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## Admission tests in boys schools begin today

By A Staff Reporter

Admission tests in the city boys' high schools begin today (Thursday). Parents and guardians are worried sick. The students seeking a seat are dreading the ordeal. The examinations will continue for three days.

Admission tests in the girls' schools will be held on Saturday.

The situation is frustrating. Available seats are too few for too many who needs them. A survey of the city schools gives an exasperating picture.

Over 1,500 students are appearing in the admission tests for 85 seats available in Class I, III and IX in the Government Laboratory High School.

Over one thousand students have applied for only ten seats

available from Class IV to Class X of Residential Model College. These ten seats fell vacant as the equal number of students of the college failed to pass in the last annual examinations and left the college. A total of 19 seats are available for new students in Class III of the college for which over five hundred students have applied.

In Dhanmondi Government Boys' High School, over five hundred students are appearing in the admission tests for 170 seats in Class VI. About five hundred students are appearing in the tests for 120 seats in Class III. The school does not have any seats vacant in any of the other classes.

In the Armanitola Government Boys' High School, over one

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thousand application forms have been sold for admission in different classes while the combined available seats in the school is less than 150.

Of the private schools, Ideal School of Motijheel, which has drawn the attention of the guardians for its good performance in the SSC examinations in the recent years.

The school having separate shifts for boys and girls, has offered 116 seats for class I, for which over 800 students have applied. A total of 190 seats are available for new students from Class V to Class X (girls section) while the number of applicants reached one thousand figure. For the boys section from Class V to Class X, total number of seats available is 165, but the number of applicants is about two

thousand. The school does not have any seats for new students from Class II to Class IV.

The Azimpur Girls' High School the largest girls school in the city, has sold one thousand admission forms for one hundred seats available from Class II to Class X.

The rush of students for seeking admission in other government and private schools in the city including Motijheel Government Girls and Boys School, Quamrunnesa Girls High School, Collegiate School, University Laboratory School, Udayan School, Agrani Girls School, Bangla Bazar Girls High School, Government Polytechnic Girls and Boys School, Dhanmondi Girls School, Mohammadpur Boys School is also heavy.

The Directorate of Public Instruction and Secondary and Higher Secondary School authorities recently held a joint meeting with the headmasters of all high schools in the city. It was decided at the meeting that the admission forms would be sold by the school authorities at Tk 12 each. The admission tests for class I to class III would be on Bengali and mathematics, each bearing 100 marks, and Bengali, English and Mathematics each carrying 100 marks for Class IV to Class X. The city has at present about 200 high schools including 50 for girls.

In the recent years, admission of students in the city schools, particularly in the government and reputed private ones, has become a serious problem. The number of students, with the increase in the number of population in the city, has increased manifold. But, the number of schools has lagged far behind. Some schools have opened extra shifts. But they have contributed very little to ease the situation.