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BANGLADESH STUDIES**7094/01**

Paper 1 History and Culture of Bangladesh

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You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions.
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INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
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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 ☐

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- (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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(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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(c) (i) Give **two** reasons why the All-India Muslim League was established.

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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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(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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