

## Primary, ibtedayi completion exams begin Sunday

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THE primary and the ibtedayi completion examinations of 2015 will begin on November 22.

This year, 32,54,514 students registered to take the exams across the country.

Students of schools and madrassahs would take English exam on the first day of the examinations which would conclude on November 29, primary and mass education minister Mostafizur Rahman said at a press conference at the ministry on Wednesday.

He said that all necessary preparation had made for holding the largest public exam of the country smoothly.

Of the 32,54,514 students, 29,49,063 primary school students registered to take Primary Education Completion Examination and 3,05,451 madrassah students to take Ibtedayi Education Completion Examination.

The number of examinees increased by 1.98 lakh in this year from that of the past year.

According to the schedule, the general education students will take the exams of Bangla on November 23, Bangladesh and Global studies on November 24, basic science on November 25, religious instructions on November 26 and mathematics on November 29.

Madrassah students will take the exams of Bangla on November 23, Bangladesh and Global studies on November 24, Arabic on November 25, Qur'an and tafsir on November 26 and mathematics on November 29.

The examinations will be taken from 11:00am to 1:30pm.

The Primary Completion Examinations, the largest public examinations of the country, were introduced in 2009. Ibtedayi Completion Examinations for madrassah students were introduced in 2010.

From this year, the government has decided to set area based 'question papers' for the exams in a bid to prevent question papers being leaked.

Till 2014 exam, students across the country sat for examinations with a uniform set of questions and if question papers leaked in any area, it would spread to others areas, officials said.

Under the new system, at first 64 sets of questions on each subject will be set, and after scrutiny 32 sets will be picked and from them eight sets will be printed. From that eight set of questions will be provided to the districts randomly and no district will be able to know which set they are getting until opening the sealed question papers, the officials said.