

Primary terminal exam begins Nov 22

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Primary and ebtedai terminal examinations for class-V students of primary schools and madrasas will begin across the country on November 22 with over 32 lakh examinees taking part in the tests.

The tests, dubbed as the largest public examination in the country, will end on November 29, said primary and mass education ministry officials yesterday.

Of the total examinees, over 29.49 lakh students of primary schools will take the primary terminal test, while around 3 lakh students of madrasas will sit for the ebtedai exam, they said.

The number of examinees has increased by around 1.59 lakh. Last year, around 30.95 lakh students took the test.

The candidates will take examinations of six subjects in six days with English on the first day at 11:00am.

The officials said they had divided 64 districts into eight regions and prepared eight sets of question papers, before sending those to the districts to rein in question paper leak.

There has been an allegation of question paper leak in the examinations for the last several years. Parents are also complaining of leaked questions being circulated on the social networking sites.

Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman will brief reporters about the exams at 11:30am today at his ministry in the secretariat.

The primary terminal examination was introduced in 2009. The test for the students of ebtedai madrasas began the following year. The result was published in division system in the first two years, but later it was in grading system.

The students must pass the exams for enrolment in class VI. On the basis of the results, scholarships will be distributed under talent pool and general categories.