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# Bangladesh Studies

## PAPER 1: History and culture of Bangladesh

**You do not need any other materials.**

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### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- In Section A, answer mandatory Question 1.
- In Section B, answer **one** question from Questions 2–4.
- In Section C, answer **one** question from Questions 5–6.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  – *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION A

**You must answer the question in this section.**

**Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

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**You should aim to spend no more than 30 minutes on this section.**

**1 Towards Bengali independence (1947–1975)**

(a) Identify the year that Ayub Khan stepped down as president of Pakistan.

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| ☒ | **A** 1966 |
| ☒ | **B** 1967 |
| ☒ | **C** 1968 |
| ☒ | **D** 1969 |

(b) State **two** features of the Special Powers Act, 1974.

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(c) Explain why Kashmir was a major difficulty in creating the new state of Pakistan in 1947.

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(d) 'The Language Movement was the main reason for the outbreak of the War of Liberation in 1971.'

Discuss how far you agree with this statement.

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You may use the following in your answer:

- the mass uprising of 1969
- the 1970 election result.

You **must** also use information of your own.

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**(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)**

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## SECTION B

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

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**If you answer Question 2, put a cross in the box ☒ .**

**2 Early Bengal (AD 600–c1538)**

(a) Identify the ruler in the Pala dynasty who ended matsyanyaya.

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| ☒ | **A** Devapala |
| ☒ | **B** Dharmapala |
| ☒ | **C** Gopala |
| ☒ | **D** Ramapala |

(b) State **two** achievements of Fakhruddin Mubarak Shah.

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(c) Explain the importance of the leaders of Sufism.

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(d) 'Hussain Shah's extension of Bengal's territory was his most important achievement in establishing Bengal under the Sultanate.'

Discuss how far you agree with this statement.

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You may use the following in your answer:

- religious conversions
- development of the arts.

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**If you answer Question 3, put a cross in the box ☒ .**

**3 The Mughal Empire (c1550–1764)**

(a) Identify the year of the second battle of Panipat during the reign of Akbar.

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| ☒ | **A** 1555 |
| ☒ | **B** 1556 |
| ☒ | **C** 1557 |
| ☒ | **D** 1558 |

(b) State **two** reasons why Siraj ud-Daulah was defeated at the battle of Palashi.

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(c) Explain why the Mughal Empire grew weak.

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(d) 'Shaista Khan's role as subahdar was his most important achievement in the development of Bengal.'

Discuss how far you agree with this statement.

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You may use the following in your answer:

- relations with Europeans
- administrative reforms.

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**If you answer Question 4, put a cross in the box ☒ .**

**4 Bengal under British rule (1764–1911)**

(a) Identify the year that the Serampore Mission Press was introduced.

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| ☒ | **A** 1799 |
| ☒ | **B** 1800 |
| ☒ | **C** 1801 |
| ☒ | **D** 1802 |

(b) State **two** features of the Swadeshi Movement.

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(c) Explain the importance of the Faraizi Movement to the revival of Islam.

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(d) 'Military factors were the most important cause of the War of Independence in 1857.'

Discuss how far you agree with this statement.

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You may use the following in your answer:

- the Greased Cartridge Incident
- opposition to fighting abroad.

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**If you answer Question 5, put a cross in the box ☒ .**

**5 The road to partition (1909–1947)**

(a) Identify the year the Morley-Minto Reforms (Indian Councils Act) were introduced.

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| ☒ | **A** 1908 |
| ☒ | **B** 1909 |
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| ☒ | **D** 1911 |

(b) State **two** terms of the Rowlatt Act, 1919.

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(c) Explain the difficulties faced by Congress and the Muslim League in accepting the Government of India Act, 1935.

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(d) 'The June 3 Plan was the main reason for the partition of the sub-continent of India in 1947.'

Discuss how far you agree with this statement.

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You may use the following in your answer:

- the appointment of Lord Mountbatten as Viceroy of India
- the Radcliffe Award, 1947.

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**6 Bangladesh: establishing the new country (1975–2001)**

(a) Identify the year the UN Mother Tongue Day was established.

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| ☒ | **A** 1952 |
| ☒ | **B** 1953 |
| ☒ | **C** 1954 |
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(b) State **two** achievements of Zainul Abedin.

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(c) Explain why General Hussain Mohammad Ershad resigned in 1990.

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(d) 'Bangladesh has been more successful in its relations with Pakistan than with any other Asian country.'

Discuss how far you agree with this statement.

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You may use the following in your answer:

- India
- China.

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