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# Steps to check unfair means taken SSC examinations begin today

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Of the total examinees appearing in the examinations this year, 2,35,048 will sit for the examinations from Dhaka Board, 2,73,620 from Rajshahi Board, 1,12,563 from Comilla Board, 1,02,242 from Jessore Board, 74,240 from Chittagong Board, 56,533 from Barisal Board and 29,105 from Sylhet Board.

Besides, 1,51,850 candidates will sit for Dakhil exams at 350 centres under the Madrasah Education Board.

For the first time, examinations will be held under Barisal and Sylhet Boards.

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On the first day, the examination of English 1st Paper will be held. The exam will begin at 10 a.m. The written parts of the exams will continue till March 31 while practical exams will begin on April 10 and to be ended by April 15.

All the education boards will create vigilance teams by both board officials and college students to monitor all about unfair means in the exams. Like previous years, Section 144 will be imposed within the radius of 200 feet of the exam centres. Besides, the concerned education boards have already issued orders to the Education Ministry, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, to deploy vigilance teams to check unfair means both by students and teachers.

An official of Dhaka Board, who wanted not to be named, said that strict measures have also been taken to check leakage of question papers. Concerned officers and employees of BG press and teachers have been alerted to sincerely handle the question papers," he said.

There will be a total of 214 examination centres under Dhaka Board. Of them, 209 will be in the country while the rest five will be outside the country. Twenty one centres will be in the city. The board has constituted 65 vigilance teams to monitor the examinations.

The foreign examination centres are Riyadh and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, Tripoli in Libya, Doha in United Arab Emirates and Doha in Qatar.

This year all the boards decided to allow holding of examinations for the students in their own schools. They also decided to deploy paramilitary BDR personnel at the vulnerable examination centres to check any untoward incidents.