



# Examen VSBO PKL 2025

tijdvak 1  
vrijdag 9 mei  
07.30 – 10.00 uur

**Engels**

Naam kandidaat \_\_\_\_\_ Kandidaatnummer \_\_\_\_\_

Beantwoord alle vragen in dit opgavenboekje.

Bij dit examen hoort een bijlage.

Dit examen bestaat uit 38 vragen.  
Voor dit examen zijn maximaal 45 punten te behalen.  
Voor elk vraagnummer staat hoeveel punten met een goed antwoord behaald kunnen worden.

### Multiple choice

- Circle the letter of the correct answer (example 1).
- Indicate corrections clearly (examples 2 and 3).

(1)      A  
          ⓑ  
          C  
          D

(2)      A  
          ⓧ  
          Ⓒ  
          D

(3)      B    A  
                  ⓧ  
                  ⓧ  
                  D

*Answer all open-ended questions in English.*

## Text 1 What are you most grateful for this year and why?

- 2p    1    The table below contains statements related to the persons in the article.  
Write down the name of the person that is described.

statement	name
This person discovered herself/himself.	
This person discovered the value of friendship.	
This person enjoys the quiet times at home.	
This person is thankful for the government's attitude.	
This person loves to spend time in nature.	

- 1p    2    What do Vanessa, Nickolas and Jodi have in common, according to the article?  
All three of them ...
- A    are happy that their overall health is under control now.
  - B    have experienced terrible personal life experiences.
  - C    have learned that something good can come out of something bad.
  - D    know now what they want this year and how they have to change.

## Text 2 All you need is LOVE

- 1p    3    Paragraph 1 refers to Jeffrey Miller's '*aha moment*'.  
→ What caused this '*aha moment*'?  
*Complete the sentence: Jeffrey's 'aha moment' was caused by ...*

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- 1p 4 What did Gloria do that attracted Jeffrey, according to paragraph 1?
- A She asked him to cook with her and watch old shows.
  - B She asked him to visit her in the hospital when she was sick.
  - C She showed him regular affection and spent time with him.

- 1p 5 There is a sentence in the text that indicates that Gloria was surprised when Jeffrey asked her to marry him.
- Copy the first **two** words of that sentence.
- .....

- 1p 6 What is the main lesson that is taught through the story?
- A Love does not care about age.
  - B People in hospitals deserve love.
  - C You are never too sick to find love.

### Text 3 Have you tried arepas?

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- 1p 7 How did Yhanni first start out in the arepa business, according to this article?
- A She had an arepa food stand at a Venezuelan festival on Bonaire.
  - B She made arepas for her family after she had moved to Bonaire.
  - C She moved to Bonaire especially for the purpose of making arepas.
  - D She sold arepas to people in Venezuela when she still lived there.
- 1p 8 Yhanni thinks of the body (healthy food), but she also keeps the environment in mind.
- Copy the **sentence** that tells you this.
- .....

- 4p 9 The table below contains events in Yhanni's professional life on Bonaire. They are listed in alphabetical order.

→ Use numbers to indicate what the **correct** (chronological) order of these events is, according to the article. *Attention, number 1 has already been filled in, so you start with the number 2 event, etc.*

event	order
Yhanni helped a friend who had problems in his restaurant.	
Yhanni made arepas at Harbour Village Marina.	
Yhanni opened the first arepa restaurant in Bonaire.	
Yhanni started a food stand with arepas for cruise passengers.	
Yhanni started with parties and catering.	
Yhanni started working at Coco Beach.	
Yhanni worked at Buddy Dive.	1
Yhanni worked for 'Taste of Bonaire' events.	

- 1p 10 The article describes a remarkable fact about Yhanni.  
→ Explain this by completing the following sentence with a maximum of ten words:

Yhanni now owns an arepa restaurant although ...

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## Text 4 The soothing surprise

- 2p 11 At the end of paragraph 1, the I-person says '*I envied them.*'  
→ Who are meant by *them* and why did the I-person envy them?

She envied .....

because .....

- 1p 12 Which sentence mentions the '*soothing surprise*' that is the title of this story? *Copy the first two and the last two words of that sentence.*

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- 1p 13 Copy the **word** from paragraph 3 that indicates that the I-person does **not** know the little girl's name.
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## Text 5 Are zoos a good thing?

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*Read the text and choose the correct option to fill each numbered gap.*

- 1p 14
- A artificial
  - B creative
  - C natural
- 1p 15
- A For example,
  - B However,
  - C In contrast,
- 1p 16
- A educational
  - B environmental
  - C political
- 1p 17
- A each other in the zoo
  - B illnesses in animals
  - C the public during visits
- 1p 18
- A decreasing
  - B stopping
  - C supporting
- 1p 19
- A dangerous
  - B free
  - C secure
- 1p 20
- A hoping
  - B refusing
  - C willing

1p 21

- A bigger than
- B helped by
- C smaller than

1p 22

- A doubtful
- B fashionable
- C understandable

## Text 6 Times are changing

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1p 23 The word '*network*' is mentioned twice in paragraph 1, each time with a different meaning.

Which **two** meanings are these?

- A computer cables and TV channels
- B connections with people and computer cables
- C internet connections and computer software
- D TV channels and connections with people

1p 24 What does Paul Janssen, the writer, use the internet for, according paragraph 2?

He uses it to ...

- A look something up.
- B post on social media.
- C write his articles.

1p 25 Paul Janssen is confused when it comes to using the remote.

→ Copy a **word** from paragraph 3 that suggests this.

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1p 26 The text starts with '*I don't like changes*'.

→ Which sentence in the text indicates that Paul Janssen is considering a change? Copy the first **two** words of that sentence.

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## Text 7 Best buddies!

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- 2p 27 The text uses different phrases (sets of words) to refer to Yuki and Bali.  
→ Copy **four** of these phrases.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....

- 2p 28 Indicate for each of the following statements if it is true or false by putting X-marks in the appropriate boxes.

statement	true	false
The shelter hopes that Yuki and Bali will be adopted together.		
You can visit the shelter any time on Saturdays.		
Yuki and Bali are shy towards humans.		
Yuki and Bali need extra care.		

## Text 8 Meet B-Girl Logistx

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- 1p 29 Why did Logan start using a planner at such an early age?
- A Her father made her write down her activities.
  - B She was an organized person by nature.
  - C The appointments she had were important.
- 1p 30 What does '*this*' refer to in the sentence '*... this might be the perfect way to free me from my shyness*' in paragraph 2?
- It refers to ...
- A Logan's dad noticing her dancing moves.
  - B Logan's dad putting her in hip-hop classes.
  - C Logan's orderliness at home.
  - D Logan's socializing with other kids.

- 1p 31 One sentence in the text suggests that dancing made the narrator do things she had never done before.  
→ Copy the first **two** words of this sentence.

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- 1p 32 What is said about the Olympic Games?  
A Logan is going to participate in them as a break-dancer.  
B Logan will be organizing the Games' break-dancing events.  
C Logan would like to participate in them as a break-dancer.

## Text 9 A lifesaving irritation

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- 1p 33 What was it that made this father annoyed with his daughter?  
*Complete the following sentence with a maximum of **ten** words.*  
The father was annoyed, because ...

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- 1p 34 In paragraph 2 the father states that he was tired and could barely keep his eyes open.  
→ What was the cause of that? *You may copy from the text.*

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- 1p 35 The title of this story is '**A lifesaving irritation**'.  
This indicates something that is ...  
A annoying, but helpful.  
B dangerous, but loving.  
C shocking, but useful.  
D tiring, but satisfying.



## Text 10 My sweetest Valentine

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- 1p 36 Which word describes the I-person's feeling in the first paragraph?
- A anger
  - B fear
  - C frustration
  - D helplessness
- 1p 37 Why did the I-person put heart candies on her desk?
- A She wanted to invite people over for Valentine's Day.
  - B She wanted to share them with Chloe for Valentine's Day.
  - C She was happy to be able to enjoy Valentine's Day.
  - D She was pretending to celebrate Valentine's Day.
- 1p 38 Why did the I-person burst into tears?
- A Because her cat had disobeyed her and eaten the candy.
  - B Because her cat had made her feel very special after all.
  - C Because she had received a gift from a secret lover after all.
  - D Because she had shouted at someone and felt guilty about it.