

Exams Administration

Egypt starting time guidance

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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, the exam starting time is 08:00 UK Time.
- During UK standard time, the exam starting time is 07:00 UK Time

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 2026 OxfordAQA examinations Monday 19 October to Friday 23 October are scheduled to begin at 08:00 UK Time. OxfordAQA examinations from Monday 26 October are scheduled to begin at 07:00 UK Time.

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

| | Published starting time (UK time) | Egypt local time |
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| Exams on Monday 19 October 2026 until Friday 23 October 2026 | 08:00 UK Time | 10:00 Egypt Time |
| Exams on Monday 26 October 2026 until Thursday 29 October 2026 | 07:00 UK Time | 10:00 Egypt Time |
| Exams from Friday 30 October 2026 | 07:00 UK Time | 09:00 Egypt Time |

January Series

During January series 2027 OxfordAQA examinations are scheduled to begin at 07:00 UK Time. This is 09:00 Egypt Time.