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HSC : 1.75 lakh students fail

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at the HSC level. In Dhaka Board the second and third positions in the combined merit list were bagged by the cadets of the Mirzapur Cadet College. In Comilla Board all the first three positions went to the cadets of Fauzderbat Cadet College. In Rajshahi Board the first two positions were taken by the boys of Rajshahi Cadet College while the first three two positions of the Jessore Board were taken by the boys of the Jenidah Cadet College and the third from

Barisal Cadet College.

In the last couple of years at the HSC level the cadets didn't do so well but their sudden success in all Boards makes one think. Said a veteran educationist it might be a move to justify the expenditure of these institutions and also an indirect scourge to attract more and more students to join the cadet colleges. The success of the girls also shows that the days are not far when the top positions might also be adorned by them.

But the large number of failure gives us food for thought. We should seriously think about our education system and particularly about our examination system which leads to such a high rate of failure. Can we afford this because a good number of students who were unsuccessful here simply join the band of dropouts and never complete the HSC level because of financial constraints? With qualification upto the SSC level job opportunities are limited too.

As reported only 44.10 percent of the students who appeared at the HSC examination from the different Boards of the country have come out successful at the last HSC examination.

The Dhaka Board has the highest pass percentage at 57.75% followed by Comilla Board with 51.70%, Rajshahi Board with 34.62% and the Jessore Board having the lowest pass percentage of 28.79% only.

This year, there seems to be a big disparity between the result of the different boards. The pass percentage of Dhaka Board is double of Jessore Board but why? It is because there has been less cheating in the exam or because the papers were corrected more carefully or is it deliberate policy taken to keep disparity of pass percentage among the different Boards so that more students from Dhaka Board get chance to enter the seats of higher education in the country.

In the four Boards the female candidates have done better. In Dhaka Board 59.21% girls came out successfully, in Comilla Board 52.47% women passed the exams while in the other two boards the result of the males did not very much from the female.

The pass percentage in the science group in Dhaka Board was 68.88%, in Comilla Board 61.69% and 38.78% in Jessore Board while the corresponding figures in the humanities group in the different boards were 55.20%, 47.54% and 25.68% respectively. In the commerce group in the corresponding three boards it was 65.04%, 47.42% and 25.63%.

This year, cadets have done very well in all the four Boards