

## SSC exams begin today

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A total of 5,39,999 candidates will appear in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examination beginning throughout the country today.

The SSC Examinations will be held in 528 centres under the four boards.

Of the total candidates, 1,74,384 will appear from the Dhaka Board, 1,34,274 from Comilla Board, 1,25,049 from Rajshahi Board and 1,06,292 from Jessore Board.

Section 141 will be in force within 200 yards of all the examination centres. Necessary steps have been taken to ensure strict security outside the examination centres through the co-ordinated effort of the Education Ministry, Board Authorities, District and Upazila Administrations.

Vigilance teams have been formed at district and Upazila levels to check adoption of Unfair means in the examinations.

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Government this year has announced several concrete measures for the smooth and peaceful holding of examinations.

Entry of outsiders into examination centres have been prohibited. A provision of highest two years rigorous imprisonment with fine has been made against the outsiders.

A provision of awarding four years imprisonment including fine has been made against any one found guilty of helping candidates to adopt unfair practices.

If corrupt practices take place in any centre, that centre will be cancelled. If any invigilator neglects his responsibility and helps in copying, he or she shall face various punitive measures and his government grant will be stopped.

Eating or drinking of anything except water is prohibited. Fifty Taka fine will be imposed for violation for the first time. Any repetition of this provision by a candidate will result in the cancellation of the examination for the fixed date and time. Similar punishment will be awarded to candidates for looking around and talking to others.

If any candidate resorts to impersonation, his or her examination for the year will be cancelled and he or she will not be permitted to appear in the examinations for three consecutive years.