HL paper 2 English B SL paper 2 English ab initio SL paper 2 | 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h | | Inter | Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1 |
| Inter | Literature & performance SL paper 2 | 1h 30m | | | |

Week 2
Monday 5 November

| Morning session | | Afternoon session | | | |
|-----------------|---|--|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Group 4 | Computer science HL paper 2 Computer science HL paper 3 Computer science SL paper 2 | 1h 20m 1h 1h | Groups 1 & 2 | Excluding English and Spanish: Language B HL paper 1 Language B SL paper 1 Language ab initio SL paper 1 | 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m |
| | Inter | Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2 | | 2h | Latin HL paper 1 Latin SL paper 1 |

Tuesday 6 November

| Morning session | | Afternoon session | | | |
|-----------------|--|------------------------|---------|--|--|
| Groups 1 & 2 | Excluding English and Spanish: Language B HL paper 2 Language B SL paper 2 Language ab initio SL paper 2 | 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h | Group 3 | Geography HL/SL paper 1 | 1h 30m |
| | Latin HL paper 2 Latin SL paper 2 | 2h 1h 30m | | ITGS HL paper 1 ITGS SL paper 1 Philosophy HL paper 1 Philosophy SL paper 1 | 2h 15m 1h 30m 2h 30m 1h 45m |

Wednesday 7 November

| Morning session | | | Afternoon session | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Group 3 | Geography HL paper 2 | 2h | Group 4 | Chemistry HL paper 1 | 1h |
| | Geography HL paper 3 | 1h | | Chemistry HL paper 2 | 2h 15m |
| | Geography SL paper 2 | 1h 20m | | Chemistry SL paper 1 | 45m |
| | ITGS HL/SL paper 2 | 1h 15m | | Chemistry SL paper 2 | 1h 15m |
| | ITGS HL paper 3 | 1h 15m | | Design technology HL paper 1 | 1h |
| | Philosophy HL/SL paper 2 | 1h | | Design technology SL paper 1 | 45m |
| | Philosophy HL paper 3 | 1h 15m | | Design technology HL/SL paper 2 | 1h 30m |

Thursday 8 November

| Morning session | | | Afternoon session | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Group 4 | Chemistry HL paper 3 | 1h 15m | Group 3 | Business management HL paper 1 | 2h 15m |
| | Chemistry SL paper 3 | 1h | | Business management SL paper 1 | 1h 15m |
| | Design technology HL paper 3 | 1h 30m | | Global politics HL/SL paper 1 | 1h 15m |

Friday 9 November

| Morning session | | | Afternoon session | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Group 3 | Business management HL paper 2 | 2h 15m | Group 3 | History HL/SL paper 1 | 1h |
| | Business management SL paper 2 | 1h 45m | | History HL/SL paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| | Global politics HL paper 2 | 2h 45m | | | |
| | Global politics SL paper 2 | 1h 45m | | | |

Week 3
Monday 12 November

| Morning session | | | Afternoon session | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Group 3 | History HL paper 3 | 2h 30m | Group 5 | Mathematical studies SL paper 1 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Mathematics HL paper 1 | 2h |
| | | | | Mathematics SL paper 1 | 1h 30m |

Tuesday 13 November

| Morning session | | | Afternoon session | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------|---|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Group 5 | Mathematical studies SL paper 2 | 1h 30m | Groups 1 & 2 | Excluding English and Spanish: | |
| | Mathematics HL paper 2 | 2h | | Language A Literature HL paper 1 | 2h |
| | Mathematics SL paper 2 | 1h 30m | | 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 | |

Wednesday 14 November

| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| Groups 1 & 2 | Excluding English and Spanish: | | |
| | Language A Literature HL paper 2 | 2h | Biology HL paper 1 |
| | Language A Literature SL paper 2 | 1h 30m | Biology HL paper 2 |
| | Language A Language & Literature HL paper 2 | 2h | Biology SL paper 1 |
| | Language A Language & Literature SL paper 2 | 1h 30m | Biology SL paper 2 |
| G6 | Music HL paper 1 | 2h 30m | |
| | Music SL paper 1 | 2h | |

Thursday 15 November

| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Group 4 | Biology HL paper 3 | 1h 15m | Psychology HL/SL paper 1 |
| | Biology SL paper 3 | 1h | World religions SL paper 1 |
| | | | Mathematics HL paper 3 |

Friday 16 November

| Morning session | | Afternoon session | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Group 3 | Psychology HL paper 2 | 2h | --- No Exams --- |
| | Psychology HL paper 3 | 1h | |
| | Psychology SL paper 2 | 1h | |
| | World religions SL paper 2 | 1h 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. Group 1 and Group 2 language 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 group 1 or group 2 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 2018 Diploma Programme Assessment procedures (formerly Handbook of procedures).

2019 Examination Schedule

- The November exam schedule in 2019 will start on Friday 1 November 2019, and end on Friday 22 November 2019.