

HSC Result : A statistical analysis

The results of the Higher Secondary Certificate examination held under Dhaka, Comilla, Rajshahi and Jessore boards during June and July were published on 10th November, 1988. The delay was obvious which was due to the devastating flood. The result was disappointing for the nation.

A total of 2,97,120 candidates (out of which 2,17,320 were male and the rest 79,800 female) appeared in the examinations from four boards of whom 1,31,031 came out successful which shows that the percentage of the successful candidates is 44.10. The distribution

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Among the successful candidates the results are not same for all the students. The percentage of students obtaining first division is very low compared to second and third division. The undermentioned table No. II gives the divisionwise distribution of successful candidates of the four boards.

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Various types of disparities are observed in the HSC results of which the salient one is the disparity in the performance of different colleges under four boards. Only a few colleges are doing well while the scenario of the rest of the colleges is quite gloomy. The following table shows results of some selected colleges. The percentage is calculated excluding the candidates mentioned the column of reported and withheld.

Table I. DISTRIBUTION OF CANDIDATES APPEARED

Name of the Board	No. of candidates appeared	No. of candidates passed	Percentage (%)
Dhaka	89,940	51,939	57.75
Comilla	65,504	33,866	51.70
Rajshahi	76,017	26,322	34.62
Jessore	65,659	18,904	28.79
Total	2,97,120	1,31,031	44.10

Table II. DISTRIBUTION OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES OF FOUR BOARDS

Name of the Board	Division obtained			Total
	First	Second	Third	
Dhaka	6,957 (13%)	32,939 (63%)	12,043 (24%)	51,939
Comilla	2,064 (6%)	18,825 (56%)	12,977 (38%)	33,866
Rajshahi	1,944 (7%)	13,901 (53%)	10,477 (40%)	26,322
Jessore	1,523 (8%)	10,673 (56%)	6,708 (36%)	18,904
Total	12,488 (10%)	76,338 (58%)	42,205 (32%)	1,31,031

Table III. DISTRIBUTION OF RESULTS OF SOME SELECTED COLLEGES OF SCIENCE GROUP OF DHAKA CITY AND MIRZAPUR

Sl No.	Name of the College	No. of candidates appeared	Division obtained			Total	Reported withheld	Percentage of pass (%)
			First	Second	Third			
1.	Dhaka College	569	490	36	—	526	1	92
2.	Notre Dame College	699	404	179	—	583	2	83
3.	Holy Cross College	184	165	16	—	181	—	98
4.	Begum Badrunnessa Govt. College	525	228	177	01	406	01	77
5.	Vikarunnessa Noon College	119	89	18	—	107	—	90
6.	Mirzapur Cadet College	40	40	—	—	40	—	100
7.	Adamjee Cant. College	266	118	112	—	230	1	86
8.	Govt. Science College	591	252	173	2	427	4	72
9.	Dhaka City College	715	26	195	14	235	3	33
10.	Lalmatia Womens College	431	31	129	4	164	1	38

Table IV : Distribution of results of some selected colleges of Arts group

Sl. No.	Name of the College	No. of candidates appeared	Division obtained				Total	Reported/ Withheld /	Percentage of pass (%)
			First	Second	Third	Total			
1.	Dhaka College	327	68	120	26	214	8	65	
2.	Notre Dame College	195	18	98	23	139	1	71	
3.	Holy Cross College	177	142	29	1	172	—	97	
4.	Begum Badrunnessa College	591	62	255	67	384	—	65	
5.	Vikarunness Noon College	102	73	25	—	98	—	96	
6.	Eden Girls College	707	49	247	34	330	—	47	
7.	Central Women's College	114	15	76	18	109	—	96	
8.	Adamjee Cantonment College	177	16	95	21	132	2	75	
9.	University Women's Federation College	125	06	20	20	46	1	37	
10.	Dhaka City College	242	01	84	44	129	3	53	

Table V : Distribution of results of some selected colleges of Commerce group of Dhaka Centre

Sl. No.	Name of the College	No. of candidates appeared	Division obtained				Total	Reported/ Withheld	Percentage of pass (%)
			First	Second	Third	Total			
1.	Dhaka College	302	101	150	19	270	2	89	
2.	Notre Dame College	329	82	155	18	255	3	78	
3.	University Women's Federation College	35	18	5	5	31	—	86	
4.	Tejgaon College	481	29	153	14	196	10	41	
5.	T&T College	65	1	10	15	26	—	40	
6.	Dhaka City College	1022	101	417	99	617	29	60	
7.	Mirpur College	22	—	—	—	—	1	Nil	
8.	New Model Degree College	54	—	07	06	13	3	24	
9.	Shiddeshwari College	27	—	26	1	27	—	100	
10.	Habibullah Bahar College	75	01	09	08	18	3	24	

The above tables shows a wide range of disparity among results of various colleges of the metropolis. The situation is much worse in the colleges of rural areas. Even in the case of famous colleges the percentage of successful candidates in first division is not quite satisfactory though many of the students of these colleges spent a lot of time in private tuition. The situation is so confusing that it is very difficult to infer how far these colleges contribute towards good result and how far the private tutors contribute in the result of the students. It may be mentioned here that a student's result is influenced by his socio-economic variables and as there exists a significant disparity in the socio-economic sector of our economy we can naturally expect its impact in the education sector also.