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# Bangladesh Studies

## Paper 1: The History and Culture of Bangladesh

Thursday 7 May 2015 – Afternoon  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**4BN0/01**

**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.
- Answer **three** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- 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.
- Write your answers neatly and in good English.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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**Answer THREE questions.**

**You must start the answer to your first question on page 5.  
You must start the answer to your second question on page 9.  
You must start the answer to your third question on page 13.**

### **Section 1: Bengal before the Mughals**

**1** In what ways did Bengal develop under the Bengal Sultanate during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may also use the following to help in your answer:

- territorial changes
- administration
- religion.

**(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)**

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### **Section 2: Bengal in the Mughal Empire**

**2** Why did Dhaka develop as an important city in the seventeenth century?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may use the following to help in your answer:

- European traders
- muslin
- Mughal administration.

**(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)**

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### **Section 3: Bengal under British rule**

**3** Why was Robert Clive able to gain control of Bengal?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may use the following to help in your answer:

- the Battle of Plassey, 1757
- political successes
- double government.

**(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)**

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#### **Section 4: Bengal from partition to partition: 1905–1947**

**4** Why did the Pakistan Movement develop in the 1930s and early 1940s?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may use the following to help in your answer:

- the Government of India Act, 1935
- the role of M. A. Jinnah
- the Lahore Resolution, 1940.

**(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)**

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#### **Section 5: Undivided Pakistan**

**5** Why did it prove difficult to create a constitution for Pakistan immediately after independence in 1947?

In addition to your own knowledge, you may use the following to help in your answer:

- the post of Governor-General
- the powers of the Constituent Assembly
- disagreements over a state language.

**(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)**

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#### **Section 6: The struggle for independence and the creation of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

**6** Explain the importance of the role of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the creation of Bangladesh between 1970 and 1973.

In addition to your own knowledge, you may use the following to help in your answer:

- National Assembly elections, December 1970
- negotiations with Yahya Khan, March 1971
- the Bangladesh Constitution.

**(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)**

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### **Section 7: Bangladesh since 1975**

**7** Explain the role that Bangladesh has played in international affairs since 1975.

In addition to your own knowledge, you may use the following to help in your answer:

- support for the United Nations
- South East Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- relations between India and Pakistan.

**(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)**

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### **Section 8: The heritage, language and culture of Bangladesh**

**8** Explain the importance of Rabindranath Tagore in the development of Bangladeshi culture.

In addition to your own knowledge, you may use the following to help in your answer:

- poetry
- political beliefs
- ideas about education.

**(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)**

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