

Pearson Edexcel 2016 examination start times

Asia Pacific region: Myanmar to Japan (GMT +6.5/+9 and BST +5.5/+8)

This document applies to Edexcel examinations in:

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

Essential information

This document details the times for examinations, in the local time of each time zone. For exams in sessions 1 and 2 the exam start time is listed. To allow some flexibility, centres can start examinations by up to 30 minutes earlier or later than the published time below without authorisation from Pearson. Once a student has completed an exam in Session 1 or 2 they may be allowed to leave the exam room without supervision.

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 with the message title, '*Request for variation to exam start time*', no later than 6 weeks before the date of the exam.

Important changes

The 2015 timetable expressed all exam times in terms of their start time. In 2016, for International GCSE, GCSE and GCE A Level exams scheduled in **session 3**, the tables below state the time at which students can be released by the centre following completion of the exam in the final session of each day.

Exams should therefore be scheduled to finish close to this release time (for example, if the release time for your time-zone is 20.30, an exam with two hour duration should be started at 18.30). This will ensure minimal student supervision by the centre is required after an exam is finished.

If an exam is completed before the release time, students must remain under the supervision of invigilators or other centre staff until the release time, and parental supervision **cannot** be used instead. Supervision of students will not be required after the release time listed for session 3 exams.

JANUARY examinations - Time zones GMT +6.5 / +9

The designation AM or PM relates to the session the examination 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		
	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3*
	IAL morning (AM) International GCSE <i>R-paper</i> morning (AM)	IAL afternoon (PM) International GCSE <i>R-paper</i> afternoon (PM)	
		International GCSE morning (AM)	International GCSE afternoon (PM)
GMT + 6.5 e.g. Myanmar	12.00	15.00	Release time from centre supervision 20.00
GMT + 7 e.g. Cambodia; Indonesia; Thailand; Vietnam	12.30	15.30	Release time from centre supervision 20.30
GMT + 8 e.g. China; Hong Kong; Singapore; Malaysia	13.30	16.30	Release time from centre supervision 21.30
GMT + 9 e.g. Japan; Korea	14.30	17.30	Release time from centre supervision 22.30

*see 'Important changes' on first page for guidance about session 3 Release times.

SUMMER 2016 examinations - Time zones +5.5 / +8

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Time zones	Local start times for examinations		
	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3*
	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 + 5.5 e.g. Myanmar	11.30	14.30	Release time from centre supervision 19.00
BST + 6 e.g. Cambodia; Indonesia; Thailand; Vietnam	12.00	15.00	Release time from centre supervision 19.30
BST + 7 e.g. China; Hong Kong; Singapore; Malaysia	13.00	16.00	Release time from centre supervision 20.30
BST + 8 e.g. Japan; Korea	14.00	17.00	Release time from centre supervision 21.30

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