

Paper Reference(s)

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London Examinations GCE

Bangladesh Studies

Ordinary Level

Paper 1: The History and Culture of Bangladesh

Wednesday 21 May 2008 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials required for examination

Answer book (AB08)

Items included with question papers

Nil

Instructions to Candidates

In the boxes on the answer book, write the name of the Examining Body (London Examinations), your centre number, candidate number, the subject title (Bangladesh Studies), the paper reference (7038/01), your surname, other names and signature.

You must answer **three** questions in total. Each question must be from a different section.

Do not answer two questions from the same section.

Answer the questions in your answer book. Use additional answer sheets if necessary.

Do not use pencil. Use blue or black ink.

Information for Candidates

There are 8 pages in this question paper. All blank pages are indicated.

The total mark for this paper is 60. Each question is marked out of 20.

Advice to Candidates

Write your answers neatly and in good English.

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Answer THREE questions.
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Section 1: Bengal before the Mughals

EITHER

1. Why was an independent Bengali Sultanate created during the fourteenth century?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may also use the following to help in your answer:

- Relations with the Mughal Empire
- Military campaigns
- Local government.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

2. Explain the importance of **TWO** of the following in the development of Bengal.

- The Pala Dynasty
- Iliyas Shah
- Jalauddin.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 2: Bengal in the Mughal Empire

EITHER

3. Why did Dhaka develop as an important trading centre in the seventeenth century?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may also use the following to help in your answer:

- Muslin
- The administration of Shah Shuja
- The East India Company.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

4. Explain the importance of **TWO** of the following in the development of Bengal in the eighteenth century.

- Murshid Quli Khan
- The Bengal Nawabate
- Sirajuddaula.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 3: Bengal under British rule

EITHER

5. Why were the British able to gain control of Bengal from the 1750s to the 1770s?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may also use the following to help in your answer:

- Robert Clive
- The Regulating Act, 1773
- Warren Hastings.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

6. Explain the importance of **TWO** of the following in the development of British rule in Bengal.

- Pitt's India Act, 1784
- Lord Cornwallis
- The Permanent Settlement.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 4: Bengal from partition to partition, 1905–1947

EITHER

7. Why did the Pakistan Movement develop in the 1930s and early 1940s?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may also use the following to help in your answer:

- The Government of India Act, 1935
- The role of M. A. Jinnah
- The Lahore Resolution.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

8. Explain the importance of **TWO** of the following in the partition of Bengal in 1947.

- The decision of the British government to withdraw from India by 1948
- The role of Lord Mountbatten
- The Radcliffe Commission.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 5: Undivided Pakistan

EITHER

9. Why did differences between West and East Bengal/Pakistan develop in the 1940s and 1950s?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may also use the following to help in your answer:

- The role of the Governor-General
- The report of the Constitutional Assembly, 1950
- The events of February 1952.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

10. Explain the importance of **TWO** of the following in changing relations between East and West Pakistan in the 1960s.

- The policies of President Ayub Khan
- The Lahore Conference
- The arrest of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 6: The struggle for independence and the creation of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

EITHER

11. Why were Pakistani forces defeated in the War of Liberation?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may also use the following to help in your answer:

- The Mukti Bahini
- Guerrilla Tactics
- Support from India.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

12. Explain the importance of **TWO** of the following in the government of Pakistan in the years 1972 to 1975.

- The Bangladesh Constitution
- The Special Powers Act
- Rakshi Bahini.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 7: Bangladesh since 1975

EITHER

13. Explain the importance of **EITHER** Sheikh Hasina Wajed **OR** Begum Khaleda Zia in Bangladesh since 1980.

In addition to your own knowledge, you may also use the following to help in your answer:

- Education policies
- Agriculture
- The empowerment of women.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

14. Explain the importance of **TWO** of the following in the development of Bangladesh since 1975.

- General Ziaur Rahman
- H. M. Ershad
- Membership of the United Nations.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 8: The heritage, language and culture of Bangladesh

EITHER

15. Why did the Language Movement develop in East Bengal in the late 1940s and 1950s?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may also use the following to help in your answer:

- The policies of the Pakistan Government
- The Forty-Two Point Manifesto of the Awami League
- Shahid Minar.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

16. Explain the importance of **TWO** of the following in the heritage and culture of Bangladesh.

- The Santhal
- Tribal customs
- Kazi Nazrul Islam.

(Total 20 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 60 MARKS

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