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Same question-set for all boards

SSC exams begin today

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The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations under the country's five education boards begin today (Thursday).

Official sources said, this is for the first time that the SSC examinees of Dhaka, Rajshahi, Jessore, Comilla and Chittagong boards are sitting for the examinations with the same set of question papers.

A total of 7,41,862 examinees—4,30,274 boys and 3,11,614 girls—will appear at the examinations this year, which is about 2,63,587 higher than that of the last year. The number of examinees in 1996 was

4,78,275.

According to official sources, in Dhaka Board, over 2,20,059 candidates are expected to sit for the examinations in 201 centres, while in Jessore Board over 1,36,819 candidates in 155 centres. Over 1,98,358 examinees in 197 centres under Rajshahi Board, over 1,22,673 candidates in 154 centres under Comilla Board and over 63,953 in 75 centres under Chittagong Board are expected to appear at the examinations.

SSC examinations are also being

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held at five centres outside the country in Jeddah, Riyadh, Doha, Abu Dhabi and Tripoli for the examinees living abroad.

The examination will complete on April 5 and the results are expected to be published within 90 days, board sources said.

Meanwhile, the board authorities have completed all preparations for holding the examinations in a congenial atmosphere. Answer scripts and question papers have already been sent to school authorities.

Police authorities have taken special security measures for maintaining law and order at examination centres. Gathering of four or more persons within the 200 yards of examination centres has been banned during the examinations.