

Pearson Edexcel 2019-20 examination start times

Middle East to Indian Subcontinent countries

Important: if you are based in a country that, between winter and summer, changes from time zone GMT +2 to BST +3, you will need to also consult the exam start time document for the time zones GMT/BST 0 to +2.

This document applies to examinations in:

- International Advanced Level (IAL)
- International GCSE
- International GCSE (*R-paper*)
- GCSE
- GCE A Level

Essential information

This document details the start times for exams, in the local time of each time zone.

To allow some flexibility, centres can start examinations by up to 30 minutes earlier or later than the published time below without the need to complete any paper work. For examinations started 30 minutes early, students must still stay under centre supervision until at least one hour after the start time listed below.

Permission must be requested in advance if a centre wishes to vary the start time of exams in excess of 30 minutes. This request must be emailed to uk.special.requirements@pearson.com with the message title, 'Request for variation to exam start time', **no later than 6 weeks before the date of the exam.**

November and January exams - Time zones GMT +3 / +6

The designation AM or PM relates to the session the exam is assigned on the Pearson Edexcel Examination Timetables, which can be found at <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/exam-timetables.html#tab-Internationalcentres>

Time zones	Local start time for examinations		
	IAL morning (AM) International GCSE <i>R-paper</i> morning (AM)	IAL Afternoon (PM) International GCSE <i>R-paper</i> afternoon (PM)	
		GCSE & International GCSE morning (AM)	GCSE & International GCSE afternoon (PM)
GMT + 3 e.g. Saudi Arabia; Kenya; Kuwait; Qatar; Tanzania	9.00	12.00	16.30
GMT + 4 e.g. UAE	10.00	13.00	17.30
GMT +5 e.g. Pakistan; Maldives;	11.00	14.00	18.30
GMT +5.5 e.g. India; Sri Lanka	11.30	14.30	19.00
GMT + 6 e.g. Bangladesh	12.00	15.00	19.30

October and May/June examinations

- Time zones BST +3 / +5

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Time zones	Local start times for examinations		
	IAL morning(AM) International GCSE <i>R-paper</i> morning (AM)	IAL afternoon (PM) International GCSE <i>R-paper</i> afternoon (PM)	
		GCE A level morning (AM) GCSE morning (AM) International GCSE morning (AM)	GCE A level afternoon (PM) GCSE afternoon (PM) International GCSE afternoon (PM)
BST + 3 e.g. UAE	9.00	12.00	16.30
BST + 4 e.g. Pakistan; Maldives	10.00	13.00	17.30
BST + 4.5 e.g. India; Sri Lanka	10.30	13.30	18.00
BST + 5 e.g. Bangladesh	11.00	14.00	18.30