

Exams Administration

Egypt starting time guidance

Version 1

Starting times

All schools **must** take their exams at the published starting time and students **must** remain under examination conditions **until 1 hour after the published starting time** of the exam.

The published starting time of exams is given in UK time. This varies depending on UK daylight saving time. Daylight saving time is observed in the UK from the last Sunday of March at 00:01 until the last Saturday of October at 23:59.

- During UK daylight saving time (BST/UTC+01:00) the starting time is 8am.
- During UK standard time (GMT/UTC+00:00) the starting time is 7am.

Daylight saving time is observed in Egypt from the last Friday of April at 00:01 until the last Thursday of October at 23:59. The difference between when daylight saving time is observed between the UK and Egypt means that exam starting times in Egypt vary.

November Series

During November series 2025 OxfordAQA examinations Monday 20 October to Friday 24 October are scheduled to begin at 8.00am UK time. OxfordAQA examinations from Monday 27 October are scheduled to begin at 7.00am UK time.

The below table summarises what this means for starting times in Egypt local time.

	Published starting time (UK time)	Egypt local time
Exams on Monday 20 October 2025 until Friday 24 October 2025	8am	10am
Exams on Monday 27 October 2025 until Thursday 30 October 2025	7am	10am
Exams from Friday 31 October 2025	7am	9am

January Series

During January series 2026 OxfordAQA examinations are scheduled to begin at 7.00am UK time. This is 9.00am Egypt time.

May/June Series

During May/June series 2026 OxfordAQA examinations are scheduled to begin at 8.00am UK time. This is 10.00am Egypt time.