

Paper Reference(s)

7038/01

London Examinations GCE

Bangladesh Studies

Ordinary Level

Paper 1 – The History and Culture of Bangladesh

Thursday 21 May 2009 – 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. Any 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

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1. In what ways did Bengal develop under the Bengali Sultans in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries?

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

- territorial changes
- administration
- religion.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

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

- Raja Ganesh
- Jalauddin
- Hossain Shah.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 2: Bengal in the Mughal Empire

EITHER

3. How did the Mughals gain control of Bengal in the seventeenth century?

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

- Islam Khan
- Mughal administration
- support from European countries.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

4. Explain the importance of **two** of the following in the reign of Murshid Quli Khan:

- financial reforms
- Murshidabad
- trade.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 3: Bengal under British rule

EITHER

5. Explain the importance of **either** Robert Clive **or** Warren Hastings in the development of British rule of Bengal.

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

- military actions
- taxation
- relations with the Mughal Empire.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

6. What role did **two** of the following play in the development of the Bangla language?

- William Carey
- the 'Bengal Renaissance'
- Rabindranath Tagore.

(Total 20 marks)

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

EITHER

7. Why did demands for Indian independence grow in the years immediately after the First World War?

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

- the Montague–Chelmsford reforms, 1919
- the Amritsar Massacre, 1919
- the Government of India Act, 1919.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

8. Explain the importance of **two** of the following in the development of campaigns for Indian independence.

- the Simon Commission, 1927
- the Government of India Act, 1935
- the Pakistan Movement, 1940–1947.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 5: Undivided Pakistan

EITHER

9. Why did it prove so difficult to produce a constitution for Pakistan after independence?

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

- the role of the Governor-General
- Urdu
- the weakness of the Constituent Assembly.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

10. Explain the importance of **two** of the following in the growing demands for self-government in East Bengal/Pakistan in the 1950s:

- the Language Movement
- Ekushey February
- the Pakistan Constitution, 1956.

(Total 20 marks)

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

EITHER

11. Why did relations between East and West Pakistan grow worse between 1969 and 1970?

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

- the policies of President Yahya Khan
- the cyclone of 12th–13th November 1970
- the National Assembly elections, December 1970.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

12. Explain the importance of **two** of the following in the creation of a constitution for Bangladesh:

- the Four Basic Principles of the Awami League
- the President
- the Prime Minister.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 7: Bangladesh since 1975

EITHER

13. What role has Bangladesh played in international affairs since 1975?

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

- support for the United Nations
- the South-East Asia Association for Regional Cooperation
- relations with India and Pakistan.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

14. In what ways have **two** of the following developed in Bangladesh since 1975?

- the Press
- industry
- agriculture.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 8: The heritage, language and culture of Bangladesh

EITHER

15. Explain the importance of Begum Sufia Kamal to the development of Bengali culture in the twentieth century.

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

- the magazine 'Begum'
- the Language Movement
- social work.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

16. Explain the importance of **two** of the following in the culture of Bangladesh.

- folk literature
- tribal customs
- religious architecture.

(Total 20 marks)

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