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BANGLADESH STUDIES **7094/01**

Paper 1 History and Culture of Bangladesh **May/June 2026**

1 hour 30 minutes

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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 the Ilyas Shahi dynasty was founded. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A 1334 ☐

B 1342 ☐

C 1346 ☐

D 1353 ☐

[1]

(ii) Name the founder of the Ilyas Shahi dynasty. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A Sikandar Shah ☐

B Saifuddin Hamza Shah ☐

C Shamsuddin Ilyas Shah ☐

D Ghiyasuddin Azam Shah ☐

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(iii) Identify **two** ways the Ilyas Shahi dynasty strengthened its control over Bengal.

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(iv) Describe **one** way education was developed during the Ilyas Shahi dynasty.

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(v) Describe international trade during the Ilyas Shahi dynasty.

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(b) **(i)** State **two** reasons why Mumtaz Mahal was important enough to have the Taj Mahal built to commemorate her.

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(ii) Analyse the reasons why monuments were built during the Mughal period.

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(c) **(i)** Identify **two** features of Vaishnavism.

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(ii) How far did developments in the arts change between 1204 and 1538?

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2 The years of growing opposition, 1784–1911

(a) **(i)** Identify the year the All-India Muslim League was established. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A 1858 ☐

B 1872 ☐

C 1903 ☐

D 1906 ☐

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(ii) Identify the leader of the Muslims at the Simla Deputation. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A Aga Khan III ☐

B Lord Minto ☐

C Nawab Ali Chowdhury ☐

D Khwaja Enayetpuri ☐

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

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(iv) Describe **one** reason why Muslims suffered after the Independence Struggle, 1857–58.

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(v) Describe how Sir Syed Ahmad Khan tried to improve relations with the British.

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(b) **(i)** State **two** actions taken by Hindus in the Swadeshi Movement.

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(ii) Analyse the reasons why the British accepted the Muslim request to establish the All-India Muslim League.

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(c) **(i)** Explain why Bengal was partitioned in 1905.

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(ii) How far did the Partition of Bengal (1905–11) affect relations between the people of Bengal and the British?

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3 In search of independence, 1911–71

(a) **(i)** Identify the year Urdu was first proclaimed to be the state language of Pakistan. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A 1935 ☐

B 1948 ☐

C 1952 ☐

D 1970 ☐

[1]

(ii) Identify the person who declared that Urdu would be the state language for Pakistan. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A Surya Sen ☐

B Stafford Cripps ☐

C Muhammad Ali Jinnah ☐

D Liaquat Ali Khan ☐

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(iii) State **two** reasons for Jinnah's visit to Dhaka in 1948.

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(iv) Describe how the lives of people in East Bengal were affected by having Urdu as the state language.

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(v) Describe the contribution of students to the movement for Bangla as a state language.

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(b) **(i)** Identify **two** features of Operation Searchlight, 1971.

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(ii) Analyse the reasons why East Pakistan won its freedom in 1971.

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(c) **(i)** State **two** charges made against Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the Agartala Conspiracy Case, 1968.

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(ii) How far did the Agartala Conspiracy Case change the relationship between East and West Pakistan?

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4 Post-independence Bangladesh, 1971–2001

(a) **(i)** Identify the year when Rabindranath Tagore's poem *Amar Sonar Bangla* was adopted as the national anthem of Bangladesh. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A 1971 ☐

B 1973 ☐

C 1975 ☐

D 1982 ☐

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(ii) Name the National Poet of Bangladesh. Tick (✓) the correct answer in **one** of the boxes below.

A Kazi Nazrul Islam ☐

B Jasimuddin ☐

C Shamsur Rahman ☐

D Hason Raja ☐

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(iii) Identify **two** of Subir Nandi's achievements.

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(iv) Describe the role of opposition parties between 1982 and 1990.

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(v) Describe the importance of Bangladesh having women in government.

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(b) **(i)** Describe the purpose of the 7 Party Alliance.

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(ii) Analyse the importance of democracy to Bangladesh in the 1990s.

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(c) **(i)** Describe **one** main feature of the 'Look East Policy'.

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(ii) To what extent has there been progress in education in Bangladesh since 1971?

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