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BIDE's first semester exam starts

The first semester examination of the first ever B.Ed. course through Distance Education System began on Friday in ten Teachers Training Colleges of the country, reports BSS.

Under Distance Education System the students are not required to attend any formal class room teaching. Instead, they can complete the course

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by attending radio programmes broadcast every Monday, reading the text books published by the Bangladesh Institute of Distance Education (BIDE) and listening to the cassettes supplied by the Institute.

More than 3,000 in-service high school teachers from all over the country are taking part in the examination. 650 candidates including ten from the Army Education Corps are appearing in the Dhaka centre.

Dr K M Sirajul Islam, Director, BIDE, said that the first day of the examination passed peacefully in all the ten Teachers Training College centres.

Dr Islam said that under computerised system there would be no variation in marking, no scope of malpractice and results of the examination would not be delayed. The first semester examination would be completed on January 1 and the result would be published within 15 days, he added.

Some of the candidates while talking to the agency said that they liked the system as it helped them to undertake the B.Ed course by staying at their own of work.