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New type question papers in SSC exam from 2010

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The ministry of education has decided to take necessary measures to introduce of Structured Question papers instead of essay types in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination from 2010.

"The introduction of new type question papers would be applicable in the SSC examination from 2010," education board sources said.

The ministry in the past week deferred its decision of S.Q papers in the SSC exam from 2009 at an emergency meeting with educa-

tion secretary M Mamtazul Islam in the chair.

The decision was taken due to lack of necessary preparation, cases lodged by the guardians, news conference in the city and after reviewing the news items of different newspapers in this regard.

In May, the ministry decided that the students of secondary school level (now in class IX) would face the question of new type, marks set for different segments of a question instead of the essay types now in practice in the

2009 Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination.

Earlier on June 6, the ministry issued a gazette notification in this regard and asked the authorities to send it to the teachers of more than 15,000 secondary schools of the country.

After lapse of six working months, a number of teachers and students of secondary schools knew nothing of the new type of question papers. Even the teachers did not get enough time to be trained for the SQ system.

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Sources in the education ministry said that the introduction of the structured question is a component of a Taka. 793 crore Secondary Education Sector Development Project.

The structured questions were earlier scheduled to be set for the SSC examinees of 2008.

A structured question will ask several bits of information on a single topic. There will be 60 marks for structured questions instead of 50 marks now customary with essay-type questions. There will be 40 marks for multiple-choice questions instead of 50.

The new system will not be applicable to the English papers and the Bengali second paper.