

The Lanterna DP2 Past-Paper Sprint Planner



Summary

This planner is designed to convert your DP2 momentum into tangible marks. As you finalize IAs and your TOK Essay this November, it's crucial to pivot to exam-style practice—the 70–80% of your final grade.

This "Sprint Planner" is your tool to build that consistency.

If you implement the information in this guide, after 1 month you will have:

Completed 8-10 focused, timed practice sessions.

Mastered exam pacing using the **60/90-Minute Timed Grids**.

Learned from the markscheme (not just read it) with our **Annotation Key**.

Turned weaknesses into strengths using the **'Mistake-to-Micro-Drill' Error Log**.

Decoded questions faster with the **Top 5 Command Term Checklist**.



1. Your Sprint Schedule (Weeks 1-4)

The goal is **two focused "sprints" per week**. A sprint is a timed, 60 or 90-minute session dedicated to one paper or a specific section (e.g., Paper 1 Section A, or three Paper 2 long-response questions).

Week	Sprint 1: Subject + Paper/Section	Sprint 2: Subject + Paper/Section
Week 1	e.g., Math AA HL: Paper 1 (90m)	e.g., Econ SL: Paper 1, Q1 (60m)
Week 2		
Week 3		
Week 4		

The 60/90-Minute Timing Grid:

For a 60-min Sprint:

- **0-5 min:** Read questions. Annotate command terms. Plan your approach.
- **5-55 min:** Focused writing/solving. No distractions.
- **55-60 min:** Final review. Check units, sig figs, and question parts.

For a 90-min Sprint:

- **0-5 min:** Read & plan.
- **5-85 min:** Focused writing/solving.
- **85-90 min:** Final review.



2. The Lanterna Method: Mark, Log, Drill

Don't just do the paper. **Learn** from it.

Step 1: Markscheme Annotation Key

When marking your paper, don't just put a tick or cross. Use this key to understand why you lost points.

Code	Meaning	What it tells you
[KW]	Keyword	I missed a key term the markscheme needed to see.
[C]	Concept	My underlying knowledge of the topic was wrong.
[S]	Structure	I didn't structure my answer correctly (e.g., for an "Evaluate" question).
[T]	Time	I knew the answer but ran out of time and rushed.
[?]	Guess	I got it right, but I was guessing. (This is a future weak point!)

Step 2: The 'Mistake-to-Micro-Drill' Error Log

Transfer your annotations into this log. This converts a mistake into a 5-minute actionable review task (a "micro-drill").

Q#	My Mistake (What I did wrong)	Markscheme Fix (The right way)	Micro-Drill (My 5-min action)
3b	Used 'photosynthesis' rate instead of 'enzyme' logic. [C]	Answer required me to link pH to enzyme denaturation.	Re-watch a 5-min video on enzyme-substrate specificity.
1a	Only gave one side of the argument. [S]	'Discuss' questions need a counter-argument.	Find another 'Discuss' question and just write the 3-bullet-point plan for it.
6	Missed 2 points for 'state the units'. [KW]	Answer was in m/s^2	Make a flashcard: 'Physics Mechanics: ALWAYS CHECK UNITS.'

3. Top 5 Command Term Checklist

Tape this to your desk. These five terms are the most common places students lose easy marks by misunderstanding the question.

- **Explain:** Give a **detailed account** including **reasons or causes**. (Why/How)
- **Analyse:** Break down in order to bring out the **essential elements or structure**. (Identify parts and show how they relate).
- **Compare & Contrast:** Give an account of the **similarities AND differences** between two (or more) items. (Don't just do one!)
- **Discuss:** Offer a **considered and balanced review** that includes a range of arguments, factors, or hypotheses. (Arguments for/against + a conclusion).
- **Evaluate:** Make an appraisal by weighing up the **strengths AND limitations**. (This is a judgement + evidence).



What if I feel stuck?

Sometimes all you need is a little extra guidance to save countless hours of frustration. Lanterna's tutors are IB experts who've been exactly where you are.

More than just teaching content, they'll coach you on how to study smarter, manage your time, and build habits that lead to top marks. We've helped students go from 3s to 7s in a few months, and you can do the same with the right support.

Our 500+ IB Experts include



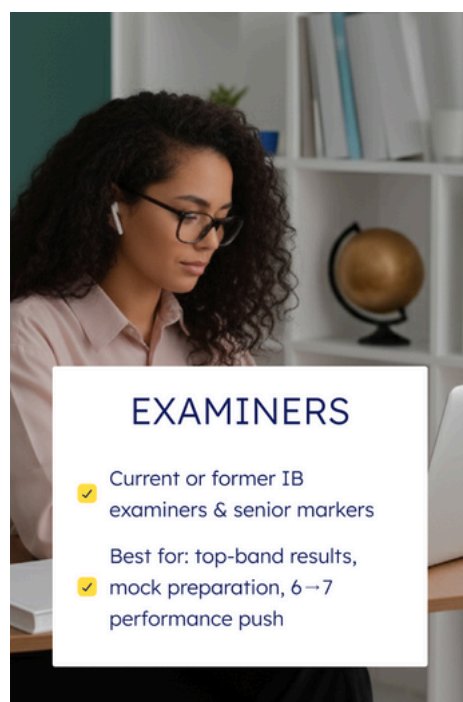
GRADUATES

- ✓ Scored 40+ in the IB and 7s in the subjects they teach
- Best for: skill-building,
- ✓ relatable mentorship, steady grade improvement



TEACHERS

- ✓ Certified educators with 10+ years' IB experience
- Best for: curriculum clarity,
- ✓ concept mastery, confidence building



EXAMINERS

- ✓ Current or former IB examiners & senior markers
- Best for: top-band results,
- ✓ mock preparation, 6→7 performance push



Who is tutoring for?

Over the course of **21+ years**, Lanterna has supported **over 15,000 IB students**. Our students on average get **1.5+ points on their final IB score per subject**, and over **75% get into their first choice uni!**

The students that benefit the most are those that:

1

If You Feel Stuck and Can't Catch Up

When you've fallen behind, it's hard to know where to start. A tutor who's recently **aced** your subject gives you focused guidance so you catch up fast, cut wasted time, and boost your chances of top grades.

2

If you're unsure how to study or tackle IAs

Not sure how to approach your IA, EE, or revision? Our tutors break everything down step by step so you know exactly what to do, avoid time-wasting, and get it right the first time.

3

If you struggle with motivation

Your problem might not be content, but how you work. With hundreds of top IB graduates, we coach you on smart habits, time management, and efficient study—not just the syllabus.

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