

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2013 series

0449 BANGLADESH STUDIES

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Paper 1 (History and Culture of Bangladesh),
maximum raw mark 75

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Introduction

The questions on Paper 1 divide into several distinct types:

- * Questions which are either correct (or score one mark) or are incorrect (and score zero). These can be found in Part **(a)** of each of the four questions on the paper.
- * Questions which require candidates to relate historical information without analysis. These will usually be found in Part **(b) (i)** of Questions 2 to 4 and will be marked on a 'one point = one mark basis'.
- * Questions where there is a hierarchy of correct responses, as in Part **(b)** of Question 1, Part **(b) (ii)** of Questions 2 to 4 and in all Part **(c)** questions. For such answers, a 'levels of response' mark scheme is used. The candidate's response is placed in a level **according to the best part of the answer** and the mark within that level is awarded according to the criteria set out in the mark scheme.

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1 (a) 1 mark for each correct answer:

- (i) C
- (ii) C
- (iii) A
- (iv) A
- (v) B

(b) (i) **Level 1:** A generalised account about the life and work of Alaol. 1–2 marks

Reserve one mark for very simplistic statements, e.g. He was a famous writer.

Level 2: Answers which offer accurate factual statements about his life and describe examples of Alaol's work. (Just life or just work – max 4) 3–5 marks

He was born in 1607 to an aristocratic family. His father was a minister who ensured that he had a strong education and knew different languages. He was captured by Portuguese pirates and taken to Arakan. He worked as a teacher in a wealthy family. He was patronised by members of the Arakan court and became known as a poet and writer. He is known for translations into Bangla, for example the Hindi poem Padmadvat. He translated Persian masterpieces, but also wrote original works. He wrote songs and a book on music. He also wrote on moral and religious issues. He died in 1673.

Mark within the level should be based upon the amount of supporting detail provided.

(ii) **Level 1:** Generalised comment on importance only. 1 mark

e.g. He wrote important works on music. He has a literary prize named after him so is important.

Level 2: Supported **explanation**. 2–3 marks

There will be no marks for description even if there is factual material not in (b) (i).

e.g. He translated important works from other languages into Bangla and so allowed Bangla speakers to appreciate other cultures. By doing this he extended the style and vocabulary of Bangla literature. He linked Bangla speakers to a wider cultural world. He developed Bangla poetry by introducing romantic themes.

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- (c) (i) **Level 1:** Answers which do no more than **describe** the two elements given in the question without considering their importance. 1–6 marks

(max 4 if just **one element** is considered)

e.g. may describe Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Tribal and common festivals with examples. May describe some elements of these festivals. May describe elements of folk culture such as making of ornaments, clothes, toys, tapestry and may describe materials used e.g. clay pottery or tapestry.

Level 2: Answers which **explain** the importance. 7–10 marks

(max 8 if just **one element** is explained)

Religious festivals = inspirational and a link to the past; different festivals a sign of religious toleration and diversity; marking key points in the year; common festivals encourage unity. Folk festivals preserve the different aspects of rural life; they represent skills which are passed on and the work of people with little formal training or education but who gain status and have creative outlet by their work. Preserve high levels of craftsmanship which gives rural Bangladesh special artistic identity. Important for women who are prominent in pottery and tapestry.

- (ii) There are 2 marks for **explaining** the choice made. There is no credit for merely saying 'The most important is ...'

If the answer is that they are interlinked because folk art is part of the festival culture, that would be acceptable. Folk Culture is important for spreading Bangladesh culture to a wider world through exports. The religious festivals mark out the year and encourage spiritual reflection so could be seen as more significant than the products of folk culture.

No set explanation is expected.

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2 (a) 1 mark for each correct answer:

- (i) Islam Khan
- (ii) 1627
- (iii) Hugli
- (iv) Prince Suja or Suja
- (v) Rajmahal

(b) (i) 1 mark for each explained fact about the struggle for succession (to max of 5).

One mark is awarded for each explained fact about the struggle for succession, up to a maximum of five marks.

- Shah Jehan fell ill in September 1657 and this caused a struggle for power between his four sons.
 - Dara Shiko, Suja, Aurangzeb and Murad. The main contest was between Aurangzeb and Dara.
 - On 29 May 1658, Dara was defeated at Samugar.
 - Aurangzeb occupied Agra and imprisoned his father in Agra Fort and also imprisoned Murad.
 - At Khajwa, Aurangzeb's army defeated that of Suja.
 - Aurangzeb had his brother Dara beheaded.
 - In 1660, Suja was defeated by Aurangzeb's general Mir Jumla.
 - Suja and his family were killed by the ruler of Arakan.
- (ii) **Level 1:** Answers which write about Mir Jumla generally without reference to Bengal's development or offer very simple generalisations. 1–2 marks

e.g. He was a very important viceroy who became a powerful ruler. He expanded Bengal. He is important for the development of Dhaka.

Level 2: Answers which **explain ONE** development. 3 marks

Level 3: Answers which **explain TWO OR MORE** developments. 4–5 marks

He moved the capital from Rajmahal to Dhaka to emphasise a new authority over Bengal. He extended the territory of Bengal by adding Kuch Bihar and Assam and for a while was in charge of Orissa. He raised the authority of the Viceroy's position and was awarded the title Khan-e-Khanam. It was Mir Jumla who contributed greatly towards development of Dhaka. He built Mir Jamal's Gate. Two important roads, Dhaka-Tongi and Dhaka-Fatulla, were laid out.

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- (c) (i) **Level 1:** Answers which do no more than describe the policies given in the question without considering their importance. 1–4 marks

Up to 2 marks for each policy.

Religious Policies: He reimposed the Jizia on non-believers. He rejected the idea of joining hands with the Hindus. He banned Sati. He favoured Muslims and caused discontent. Aurangzeb was much more orthodox than Shah Jahan, going so far as to outlaw music and other performances in 1668. Hindus were forbidden to sing, play musical instruments or to dance – Aurangzeb also ordered the destruction of Hindu temples. In addition, he ordered Christian missionaries to be enslaved.

Policies in the Deccan: Aurangzeb was driven into increasingly extensive military commitment in the Deccan in response to opposition by the Maratha clans. In 1657, Aurangzeb attacked Golconda and Bijapur. The Hindu leader Shivaji, using guerrilla tactics, took control of three key forts. Shivaji took the leadership of many independent Maratha clans. In 1659, Aurangzeb sent a force to the Deccan to recover lost forts occupied by the Marathas. Shivaji drove the Muslims out. Aurangzeb ignored the rise of the Marathas for the next few years as he was occupied with the rise of Sikhism. At last, Aurangzeb sent forces to attack the Marathas. His Rajput general Jai Singh won the fort of Purandar. Shivaji agreed to meet Aurangzeb but was imprisoned and then escaped and was crowned Emperor of the Maratha Empire in 1674. While Aurangzeb continued to send troops against him, Shivaji expanded Maratha control throughout the Deccan until his death in 1680. Shivaji was succeeded by his son Sambhaji. Militarily and politically, Mughal efforts to control the Deccan failed. He sent forces into the Deccan to annex Golconda in 1686 and Bijapur in 1687. These were Shia states which had been supportive to the Marathas. He did not attempt a friendly policy towards them. His efforts to control the Deccan continued to fail. Aurangzeb was forced to contest every inch of territory, at great cost in lives and treasure against organized forces. Even as Aurangzeb drove west, deep into Maratha territory, the Marathas expanded their attacks further into Mughal lands. Aurangzeb lost about a fifth of his army fighting in the Deccan.

- Level 2:** Answers which **explain the importance** of the policies given. 5–8 marks

Up to 2 marks for each policy assessed. Therefore:

One explained = 5–6 marks

Two explained = 7–8 marks.

e.g. The religious policies threatened traditional Hindu practices and increased the financial burdens on non-Muslims, alienating them and dividing the Empire. The Deccan policy adopted a forceful solution in the Deccan rather than a diplomatic one and deprived Aurangzeb of potential allies against the Marathas who developed as the strongest power in northern India and accelerated the disintegration of the Empire. Both policies tended to divide and weaken the empire and the Deccan over-extended military resources.

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- (ii) There are 2 marks for **explaining** the choice made. There is no credit for merely saying 'The most important is ...'

e.g. The Deccan policies could be seen as more important because they weaken the political power of the Mughal Empire.

The religious policies could be seen as more important because they created serious internal divisions in the Mughal Empire.

Answers might point to the links between intolerant internal policies and the determination to crush the Marathas.

No set explanation is expected.

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3 (a) 1 mark for each correct answer:

- (i) East India Company
- (ii) Fakir-Sanyari
- (iii) Majnu Shah
- (iv) Landowner
- (v) Haji Shariatullah

(b) (i) 1 mark for each explained fact about the struggle for succession (to max of 5).

- Titu Meer was a Muslim religious leader concerned about British power eroding the faith of Muslims.
- He opposed the treatment of Muslims by Hindu landowners.
- He formed a makeshift army. He armed it with lathis and improvised weapons.
- He made his nephew Ghulam Masum the commander.
- He had initial victories against the British commander (Davis) and killed a leading zamindar.
- He then defeated a force sent against him under Alexander, the Collector of Barasat.
- He built a strong bamboo fort near Narkelbaria in October 1831 and his army rose to 5000.
- He declared himself king and controlled a large area.
- A force of 100 horsemen and 300 infantry with two cannon commanded by Stewart defeated Titu Meer and destroyed his fort in November 1831.
- Titu Meer was killed and his nephew executed.

(ii) Level 1: Answers which write about the movement with no explanation. 1–2 marks

e.g. It was set up to protect the peasants. It was started by Haji Shariatullah. It was non-violent.

Level 2: Answers which explain ONE reason for importance. 3 marks

Level 3: Answers which explain TWO OR MORE reasons. 4–5 marks

The scale of the movement was greater than that of the earlier revolt and it united the Muslim peasants in a campaign of disobedience about taxpaying and cow slaughtering (ordered by Hindu landlords). It also lasted longer and the work was carried on by Shariatullah's son. It was still going in the 1880s. It led to more than protests. It produced a spiritual revival of Islam in east Bengal. It encouraged a sense of political, cultural and religious unity. Some may link it to non-violent civil disobedience in the twentieth century. It was not something which could be crushed by military force. Arrest and imprisonment made its leaders and the movement gain prestige.

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- (c) (i) **Level 1:** Answers which do no more than **describe** the factors given in the question without considering their importance. 1–4 marks

Up to 2 marks for each factor.

Unrest in the armed forces: Sepoys from Oudh and the North West Frontier were paid as well as the British troops and they had few chances of promotion. They had fought in what they saw as foreign lands – like Sindh – but had not been paid extra. In January 1857, rumours spread about the new Enfield rifle having cartridges that were greased in beef and pork fat.

British attitudes to Indian ways of life: Many of the British in India showed a lack of respect for Indian culture and traditions, seeing their own ways as much ‘superior’. The abolition of Satidaha and introduction of remarriage for widows was seen as attacking Indian beliefs and values. New technology such as the railways and the telegraph seemed alien and a threat to India’s traditions. Missionary schools teaching Christianity seemed to threaten Islam.

- Level 2:** Answers which **explain the importance** of the factors given. 5–8 marks

Up to 2 marks for each factor explained. Therefore:

One explained= 5–6 marks

Two explained = 7–8 marks.

N.B. Assessment must be fully explained and supported to reach this level.

Military grievances were a trigger for more general concerns about British rule. Indicative of British lack of understanding of and concern for Indian traditions, values and concerns e.g. travelling over water, contact with animal fat. Traditional caste and religion were threatened by expanding British power. Unlike landowning grievances and unrest among some princes, these discontents went right through society.

- (ii) There are 2 marks for **explaining** the choice made. There is no credit for merely saying ‘The most important is ...’

Unrest in the armed forces: Military grievances a key trigger – rebels had arms and organization through their army to challenge British authority in key areas.

However, these were part of broader grievances against British rule and attitudes.

Candidates might offer the view that the two are profoundly linked.

No set explanation is expected.

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4 (a) 1 mark for each correct answer:

- (i) 1949
- (ii) 167
- (iii) Yayha Khan
- (iv) Tikka Khan
- (v) Vaidyanathata (Meherput)

(b) (i) 1 mark for each explained fact about the struggle for succession (to max of 5).

- In January 1969, there were many clashes between police and students.
- During a clash, Assaduzzaman, a law student at Dhaka University, was killed.
- Six students from Nabakumar School were killed. A broader anti-government movement spread.
- The deaths of Sergeant Zahirul Haq and Dr. Shamsuzzoha added to the agitation.
- Rioting became intense. A curfew was imposed.
- Despite concessions made by Ayub Khan, disturbances continued after the failure of a round table conference.
- There were hopes that the new leader in Pakistan, Yahya Khan, would bring democracy and that the disturbances would result in political change.

(ii) **Level 1:** Answers which write about the reasons with no explanation. 1–2 marks

The elections of December 1970 and January 1971 gave the Awami League 167 seats out of 169 in East Pakistan. This gave it a massive majority in the National Assembly. The PPP had won an overwhelming victory in West Pakistan. On 1 March, Yahya postponed the new Assembly. A campaign of mass disobedience began in East Pakistan. In response, East Pakistan was declared to be under martial Law. From 25 March, repression began and very large numbers were killed (exact figures are disputed).

Level 2: Answers which **explain ONE** reason. 3 marks

Level 3: Answers which **explain TWO OR MORE** reasons. 4–5 marks

The overwhelming victory of the Awami league in the East led to the possibility of East Pakistan dominating the country which was unacceptable to the West therefore intensifying the division between East and West.

The failure of talks between Yahya and Rahman about power-sharing and the determination of the Awami League to reduce the power of central government over East Pakistan and the determination of Bhutto and Yahya not to allow either domination of Pakistan by the East or semi-autonomy led to martial law which in turn led to massacres and civil war. Unlikely that the election results would be allowed by the west so starting a Civil War.

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- (c) (i) Level 1: Answers which do no more than **describe** the factors. 1–4 marks

Up to 2 marks for each factor.

Six-Point Programme: introduced February 1966 by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Lahore. Main points: a federal constitution with a democratically elected Assembly; all local issues apart from defence and foreign policy to be dealt with by states; separate currencies or one currency with two reserve banks for East and West Pakistan; state control of taxation.

Economic issues: economic control by central government in West Pakistan; more foreign aid and money from national development budget went to West Pakistan; earnings from foreign trade, especially jute, went to West Pakistan.

- Level 2: Answers which **explain how** the factors led to the result. 5–8 marks

Up to 2 marks for each factor explained. Therefore:

One explained = 5–6 marks

Two explained = 7–8 marks.

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The Six-Point Programme was important as a clear formal statement of political aims to campaign for and it reflected issues which had been sources of concern for years – government would be conducted in Bangla; there would be control over foreign earnings; there would less money leaving Bengal to go west; the military rule of generals like Ayub Khan would be ended. For West Pakistan, however, it would mean a break up of the country, a weakening of Pakistan's defences and a loss of status.

The economic issues were important. Economic development had been unequal between East and West Pakistan since 1947. Per capita income in West Pakistan had increased since independence, but in the East it had declined, so economic issues were at the heart of discontent.

- (ii) There are 2 marks for **explaining** the choice made. There is no credit for merely saying 'The most important is ...'

The Six-Point Programme might be seen as more important because it gave a firm programme for grievances, such as economic disparity.

Economic issues might be seen as more important because they explain why so many people supported the Awami League and were so hostile to control from West Pakistan.

It would be possible to argue that the grievances were linked.

No set explanation is expected.