

## Pearson Edexcel 2016 examination start times

### Middle East to Indian Subcontinent countries

**Important:** if you are based in a country that, between June and January, 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 one hour after the start time listed below.

However, permission must be requested in advance if a centre wishes to vary the start time of an exam in excess of 30 minutes, for example, in the event of an exam clash. This request must be emailed to [regulation@pearson.com](mailto:regulation@pearson.com) with the message title, '*Request for variation to exam start time*', **no later than 6 weeks before the date of the exam**.

### **Important changes**

Pearson Edexcel's regional (R) papers for **International GCSE** will be available in time-zones BST +3/+5 from **summer 2016**. The R-papers are used in exams for Chinese, Economics, English, English as a Second Language, Mathematics and Science. A list of the specific exams for which there are International GCSE R-papers available can be found in the R-paper timetable document: <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/exam-timetables.html#tab-Internationalcentres>

The start time of the R-paper exams in your time-zone will be aligned with the start time used for IAL exams. Further information about our International GCSE regional (R) papers can be found on our website via the link above.

## JANUARY 2016 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)	IAL Afternoon (PM)	
		International GCSE morning (AM)	International GCSE afternoon (PM)
GMT + 3 e.g. Saudi Arabia; Kenya; Kuwait; Qatar; Tanzania	8.30	11.30	16.00
GMT + 4 e.g. UAE	9.30	12.30	17.00
GMT +5 e.g. Pakistan; Maldives;	10.30	13.30	18.00
GMT +5.5 e.g. India; Sri Lanka	11.00	14.00	18.30
GMT + 6 e.g. Bangladesh	11.30	14.30	19.00

## SUMMER 2016 examinations - Time zones BST +3 / +5

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 times for examinations		
	<b>IAL morning(AM)</b>  <b>International GCSE <i>R-paper</i> morning (AM)</b>	<b>IAL afternoon (PM)</b>  <b>International GCSE <i>R-paper</i> afternoon (PM)</b>	
		<b>GCE A level morning (AM)</b>  <b>GCSE morning (AM)</b>  <b>International GCSE morning (AM)</b>	<b>GCE A level afternoon (PM)</b>  <b>GCSE afternoon (PM)</b>  <b>International GCSE afternoon (PM)</b>
<b>BST + 3</b> e.g. <b>UAE</b>	9.00	12.00	16.00
<b>BST + 4</b> e.g. <b>Pakistan;</b> <b>Maldives</b>	10.00	13.00	17.00
<b>BST + 4.5</b> e.g. <b>India;</b> <b>Sri Lanka</b>	10.30	13.30	17.30
<b>BST + 5</b> e.g. <b>Bangladesh</b>	11.00	14.00	18.00