



BISC IB: USE OF CALCULATORS

- A calculator is a hand-held electronic device primarily designed to perform mathematical operations (calculations and representations)
- Calculators are **not** allowed in examinations for the following IB groups :
1 and 2 (Languages), 3 (Individuals and Societies, except for Business and Management where they are allowed), 6 (Arts and Electives).

They are **not** allowed on Paper 1 of Group 4 subjects (Experimental Sciences) but they **are** allowed in Papers 2 and 3 of these subjects.

In all Group 5 subjects (Mathematics, Computer Science) calculators are allowed. Graphic Display Calculators (GDC) are allowed provided they conform to certain requirements, indeed, they are recommended.

- The following are **not** allowed in IB Diploma examinations:
 - CASE (computer algebra system enabled) calculators,
 - Phones, pagers, personal computers and personal data assistant devices,
 - Calculators with communications facility (such as wireless or infra red links),
 - Any operating system other than the manufacturers,
 - Peripheral hardware e.g. power cords, cards, plug-in modules, keyboards.
- Calculators must not be shared during examinations.
- Paper instructions for use / manuals must not be taken in to examinations.
- Exam questions must not be stored or recorded into the memory of a calculator.
- Candidates may not use or store data, programs or assembler applications (APPS) in their calculators that may assist them in an examination by removing the need to recall facts or formulae that are not provided in the printed examination materials. A list of approved APPS is available from the IB Coordinator. All other programs and APPS must be removed before the exam. RAM must be reset or initialized and ROM must be reset, initialized or modified so that only approved APPS remain in the memory.
- Candidates should not attempt to conceal information or programs stored in their calculator during an examination. Furthermore, they should be prepared to surrender the calculator for inspection on request at any time.
- Permitted GDCs include **TI84 plus silver, TI84 plus, TI83 plus silver, TI83 plus, TI83**. For a full list, please consult the IB Coordinator.
- Prohibited calculators include TI89, TI89 plus, TI92, TI92 plus. For a full list, please consult the IB Coordinator.
- If a student wishes to use a calculator not on the approved list, written permission must be requested at least 3 months before the examination.

Important: Graphic Display Calculator Texas Instruments Model **TI 83** or **TI 83plus** has been selected as the common calculator for IB classes at BISC