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BANGLADESH STUDIES

7094/01

Paper 1 History and Culture of Bangladesh

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions.
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INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Answer **three** questions.

1 The struggle for control of the Indian subcontinent, 1204–1784

(a) (i) Identify the year of the Battle of Plassey. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A 1755

B 1757

C 1780

D 1782

[1]

(ii) Name the Nawab of Bengal at the time of the Battle of Plassey. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A Alivardi Khan

B Jagat Seth

C Rai Durlabh

D Siraj-ud-Daulah

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(iii) Identify the **two** foreign forces which fought at the Battle of Plassey.

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(iv) Describe **one** key resource that made Bengal attractive to Europeans.

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(v) Describe how the 1784 India Act changed the way the subcontinent was ruled.

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(b) (i) Describe **one** architectural feature of mosques built during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

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(ii) Examine how architecture was developed in the subcontinent by Mughal rulers.

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(c) (i) Identify **two** early battles in Bakhtiyar Khilji's conquest of Bengal.

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(ii) How far did rule over Bengal change between 1204 and 1784?

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2 The years of growing opposition, 1784–1911

(a) (i) Identify the year of the first Partition of Bengal. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A 1805

B 1841

C 1905

D 1911

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(ii) Identify **one** reason why the Muslim population was happy about the Partition of Bengal. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A they would no longer be ruled by the British

B the Muslim League would make decisions for the population

C it was an opportunity to work with the British

D Congress would be able to look after the Muslim population

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(iii) State **two** of the aims of the Indian National Congress in 1883.

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(iv) Describe **one** reason why Britain was pleased with the formation of the Indian National Congress.

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(v) Describe the contribution of Bal Gangadhar Tilak of Poona in Hindu-British relations.

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(b) (i) Describe **one** feature of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's Two Nations Theory.

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(ii) Explore the ways in which Sir Syed Ahmad Khan tried to improve Muslim-British relations.

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(ii) To what extent did Hindu-Muslim relations improve between 1784 and 1911?

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3 In search of independence, 1911–71

(a) (i) Identify the year when East Bengal was hit by the 'deadliest tropical cyclone ever recorded'. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A 1965

B 1966

C 1969

D 1970

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(ii) State the name given to this cyclone. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A Bhola

B Jhara

C Nabhembara

D Kharapa

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(iii) State **two** ways Pakistan gave support to East Pakistan at the time of this cyclone.

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(iv) Describe how decisions about the choice of Urdu as the state language caused dissatisfaction in East Pakistan.

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(v) Describe how management of the jute industry caused East Pakistan to be dissatisfied with the central government.

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(b) (i) Describe **one** argument that was made in favour of keeping Bengal undivided in 1947.

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(ii) Analyse the reasons for the division of Bengal in 1947.

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(c) (i) Identify **two** ways farmers in Bengal prepared for famine.

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(ii) How far did approaches to art and literature show change between 1911 and 1971?

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4 Post-independence Bangladesh, 1971–2001

(a) (i) Identify the date when International Mother Language Day is celebrated. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A 21 February

B 23 February

C 21 March

D 26 March

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(ii) Identify the location of the original Shaheed Minar. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A Chittagong

B Dhaka

C London

D Khulna

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(iii) Identify **two** purposes of the Shaheed Minar.

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(iv) Describe **one** reason why there were law and order issues in Bangladesh between 1971–75.

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(v) Describe the impact of the system of government in the period 1991–96 on the involvement of the people of Bangladesh in politics.

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(b) (i) Describe the role of Bangladesh in the United Nations since 1991.

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(ii) Examine the effectiveness of relations between Bangladesh and India in the period 1991–96.

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(c) (i) State **two** economic impacts of the 1971 War of Liberation.

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(ii) To what extent was there economic development in Bangladesh in the period 1971–2001?

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