

## 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

**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	<b>Excluding English and Spanish:</b> 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	<b>Excluding English and Spanish:</b> 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	<b>Excluding English and Spanish:</b>	
	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	<b>Excluding English and Spanish:</b> 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	Group 4
G6	Music HL paper 1 Music SL paper 1	2h 30m 2h	Biology HL paper 1 Biology HL paper 2 Biology SL paper 1 Biology SL paper 2
			1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m

### Thursday 15 November

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Group 4	Biology HL paper 3 Biology SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	Group 3
			Psychology HL/SL paper 1  World religions SL paper 1
			G5
			Mathematics HL paper 3
			2h  1h 15m  1h

### Friday 16 November

Morning session		Afternoon session	
Group 3	Psychology HL paper 2 Psychology HL paper 3 Psychology SL paper 2  World religions SL paper 2	2h 1h 1h  1h 30m	--- No Exams ---

## 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.