

## HSC examinations begin today

By A Staff Reporter

Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) Examinations for 1990 under four education boards of the country begins today (Thursday).

A total of 3,09,012 candidates including 94,206 females will appear from 524 centres throughout the country and abroad, according to official sources.

Of the seven different groups, the arts group has the highest number of candidates—1,61,867—which is over 52 per cent of the total candidates under all four education boards while Islamic studies has the least number of candidates with only two examinees.

Maximum number of

1,02,072 candidates will seat for examinations in 140 centres including seven outside Bangladesh under Dhaka Board.

The Rajshahi Board has the largest number of female candidates with 29,708, out of 74,647 examinees in 142 centres. It is followed by Dhaka Board with 29,189 female candidates.

The number of candidates under Comilla Board are 74,673 including 20,085 females in 121 centres while 57,620 candidates, including 15,224 females will appear from equal number of centres under Jessore Board.

In Dhaka city, 24,341 candi-

Contd. on page 8 col. 7

## HSC examinations

Contd from page 1

dates will seat for the examinations in 23 centres.

The authorities said, all preparations for holding the examinations in peaceful atmosphere have been completed. Question papers and answer sheets were sent to all centres under tight security. Section 144 has been imposed around 200 yards area of each examination centre throughout the country for maintaining law and order and peace.

Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed, who is in charge of Education Ministry, instructed the concerned authorities to take stern measures in case of leakage of examination papers, adoption of unfair means and maintaining law and order during the examinations.

The Government sought cooperation of students, teachers, guardians and officials for smooth holding of the HSC examinations, says a Press Note issued by the Education Ministry.