

Gross error in HSC Mathematics question paper

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A gross error was detected in the Mathematics question Paper-I of this year's Higher Secondary Certificate Examinations (HSC) held on June 14.

The question number 10 (a) in Group-B (Trigonometry) was as follows: prove: $\sin \cot^{-1} \tan \sec^{-1} x = 32 - x^2$ and marks 6 (six) was fixed for correct answer to the question.

Several examinees who appeared in the examinations for Mathematics Paper-I on June 14 complained that the question did not make any sense.

Many students tried in vain to do the sum.

When contacted on Sunday night, Md. Abdul Latif, Controller of Examinations of Dhaka Education Board, admitted the error in the question. But, he said instructions in this regard could not be conveyed to hundreds of examination centres across the country. "Its simply impossible to give

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necessary instructions immediately after the error was detected in the new procedures of question setting, selection and the examination system", he said.

The Board official was quick to add that any examinee who attempted the question as per the trigonometrical rules by placing Cos instead of Cot would get full marks for the question number 10 (a). But he could not say immediately about the fate of those examinees who did not try the question due to confusion arisen out of the error or printing mistake in the question.

He, however, informed that the board of question setters or selectors would sit soon and accordingly the authorities would issue necessary instructions to the head examiners in this regard.