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C1.6 Availability of subjects for 2023 and 2024 examination sessions

C1.6.1 Language A: literature—availability

The following language A: literature subjects are automatically available at SL and HL.

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	May session	November session
Afrikaans	X	√*
Albanian	√	X
Amharic	√	X
Arabic	√	X
Armenian	√	X
Azerbaijani	√	X
Bengali	√	X
Bosnian	√	X
Bulgarian	√	X
Catalan	√	X
Chinese	√	√
Croatian	√	X
Czech	√	X
Danish	√	X
Dutch	√	X
English	√	√
Estonian	√	X

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Filipino	√	X
Finnish	√	X
French	√	√
Georgian	√	X
German	√	√
Hebrew	√	X
Hindi	√	X
Hungarian	√	X
Icelandic	√	X
Indonesian	√	√
Italian	√	X
Japanese	√	√
Khmer	√	X
Korean	√	√
Latvian	√	X
Lithuanian	√	X
Macedonian	√	X
Malay	√	X
Modern Greek	√	X

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Mongolian	√	X
Nepali	√	X
Norwegian	√	X
Persian	√	X
Polish	√	X
Portuguese	√	√
Romanian	√	X
Russian	√	X
Serbian	√	X
Sesotho	√	X
Siswati	X	√
Slovak	√	X
Slovene	√	X
Spanish	√	√
Swahili	√	X
Swedish	√	X
Thai	√	X
Turkish	√	√

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Ukrainian	√	X
Urdu	√	X
Vietnamese	√	X

* Afrikaans SL/HL and Siswati SL/HL are only available in the November session. (They are not special request subjects.) Therefore, any May 2023 candidate wishing to take Afrikaans SL/HL or Siswati SL/HL must be registered for the November 2022 session and take all assessment components (HL essay, internal assessment, paper 1 and paper 2) in that session.

C1.6.2 Language A: literature—special request

Examinations for language A: literature subjects not listed in section “C1.6.1” can sometimes be prepared, but a request and justification must be submitted on IBIS 18 months ahead of the examinations. All such special requests for language A: literature must be submitted on IBIS whenever possible, using the form *Special request language A: literature* located under the “Candidate” tab (**Candidate registration > Pre-registration > Advance notice requirements—available forms**).

Languages that are not written in Roman script can also be entered on IBIS, depending on the specification of the computer being used by the coordinator. However, if the online version of the form cannot be completed for any non-Roman script language, the coordinator must print a copy of the form, complete it on paper and submit a scanned copy to the Assessment Division, IB Global Centre, Cardiff, at support@ibo.org.

Language A: literature is not available on special request in the November session.

All special requests for May 2023 language A: literature have now been processed at the Assessment Division, IB Global Centre, Cardiff, and the schools concerned have been notified.

C1.6.3 Language A: language and literature—availability

Language A: language and literature is automatically available at SL and HL as follows, unless otherwise indicated.

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	May session	November session
Arabic	√	X
Chinese	√	√
Dutch	√	X
English	√	√
French	√	√
German	√	√
Indonesian	√	X
Italian	√	X
Japanese	√	√
Korean	√	√ from November 2023
Modern Greek	√	X
Norwegian	√	X
Portuguese	√	√
Russian	√	X
Spanish	√	√
Swedish	√	X
Thai	√	X

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Vietnamese	√ from 2023	X
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There is no special request service for language A: language and literature.

C1.6.4 Literature and performance—availability

Literature and performance is an interdisciplinary subject that fully meets the aims of the studies in language and literature, and the arts subject groups. Literature and performance is available at SL only.

	May session			November session		
	English	French	Spanish	English	French	Spanish
Literature and performance	√	Special	√	√	X	Special

C1.6.5 Language B—availability

Language B is automatically available at SL and HL as follows, unless otherwise indicated.

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	May session	November session
Arabic	√	X
Chinese—Cantonese	√	X
Chinese—Mandarin	√	√
Danish	√	X
Dutch	√	X
English	√	√
Finnish	√	X
French	√	√
German	√	√
Hebrew	√ (SL only)	X
Hindi	√	X
Indonesian	√	√
Italian	√	X
Japanese	√	√
Korean	√	X
Malay	X	√ (SL only)*
Norwegian	√	X

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Portuguese	√	X
Russian	√	X
Spanish	√	√
Swahili	√	X
Swedish	√	X
Tamil	X	√ (SL only)*

* Malay SL and Tamil SL are available only in the November session. Therefore, any candidate registered for a May session wishing to take Malay SL or Tamil SL must be additionally registered for a November session (usually, but not necessarily, in the preceding year). They must take all Malay SL or Tamil SL assessment components (IA, paper 1 and paper 2) in that November session.

Note: The Chinese B—Cantonese (May session only) and Chinese B—Mandarin (both May and November sessions) examination papers will continue to be produced in both traditional and simplified characters.

There is no special request service for language B.

C1.6.6 Language ab initio—availability

Language ab initio is automatically available at SL only as follows, unless otherwise indicated.

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	May session	November session
Arabic	√	X
Danish	√	X
Dutch	√	X
English	√	√
French	√	√
German	√	X
Indonesian	X	√
Italian	√	X
Japanese	√	√
Mandarin	√	√
Russian	√	X
Spanish	√	√
Swahili	√	X
Swedish	√	X

Indonesian is not available in the May session. Therefore, any candidate registered for a May session wishing to take Indonesian must be additionally registered for a November session (usually, but not necessarily, in the preceding year). They must take all Indonesian assessment components (IA, paper 1 and paper 2) in that November session.

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There is no special request service for language ab initio.

C1.6.7 Classical languages—availability

The following classical languages are automatically available at SL and HL in the response language specified, unless otherwise indicated.

	May session			November session	
	English	French	Spanish	English	Spanish
Classical Greek	√	Special	Special	X	X
Latin	√	Special	√	√	Special

C1.6.8 Individuals and societies—availability

The following subjects are automatically available at SL and HL in the response language specified, unless otherwise indicated.

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	May session				November session			
	English	French	Spanish	German	English	Spanish	German	Japanese
Business management	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Economics	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	Special
Environmental systems and societies SL	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Geography	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	Special
Global politics	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
History SL	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Special
History HL: Africa and the Middle East	√	Special	Special	Special	√	Special	Special	X
History HL: Americas	√	√	√	Special	√	√	Special	X
	√	Special	Special	Special	√	Special	Special	Special

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History HL: Asia/ Oceania								
History HL: Europe	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Special
Information/ technology in a global society SL		Special	√	X	√	√	X	X
Information/ technology in a global society HL		Special	√	X	√	√	X	X
Philosophy	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Psychology	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Social and cultural anthropology	√	Special	√	X	√	√	X	X
	√	√	√	X	See note below.	See note below.	See note below.	X

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World religions SL								
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Note: World religions is not available in any language in the November sessions.

Following a review of subject registrations for special request subjects since 2016, a significant number of subjects from the individuals and societies and sciences groups have now become automatically available in both French and Spanish. This move is intended to reduce the administrative burden on schools. Not all of these subjects are fully supported by guides and teacher support material.

C1.6.9 Sciences—availability

The following subjects are automatically available at SL and HL in the response language specified, unless otherwise indicated.

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	May session				November session			
	English	French	Spanish	German	English	Spanish	German	Japanese
Biology	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Special
Chemistry	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Special
Computer science SL	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Computer science HL	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Design technology	√	Special*	√	X	√	√	X	X
Environmental systems and societies SL	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
Physics	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	Special
Sports, exercise and health science SL	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	X
	√	Special	Special	X	√	Special	X	X

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Sports, exercise and health science HL								
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*If a school wishes to offer design technology in French, they must contact IB Answers—before beginning the teaching of the course—so that any issues arising can be addressed. Schools should be aware that the subject guide is not available in French.

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C1.6.10 Mathematics—availability

The following subjects are automatically available in the response language specified, unless otherwise indicated.

	May session				November session			
	English	French	Spanish	German	English	Spanish	German	Japanese
Mathematics: analysis and approaches	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Special
Mathematics: applications and interpretation	√	√	√	X	√	√	X	Special

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C1.6.11 The arts—availability

The following subjects are automatically available at SL and HL in the response language specified, unless otherwise indicated.

	May session			November session		
	English	French	Spanish	English	Spanish	Japanese
Dance	√	Special	Special	√	Special	X
Film	√	Special	√	√	√	X
Literature and performance SL	√	Special	Special	√	Special	X
Music	√	√	√	√	√	Special
Theatre	√	Special	√	√	√	X
Visual arts	√	√	√	√	√	Special

