







## IB Diploma Programme and IB Career-related Programme

# November 2025 examination schedule FINAL VERSION All exam zones (A, B, C)

*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 and Spanish are scheduled individually from all other languages.**

### Examination Schedule

| Friday 24 October |  |                   |                                  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Morning session   |  | Afternoon session |                                  |
| --- No Exams ---  |  | SBS               | School-based syllabus SL paper 1 |

## Week 1

| Monday 27 October |                                  |                                             |        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session   |                                  | Afternoon session                           |        |
| SBS               | School-based syllabus SL paper 2 | Language A Literature HL paper 1            | 2h 15m |
|                   |                                  | Language A Literature SL paper 1            | 1h 15m |
|                   |                                  | Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1 | 2h 15m |
|                   |                                  | Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1 | 1h 15m |
|                   |                                  | <b>* Except: English &amp; Spanish</b>      |        |

| Tuesday 28 October |                                                |                                |        |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session    |                                                | Afternoon session              |        |
|                    | Language A Literature HL/SL paper 2            | Biology HL paper 1 (1a and 1b) | 2h     |
|                    | Language A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2 | Biology SL paper 1 (1a and 1b) | 1h 30m |
|                    | <b>* Except: English &amp; Spanish</b>         |                                |        |

| Wednesday 29 October |                    |                                   |        |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session      |                    | Afternoon session                 |        |
|                      | Biology HL paper 2 | Business management HL/SL paper 1 | 1h 30m |
|                      | Biology SL paper 2 | Business management HL paper 3    | 1h 15m |

| Thursday 30 October |                                |                                            |        |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session     |                                | Afternoon session                          |        |
|                     | Business management HL paper 2 | Spanish A Literature HL paper 1            | 2h 15m |
|                     | Business management SL paper 2 | 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     |

| Friday 31 October |                                               |                                  |        |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session   |                                               | Afternoon session                |        |
|                   | Spanish A Literature HL/SL paper 2            | Chemistry HL paper 1 (1a and 1b) | 2h     |
|                   | Spanish A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2 | Chemistry SL paper 1 (1a and 1b) | 1h 30m |
|                   | Spanish B HL paper 2                          | Design technology HL paper 1     | 1h     |
|                   | - Listening comprehension                     | Design technology SL paper 1     | 45m    |
|                   | Spanish B SL paper 2                          | Design technology HL/SL paper 2  | 1h 30m |
|                   | - Listening comprehension                     |                                  |        |
|                   | Spanish ab initio SL paper 2                  |                                  |        |
|                   | - Listening comprehension                     |                                  |        |

## Week 2

| Monday 3 November            |        |                       |        |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| Morning session              |        | Afternoon session     |        |
| Chemistry HL paper 2         | 2h 30m | History HL/SL paper 1 | 1h     |
| Chemistry SL paper 2         | 1h 30m | History HL/SL paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| Design technology HL paper 3 | 1h 30m |                       |        |

| Tuesday 4 November |        |                                        |        |
|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session    |        | Afternoon session                      |        |
| History HL paper 3 | 2h 30m | Language B HL paper 1                  | 1h 30m |
|                    |        | Language B HL paper 2                  | 1h     |
|                    |        | - 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     |
|                    |        | <b>* Except: English &amp; Spanish</b> |        |
|                    |        | Latin HL paper 1                       | 2h     |
|                    |        | Latin SL paper 1                       | 1h 30m |

| Wednesday 5 November                   |        |                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session                        |        | Afternoon session                            |        |
| Language B HL paper 2                  | 1h     | Physics HL paper 1 (1a and 1b)               | 2h     |
| - Listening comprehension              |        | Physics SL paper 1 (1a and 1b)               | 1h 30m |
| Language B SL paper 2                  | 45m    |                                              |        |
| - Listening comprehension              | 45m    | Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 1 | 1h     |
| Language ab initio SL paper 2          |        | Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 3 | 1h 15m |
| - Listening comprehension              |        | Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 | 45m    |
| <b>* Except: English &amp; Spanish</b> |        | Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3 | 1h     |
| Latin HL paper 2                       | 1h 30m |                                              |        |
| Latin SL paper 2                       | 1h 30m |                                              |        |

| Thursday 6 November                          |        |                                            |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session                              |        | Afternoon session                          |        |
| Physics HL paper 2                           | 2h 30m | English A Literature HL paper 1            | 2h 15m |
| Physics SL paper 2                           | 1h 30m | English A Literature SL paper 1            | 1h 15m |
|                                              |        | English A Language & Literature HL paper 1 | 2h 15m |
| Sports, exercise & health science HL paper 2 | 2h 15m | English A Language & Literature SL paper 1 | 1h 15m |
| Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2 | 1h 15m |                                            |        |
|                                              |        | English B HL paper 1                       | 1h 30m |
|                                              |        | English B HL paper 2                       | 1h     |
|                                              |        | - Reading comprehension                    | 1h 15m |
|                                              |        | English B SL paper 1                       | 1h     |
|                                              |        | English B SL paper 2                       | 1h     |
|                                              |        | - Reading comprehension                    | 1h     |
|                                              |        | English ab initio SL paper 1               | 1h     |
|                                              |        | English ab initio SL paper 2               | 1h     |
|                                              |        | - Reading comprehension                    | 1h     |

| Friday 7 November                                                                   |                              |                         |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Morning session                                                                     |                              | Afternoon session       |        |
| English A Literature HL/SL paper 2<br>English A Language & Literature HL/SL paper 2 | 1h 45m                       | Economics HL/SL paper 2 | 1h 45m |
|                                                                                     | 1h 45m                       |                         |        |
|                                                                                     | English B HL paper 2         |                         |        |
|                                                                                     | - Listening comprehension    |                         |        |
|                                                                                     | English B SL paper 2         |                         |        |
| English ab initio SL paper 2                                                        | - Listening comprehension    |                         |        |
|                                                                                     | 45m                          |                         |        |
|                                                                                     | English ab initio SL paper 2 |                         |        |
| - Listening comprehension                                                           | 45m                          |                         |        |
|                                                                                     | 1h 45m                       |                         |        |
| Literature & performance SL paper 1                                                 | 1h 45m                       |                         |        |

### Week 3

| Monday 10 November                                         |        |                                                            |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session                                            |        | Afternoon session                                          |        |
| Economics HL paper 1                                       | 1h 15m | Mathematics:<br>analysis and approaches HL paper 1         | 2h     |
|                                                            | 1h 45m |                                                            |        |
|                                                            | 1h 15m | analysis and approaches SL paper 1                         | 1h 30m |
| Mathematics:<br>applications and interpretation HL paper 1 | 2h     | Mathematics:<br>applications and interpretation SL paper 1 | 1h 30m |
|                                                            |        |                                                            |        |

| Tuesday 11 November |                                                            |        |                                           |                               |        |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session     |                                                            |        | Afternoon session                         |                               |        |
|                     | Mathematics:<br>analysis and approaches HL paper 2         | 2h     |                                           | Digital Society HL paper 1    | 2h 15m |
|                     | analysis and approaches SL paper 2                         | 1h 30m |                                           | Digital Society SL paper 1    | 1h 30m |
|                     |                                                            |        |                                           | Geography HL paper 1          | 2h 15m |
|                     |                                                            |        |                                           | Geography SL paper 1          | 1h 30m |
|                     | Mathematics:<br>applications and interpretation HL paper 2 | 2h     |                                           |                               |        |
|                     | applications and interpretation SL paper 2                 | 1h 30m |                                           | Global politics HL/SL paper 1 | 1h 15m |
|                     |                                                            |        | Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1 | 2h                            |        |
|                     |                                                            |        | Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1 | 1h 30m                        |        |

| Wednesday 12 November |                                           |        |                   |                                              |        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Morning session       |                                           |        | Afternoon session |                                              |        |
|                       | Digital Society HL/SL paper 2             | 1h 15m |                   | Computer science HL paper 1                  | 2h 10m |
|                       | Digital Society HL paper 3                | 1h 15m |                   | Computer science SL paper 1                  | 1h 30m |
|                       | Geography HL/SL paper 2                   | 1h 15m |                   |                                              |        |
|                       | Geography HL paper 3                      | 1h     |                   |                                              |        |
|                       | Global politics HL paper 2                | 2h 45m |                   | Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1 | 1h     |
|                       | Global politics SL paper 2                | 1h 45m |                   |                                              |        |
|                       | Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2 | 2h 30m |                   |                                              |        |
|                       | Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2 | 1h 30m |                   |                                              |        |

### Thursday 13 November

| Morning session                              |        | Afternoon session     |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| Computer science HL paper 2                  | 1h 20m | Philosophy HL paper 1 | 2h 30m |
| Computer science HL paper 3                  | 1h     | Philosophy SL paper 1 | 1h 45m |
| Computer science SL paper 2                  | 1h     |                       |        |
| Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2 | 2h     | Psychology HL paper 1 | 2h     |
|                                              |        | Psychology SL paper 1 | 2h     |

### Friday 14 November

| Morning session          |        | Afternoon session                                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Philosophy HL/SL paper 2 | 1h     | Mathematics:<br>analysis and approaches HL paper 3         | 1h 15m |
| Philosophy HL paper 3    | 1h 15m |                                                            |        |
| Psychology HL paper 2    | 2h     | Mathematics:<br>applications and interpretation HL paper 3 | 1h 15m |
| Psychology HL paper 3    | 1h     |                                                            |        |
| Psychology SL paper 2    | 1h     |                                                            |        |

### Local start times for the November 2025 examination session

- Schools must ensure that they are aware of their allocated exam zone, which does not change between examination sessions.
- The local start times for all zones are detailed in the table below. There is no variance in start times within morning or afternoon sessions.
- The local start times indicated are based on the local time and do not need to be adjusted for daylight saving.

| Exam zone |     | Morning session start time | Afternoon session start time |
|-----------|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| A         | 12  | 10.00                      | 14.00                        |
| A         | 11  | 10.00                      | 14.00                        |
| A         | 10  | 10.00                      | 14.00                        |
| A         | 9   | 10.00                      | 14.00                        |
| A         | 8   | 09.30                      | 13.30                        |
| A         | 7   | 09.00                      | 13.00                        |
| A         | 6   | 09.00                      | 13.00                        |
| A         | 5   | 09.00                      | 13.00                        |
| A         | 4   | 09.00                      | 13.00                        |
| A         | 3   | 09.00                      | 13.00                        |
|           |     |                            |                              |
| B         | 3   | 10.00                      | 14.00                        |
| B         | 2   | 09.30                      | 13.30                        |
| B         | 1   | 09.00                      | 13.00                        |
| B         | 0   | 09.00                      | 13.00                        |
|           |     |                            |                              |
| C         | -3  | 10.00                      | 14.00                        |
| C         | -4  | 09.30                      | 13.30                        |
| C         | -5  | 08.30                      | 12.30                        |
| C         | -6  | 08.30                      | 12.30                        |
| C         | -7  | 08.30                      | 12.30                        |
| C         | -8  | 08.30                      | 12.30                        |
| C         | -9  | 08.30                      | 12.30                        |
| C         | -10 | 08.30                      | 12.30                        |

### Principles used in creating the IB Examination Schedule:

- 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.
- Registration data has been used to ensure that the minimum number of students globally are impacted by subject timetable clashes.
- Where there are subjects with particular regional or cultural links the IB will endeavour to take these into account, for example Arabic literature/language examinations will not be scheduled on a Friday.
- Almost all subjects are scheduled on consecutive days. This is to minimise the impact of absence on any given day, whilst maintaining continuity for students.
- Subjects with the highest candidature are not scheduled consecutively and are spread as evenly as possible over 4 weeks to try and distribute the workload for students. Where possible, language examinations and science examinations are scheduled on each of the 4 weeks for the same reason.
- The examination schedule is as short as possible to maintain an acceptable balance between the number of conflicts in the schedule.

### Rescheduling Policy

- Rescheduling of an exam for a student requires approval from IB.
- The criteria and the process for applying for a reschedule can be found in the Diploma Programme/Career-related Programme *Assessment procedures*.

### 2026 Examination Schedule

- The examination schedule in 2026 will start on Friday 23 October 2026, and end on Friday 13 November 2026.