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New SSC exam system from '96

Examinees to get 15 pc marks in both parts

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Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar said that the Government had evolved a new system of education for Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSC) to evaluate the merit of the students and standard of education with effect from 1996.

Addressing a Press conference at the Conference Room of the Ministry on Wednesday, Barrister Sircar said that under the new system the examinees will have to secure minimum marks of a subject to pass the examination. He said that the pass marks for each subject was fixed at 33 while the students of arts group must secure at least 15 marks in both objective and narrative papers.

The Education Minister said that the students must have to obtain minimum 18 marks in either objec-

tive or narrative papers to pass the examination.

Barrister Sircar asserted that under the new system of education it would not be limited to the existing 500-question bank for each objective paper but it would be within the approved syllabus.

The Education Minister mentioned that the science subject will have a total of 100 marks of which 37 and a half in the objective paper and another 37 and a half in the narrative part while the rest 25 marks for practical. He said that the students appearing from the science group will have to secure minimum 12 marks in both objective and narrative parts of the subject while nine marks in the practical.

Barrister Sircar mentioned that the new system would be applicable to

the students now studying in Class VIII and who would be promoted to Class IX in next December.

He said that in the new system was introduced after a thorough study by prominent educationists when the results of first examination with objective question in 1992 showed an adverse effect on the quality of education.

The Education Minister observed that after the publication of the results of 1992 SSC examinations, it was found that a student could easily pass without getting any number in the narrative part if he secured 33 marks in the objective part of a subject. Barrister Sircar informed that a high-powered committee headed by the Agriculture Minister M. Majid-ul Huq at a meeting in

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January last held detailed discussion on the amendment to the distribution of marks.

The Education Minister further informed that the Committee recommended holding of a workshop for creating public opinion through wide publicity. He said that a workshop was arranged and Bangladesh Television organised a discussion meeting in which the Chairman of Dhaka Board and students of few local schools took part.

Barrister Sircar said that the recommendations of the Committee were placed before the Cabinet which was approved in its meeting held on May 26 last. In reply to a question, the Education Minister said that measures had already been taken to check the manipulation in the results of the examinations.

He said that a total computer system would be introduced to check any such manipulation or error in the publication of results of the examination from 1996.

The Press conference was also addressed by the State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Yunus Khan while Education Secretary Mr. Irshadul Huq and the Director General of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Professor Yunus Meah were present.