

## Primary, ibtedayi completion exams begin today

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THE primary and the ibtedayi completion examinations of 2015 are beginning today.

This year, a total of 32,54,514 students got registered to take the exams across the country.

All the necessary preparation had been made for holding the largest public exam in the country smoothly, said primary and mass education minister Mostafizur Rahman at a press conference at his ministry on Wednesday.

The minister is expected to visit the Ideal Government Primary School under Motijheel centre.

The fellow students of the entire schools and madrassahs would take English exam on the first day of the series of examinations which would conclude on November 29.

Of the over 3.2 million students, 2.94 million primary school students are set to take Primary Education Completion Examinations while 3,05,451 madrassah students will take Ibtadayi Education Completion Examinations.

The number of examinees increased by 1.98 lakh this year over that of the last year.

According to the schedule, the general education students will take Bangla exams 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, respectively.

Meanwhile, the madrassah students will take Bangla on November 23, Bangladesh and Global studies on November 24, Arabic on November 25, Qur'an and tajwid on November 26 and mathematics on November 29, respectively.

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. Ibtadayi Completion Examinations for madrassah students were introduced in 2010.

This year, the government is introducing area based question papers in its bid to prevent leakage.

Till last year, students across the country sat for examinations with a uniform set of questions and if question papers leaked in an area, it would spread soon almost everywhere, officials said.

Under the new system, at first 64 sets of questions papers on each subject were chosen, and after scrutiny, 32 sets were selected and from them eight sets were printed.

Out of those eight sets, question papers will be provided to the districts randomly and no district will be able to know which set they are going to get until opening the sealed question papers, the officials said.