

Section 2: Content

2.1 Content of the qualification

This section details how the content for the *Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in Bangladesh Studies* has been developed.

Subject content	
Legacy Int GCSE subject content	New Int GCSE specification content reference / rationale for removal
1a - Hinduism and Buddhism in Bengal	2.2a
1b - The Turkish invasion and the spread of Islam	2.2b, 2.3, 2.4
1c - Sufis and Sufism	2.3
1d - Bengal under the sultanate	2.4
1e - The role of individuals: Bakhtiar Khalji, Iliyas Shah, Hossain Shah	2.4
2a - The occupation of Bengal	3.2
2b - The Mughal administration in Bengal	3.2
2c - Problems faced by the Mughals in Bengal	3.2a
2d - Development of Dhaka and its trade relations	3.2c
2e - The role of individuals: Islam Khan, Shaista Khan, Murshid Quli Khan	3.2b
3a - The British conquest of Bengal	4.1
3b - The government of Bengal by the East India Company	4.1
3c - The development of the Bangla language, Bengali nationalism and the Indian National Congress	4.3b, 4.3c
3d - The government of Bengal from 1858 to the beginning of the twentieth century	4.1
3e - The role of individuals: Robert Clive, Warren Hastings, Lord Cornwallis	4.1
4a - The first partition of Bengal, the birth of the All-India Muslim League, the annulment of partition	4.4
4b - British attempts to reform the government of India: 1909, 1919 and 1935	5.1a, 5.2a, 5.3c
4c - The impact of the Lahore Declaration and the Pakistan Movement	5.4a
4d - The Indian Independence Act and the second partition of Bengal	5.4c

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4e - The role of individuals: M A Jinnah, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose	1.1, 5.3a, 5.4a
5a - Constitutional differences between East and West Pakistan	1.2c
5b - Linguistic and cultural differences between East and West Pakistan	1.2a
5c - The foundation of the Awami Muslim League	1.2c
5d - The Lahore Conference and the Six-Point Programme	1.2c
5e - The role of individuals: M A Jinnah, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, President Ayub Khan	1.1, 1.2c
6a - The impact of the 1970 National Assembly elections	1.3a
6b - The War of Liberation	1.3
6c - Immediate problems faced by the Republic of Bangladesh	1.4
6d - The Bangladesh Constitution	1.4b
6e - The role of individuals: Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, President Yahya Khan, Indira Gandhi	1.2b, 1.2c Indira Gandhi is no longer covered as a separate subject, but is part of the topic 'support of India' in the War of Liberation (1.3)
7a - Political changes since 1975	6.1
7b - The development and role of political parties	6.1
7c - Bangladesh in world affairs	6.2
7d - Contemporary issues in Bangladesh, eg the media, education, popular culture, music, the role of women, the press, agriculture, industry, social and political issues	6.1
7e - The role of individuals: Ziaur Rahman, H M Ershad, Khaleda Zia, Sheikh Hasina	6.1
8a - The influence of religion on art and culture	6.3
8b - The Language Movement, Ekushey February and UN Mother Tongue Day	6.4
8c - Folk literature, music and culture in Bangladesh	6.3b
8d - Tribal culture (Hill Tracts, Garo and Santhal)	Tribal culture Gandhi is no longer covered as a separate subject, but is

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	part of the topic 'The Heritage and Culture of Bangladesh (6.3)
8e - The role of individuals: Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrual Islam, Begum Sufia Kamal	6.4c