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## HSC exams begin today

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Stringent measures have been taken across the country for holding the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent Alim and HSC Business Management (BM) examinations in a copy-free peaceful atmosphere, scheduled to begin today (Thursday).

A total of 6,18,308 examinees from 7,237 educational institutions in the country, will sit for HSC and its equivalent examinations this year under the country's 10 education boards, including eight general education boards, one Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board and Bangladesh Technical Education Board.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has imposed restrictions on entry of

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## HSC exams

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all excepting examinees within 200 yards of the examination centres during the HSC or equivalent examinations.

DMP commissioner AKM Shahidul Haque imposed the ban under section 28 and 29 of the DMP Ordinance to ensure peaceful atmosphere in all the examination centres in the metropolitan area. The restrictions will remain effective till May 28.

About 19,19 examination centres, including five in abroad have been set up across the country for holding the exams. Five centres have been set up at Jeddah, Riyadh, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and Tripoli for the exams.

Of the total examinees, 55.17 per cent are male and the rest 44.83 per cent are female. Of them, 1,53,398 will appear under Dhaka Board, 75,629 under Rajshahi Board, 41,644 under Comilla Board, 74,489 under Jessore Board, 41,754 under Chittagong Board, 30,159 under Barisal Board, 18,349 under Sylhet Board and 59,411 under Dinajpur Board.

Some 59,354 examinees will sit for Alim Exams under Madrasa Board and 64,121 will sit for HSC BM exams under the Technical Board. Besides, some 170 candidates will also appear for the HSC exams under Dhaka Education Board at five centres in abroad.

Under the eight general education boards, the highest 1,53,398 examinees are participating from Dhaka Board, while the lowest 18,349 from Sylhet Board.

The percentage of dropout in this year's HSC and equivalent exams is 19.32. Of them, male students are 20.29 per cent and female 19.45 per cent.