

Paper Reference(s)

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London Examinations GCE

Bangladesh Studies

Ordinary Level

Paper 1 – The History and Culture of
Bangladesh

Monday 24 May 2010 – 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

EITHER

1. Why did the Bengali Sultanate collapse during the sixteenth century?

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

- the successors of Hossain Shah
- Sher Shah
- the expansion of the Mughal Empire.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

2. Explain the importance of **two** of the following in the development of the Bengali Sultanate:

- religious tolerance
- military organisation
- local government.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 2: Bengal in the Mughal Empire

EITHER

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

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

- European traders
- muslin
- Mughal administration.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

4. Explain the importance of **two** of the following in the development of Bengal during the seventeenth century:

- Dhaka
- trade
- muslin.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 3: Bengal under British rule

EITHER

5. Why was Robert Clive able to gain control of Bengal for Britain?

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

- the Battle of Palashi, 1757
- political successes
- double government.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

6. Explain the importance of **two** of the following on Bengal in the nineteenth century:

- the 'Bengal Renaissance'
- Bangla
- the War of Independence (Sepoy Revolt) of 1857.

(Total 20 marks)

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

EITHER

7. Why did opposition to British rule grow between 1905 and 1914?

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

- the partition of Bengal in 1905
- the foundation of the All India Muslim League in 1906
- the Morley-Minto Reforms of 1909.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

8. Explain the importance of **two** of the following in the decision to partition Bengal in 1947:

- the failure of the Cabinet Mission Plan of 1946
- Direct Action in 1946
- the role of Lord Mountbatten.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 5: Undivided Pakistan

EITHER

9. Why did the Six-Point Programme have such dramatic effects on relations between East and West Pakistan in 1966?

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

- increased powers for the provincial governments
- separate taxation and finance for East and West Pakistan
- Free Trade in goods between East and West Pakistan.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

10. What part did **two** of the following play in developing opposition to Pakistani rule?

- the United Front
- the Lahore Conference, 1966
- Martyrs' Day.

(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 unable to defeat Bangladeshi forces in the War of Liberation?

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

- tactics used by the Pakistan army
- guerrilla warfare
- Indian support for Bangladesh.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

12. Explain the importance of **two** of the following in the creation of an independent Bangladesh between 1971 and 1973:

- Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
- the Bangladesh Constitution
- the 1973 general election.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 7: Bangladesh since 1975

EITHER

13. Why has the number of political parties in Bangladesh increased since 1975?

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

- the Bangladesh National Party
- the Jatiya Party
- Jamaat-I-Islam.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

14. Explain the importance of **two** of the following in Bangladesh since 1975:

- music
- sport
- the media.

(Total 20 marks)

Section 8: The heritage, language and culture of Bangladesh

EITHER

15. Explain the importance of Rabindranath Tagore in the development of Bangladeshi culture.

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

- writings
- political beliefs
- ideas about education.

(Total 20 marks)

OR

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

- the role of women
- UN Mother Tongue Day
- the influence of religion on art.

(Total 20 marks)

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