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JUNIOR School Certificate and equivalent Junior Dakhil Certificate examinations of the students of Class VIII begin today with female students outnumbering the males and the dropping out of about 2.15 lakh students.

The results of the Primary Education Terminal Examination 2009, the largest public examination in Bangladesh, showed that a total of 16,20,054 Class V students passed that examination and they are taking this year's JSC examinations.

According to the education ministry, a total of

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14,04,183 regular students are taking the JSC exam this year, and about 2,15,871 students have dropped out.

This year 19,08,365 students — 15,53,575 school students among whom 1,49,392 were irregular in schools and 3,54,790 among whom 23,292 were irregular students in madrassahs — have been registered for taking the JSC and the JDC exams introduced in 2010.

Of the examinees, 8,96,862 are male, accounting for 53 per cent of the total examinees, and 10,11,503 are female.

In 2011, 18,61,113 students took the JSC and the JDC examinations.

Today (Sunday) the examinees will take the Bengali First Part exam. The exams will end on November 15.

The education minister, Nurul Islam Nahid, at a press briefing in the secretariat on Wednesday said one of the main purposes of introducing the JSC and JDC exams was to standardize the education of the students across the country.

He said such exams would help the students to increase their confidence and would thus decrease the drop-out rate at the level of the Secondary School Certificate exams.

Nahid said the government has given opportunities to the examinees who failed in one to three sub-

jects to sit for the exams again in a bid to reduce the drop-out rate.

This year students with physical disabilities will get 20 minutes more than others to complete the answers, said officials.

The officials said that 388 students would take the exams in seven overseas centres — Jeddah, Riyadh, Tripoli, Doha, Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Bahrain.

Meanwhile, the guardians of Mothijheel Ideal School and College alleged that JSC examinees were confused about which centres they have been assigned to sit for exams. Nazneen Nahar, a guardian, said she was confused. In the admit card it was written that the

exam centre would be Code Number 102 Dhaka 3 (Ideal High School), but it was not mentioned what was centre's name.

Nazneen said the school authorities did not provide any clear cut information.

When contacted, principal Shahanara Begum told New Age there is no confusion regarding exam centres as boy students will take exams at Segun Bagicha High School and girls at T and T School, and both boy and girl students of the English version will take exams at T and T High School.

About 1,200 students are taking exams from our school and we have informed them of the centres, she said.