

Structured questions in SSC exam partially from 2010

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The much-talked-about Structured Question (SQ) system, a new type of question pattern, will be partially introduced from the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination 2010 due to lack of preparedness of the government.

However, it will be applied fully for all subjects from the SSC examination 2011 and from class six to nine next year.

The SQ review committee yesterday submitted its 11 recommendations to the Education Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman at the education ministry.

The adviser told the reporters that the recommendations will be implemented and the ministry will issue a circular to the authorities concerned on Sunday.

Examinations on only two subjects -- Bangla 1st paper and Religious Studies -- will be held under the SQ method from SSC examination-2010 as the government is not prepared to provide certain required facilities including arrangement of training for teachers and fresh textbooks for students, the committee members said yesterday.

Besides, the new question

pattern will also be introduced in madrasas and technical education institutions from 2012, the committee added.

The education ministry recently formed the seven-member SQ review committee following strong protest from teachers, students and guardians against introduction of SQ method from SSC examination-2010.

The committee comprises renowned academicians Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Prof Jafar Iqbal, Prof Maniruzzaman Miah, Dr M Ibrahim, Manzur Ahmed Khandakar, Shakhawat Ali and Joint Secretary for education Nazrul Islam Khan.

ELEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee's 11 recommendations include using the name 'Creative Question (CQ)' method instead of Structured Question (SQ), holding the SSC examination under the CQ pattern from 2011, introduction of the CQ pattern from class six to nine from 2009, taking necessary measures to introduce CQ in class eight this year to give the students enough time to cope with the new question pattern in class nine next year.

The other recommendations

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are holding of the examination on two subjects -- Bangla 1st paper and Religious Studies -- instead of 23 subjects under CQ in the SSC examination-2010, introduction of the method in madrasa and technical education institutions from 2011 and in Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination from 2012, and letting people know about the new method through media.

The committee also recommended that the new pattern has to be re-evaluated regularly through strengthening of Bangladesh Examinations Development Unit (BEDU), quality textbooks have to be provided to students for free or at a low price, a cell has to be formed with the help of examination evaluation unit of Dhaka Education Board and education unit of National Curriculum and Textbooks Board (NCTB) to prepare a question bank for teachers and students.

Committee members Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Prof Jafar Iqbal and Prof Maniruzzaman Miah at a press briefing at the education ministry said they submitted 11 recommendations for improving the quality of education.