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What will HSC examinees do after their exams ?

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The different universities of the country are now busy with admission formalities. The students who completed their HSC examination last year shall now be entering seats of under graduate studies after a lapse of one whole year.

In less than a months time another batch of students shall be sitting for their HSC exams. After completing their exams they too will have to wait for a year before resuming their studies. This is the trend going on in our country for few years. As things stand no change seems to be in the offing in the very near future.

For the students who sit for the exams at the HSC level the months following it is a big nightmare. They do not know how to spend it. Usually the HSC exam result is announced in the month of October at the latest. After that another six to eight months are wasted in nothing.

This is an issue which causes tension for the parents and the students themselves. Some students who are desirous of going abroad join the TOEFL classes. But the number of such students is very small. Others join the different coaching centres run by BUET and Medical students in the hope of qualifying at the BUET and medical admission tests.

But the majority of the students have nothing to do. They spend their time aimlessly in useless pursuits. Some just gossip for hours together. In the absence of organised youth activities these children do not know what to do. Some girls join the beauticians embroidery, sewing, flower or doll making courses. Some join the aerobics courses. But as most beauty parlour do not give certificates on completion of the course many



youngsters are not attracted to it. Moreover such a course is very expensive too. For a six weeks course the fee is in the range of Tk 2-3000-beyond the reach of most middle class families.

Previously, a couple of

years back of boys used to go for the typewriting or shorthand classes. But now-a-days as computers are gradually replacing typewriting students are no longer motivated to join such courses. Most computer courses run by different institutes are

very expensive. For a beginners course of six weeks one has to pay between Tk 1000-1500. Even then he is not allowed to handle the computer personally. It is all theoretical knowledge.

If the Ministry of Youth, Social Welfare and Education had programmes of their own for HSC examinees their services could be utilised.

Such educated youth can be motivated to go to the rural areas and work in the primary schools there which are extremely short staffed. They can also work as interviewers or sample collectors of different research projects. They can be provided with para-medical training and be sent to the rural areas to work. All these can be done on the basis of some payment. In this way the youth can be saved from going astray and the country can gain something too.