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## **Free official study resources for the International Baccalaureate Diploma**

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### **Objective**

This document provides an inventory of free study resources and exam preparation materials that may assist instructors and those who plan to sit the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma level examinations.

### **Discussion**

The IB examination is developed and administered by International Baccalaureate® (IB).

This organization is a non-profit educational foundation. Its Internet homepage is at:

<http://www.ibo.org/>

Most (open-access) official IB study resources and exam preparation materials that are digital documents and web pages are available on the subpages of the web address shown above.

## **Background**

There are thousands of open-access (free) and commercial IB Diploma study materials and exam preparation resources available on the internet and via other outlets such as bookstores. The Free School classifies these materials in four ways, as shown in the table below.

### **IB Diploma study resources**

1. <b><u>IB Diploma official publications:</u></b> <b>Free study materials.</b>	2. <u>IB Diploma official publications:</u> Commercial study materials.
3. <u>Non-IB Diploma sources:</u> Free study materials.	4. <u>Non-IB Diploma sources:</u> Commercial study materials.

This document mostly examines “1. IB Diploma official publications: Free study materials”.

This presentation does not endorse websites that list free IB Diploma exam study material that has been published by non-IB Diploma sources. The Free School does not promote these materials as the quality of these resources varies widely. Some of these exam

preparation materials are of excellent quality as they strongly reflect the content, format and standards of the IB Diploma examination. Some materials are poor to average quality. To varying degrees, they do not accurately reflect the content, format and standards of the IB Diploma curriculum and its examinations.

Those who plan to sit for an IB Diploma exam should only consult unofficial exam preparation materials if they have access to a suitably qualified and experienced IB Diploma tutor who can review the appropriateness of these materials on a case-by-case basis.

### **Classification**

The Free School identifies four main types of open-access IB Diploma exam preparation and exam practice resources. These include free materials that offer details about the programme's:

1. Structure and objectives
2. Curriculum and subject briefs
3. Exam preparation and practice materials
4. YouTube video presentations.

The remainder of this document provides details about where members of the public can access each of these four official exam preparation materials for free-of-charge.

## **Structure and objectives**

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>

What is the DP?

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/what-is-the-dp/>

Brochure for students

[http://ibo.org/globalassets/publications/become-an-ib-school/ibdp\\_en.pdf](http://ibo.org/globalassets/publications/become-an-ib-school/ibdp_en.pdf)

Guide to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

<http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/dpguideforuniversities-en.pdf>

Exam schedules May 2017

<http://www.ibo.org/contentassets/7f6c7681e0b34fc8b0541c1229c7521d/dp-may-2017-examination-schedule-en.pdf>

Exam schedules November 2017

<http://www.ibo.org/contentassets/7f6c7681e0b34fc8b0541c1229c7521d/dp-november-2017-examination-schedule-en.pdf>

## **Curriculum and subject briefs**

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/>

**IB three core elements:**

Element 1: Theory of knowledge

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/theory-of-knowledge/>

Learn more about the theory of knowledge

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/theory-of-knowledge/what-is-tok/>

Examples of theory of knowledge essay titles

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/theory-of-knowledge/example-essays/>

Element 2: The extended essay

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/extended-essay/what-is-the-extended-essay/>

World studies extended essay

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/extended-essay/world-studies/>

Element 3: Creativity, activity, service

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/creativity-activity-and-service/>

**The six subject groups:**

You may access several dozen resources within each of the six subject home pages listed below. These include resources that are specific for individual subject areas.

1. Studies in language and literature

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/language-and-literature/>

2. Language acquisition

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/language-acquisition/>

3. Individuals and societies

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/individuals-and-societies/>

4. Sciences

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/sciences/>

## 5. Mathematics

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/mathematics/>

## 6. The Arts

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/the-arts/>

### **Diploma program subject briefs**

<http://www.ibo.org/university-admission/ib-recognition-resources-and-document-library/#briefs>

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme: Standard Level and Higher Level courses

<http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/slhl-brief-en.pdf>

You may find the web page links for each subject Standard Level (SL) and Higher Level (HL). For illustration purposes the direct link is provided for Classical Languages (SL) and Classical Languages (HL).

<http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/classicallangsl2016englishw.pdf>

<http://www.ibo.org/globalassets/publications/recognition/classicallanghl2016englishw.pdf>

## Language and literature

Language A: literature SL/HL

Language A: language and literature SL/HL

Literature and performance SL

Language acquisition

Classical languages SL/HL

Language B SL/HL

Language ab initio SL

Individuals and societies

Business management SL/HL

Economics SL/HL

Geography SL/HL

Global Politics SL/HL

History SL/HL

Information technology in a global society SL/HL

Philosophy SL/HL

Psychology SL/HL

Social and cultural anthropology SL/HL

World religions SL

## Sciences

Biology SL/HL

Chemistry SL/HL

Computer Science SL/HL

Design technology SL/HL

Environmental systems and societies SL

Physics SL/HL

Sports, exercise and health science SL



Mathematics

Further mathematics HL

Mathematical studies SL

Mathematics SL/HL

### Arts

Dance SL/HL

Film SL/HL

Music SL/HL

Theatre SL/HL

Visual arts SL/HL

### **Exam preparation and practice materials**

<http://www.ibo.org/en/programmes/diploma-programme/assessment-and-exams/>

### **Sample exam papers**

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/assessment-and-exams/sample-exam-papers/>

### **Understanding IB assessments**

<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/assessment-and-exams/understanding-ib-assessment/>

## **YouTube video presentations**

IB organization: This account has 164 videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ibcommunications/videos>

It is advisable to try searching for a video via IB's YouTube playlists:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ibcommunications/playlists>

## **Pamoja**

Pamoja Education is the only official IB business partner that is licensed to teach the IB online. Pamoja have uploaded 90 IB teaching and learning resources on their official YouTube home page.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PamojaEducationLtd/videos>

## **Public libraries**

Some public libraries stock study guides and exam preparation resources as digital video discs and books. For example, Toronto public library stocks some public access books that support the IB Diploma and these are archived in the call number 510.76 BRU range.

## **Questions?**

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