



Examen VSBO TKL 2025

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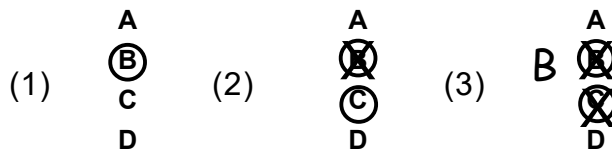
Beantwoord alle vragen in dit opgavenboekje.

Bij dit examen hoort een bijlage.

Dit examen bestaat uit 43 vragen.
Voor dit examen zijn maximaal 51 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).



Answer all open-ended questions in English.

Text 1 The soothing surprise

1p 1 Which word describes the I-character's feelings in paragraph 1?

- A anger
- B anxiety
- C doubt
- D sadness

2p 2 At the end of paragraph 1, the I-person says '*I envied them.*'
→ Who did she envy and why? *Complete the following sentence:*

She envied

because

1p 3 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 4 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 2 Should emotional support animals be allowed on planes?

- 3p 5 According to paragraph 2, there are differences between ESAs and guide dogs with regard to two aspects: purpose and training.

→ Write down these differences in all boxes of the following table.

You may use phrases from the text or use your own words.

*Do **not** use examples.*

aspect	ESAs	guide dogs
purpose		
training		

- 1p 6 There are indications, but it has not been confirmed that people abuse the option of obtaining an ESA certification online.

→ Copy the **3-word expression** that is used in paragraph 4 to indicate this.

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- 1p 7 Who are meant by the '*regular*' passengers in the first sentence of paragraph 5?

These are the passengers that ...

- A travel very frequently.
- B travel with normal pets.
- C travel with service animals.
- D travel without animals.

- 1p 8 Paragraph 5 mentions 'people with a legitimate need for support animals'. What does the word '*legitimate*' imply here?

It implies that these people ...

- A defend their travelling with ESAs.
- B enjoy the free company of ESAs.
- C obtain false certification for ESAs.
- D really require the help of ESAs.

- 1p 9 The first sentence of paragraph 6 mentions stricter regulations as a possible solution for the problem of people abusing the 'ESAs on flights' rules.
→ Which sentence in paragraph 6 makes it clear that there could be 'issues' due to this solution?
Copy the first two and the last two words of that sentence.

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Text 3 A lifesaving irritation

- 1p 10 What was it that made this father annoyed with his daughter?
Complete the following sentence with a maximum of 10 words.
The father was annoyed, because ...

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- 1p 11 In paragraph 1 it says '*.... but then she'll text me about that, telling me...*'
What does '*that*' refer to in this sentence?
The word '*that*' refers to the fact that the father ...

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- 2p 12 The story ends with: '*In fact, you're my hero!*'
→ Explain in detail why the father considered Jill '*his hero*'.
Complete the following sentence, using a maximum of 25 words:

The father called Jill '*his hero*', because

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Text 4 Did you know?

1p 13 What is said about the living environment of orcas?

- A They normally live in cold waters.
- B They normally live in the Caribbean.
- C They normally live solitary lives.
- D They normally live with whale sharks.

2p 14 Indicate for each of the following statements if it is true or false on the basis of the information in paragraph 3 by putting X-marks in the appropriate boxes.

Paragraph 3 describes ...	true	false
orcas' typical pattern of behavior.		
orcas' average size and weight.		
what orcas eat, generally.		
how orcas are killed by other marine mammals.		

1p 15 What is said in paragraph 5 about St. Vincent and orcas?

The island ...

- A forbids orca tourism now, as it has a negative influence on the orcas.
- B gets large numbers of tourists that come to see orcas being captured.
- C now permits only a limited number of orcas to be killed or captured.
- D used to permit limited orca killings but has now changed its policy.

1p 16 What is said in paragraph 6 about orcas?

- A It is clear that orcas are at the top of the IUCN list of endangered species.
- B Orcas can easily get sick as a result of environmental contamination.
- C Some local groups of orcas endanger the other populations in the area.
- D There are so many orcas that it is hard to determine their exact number.

Text 5 The benefits of boredom

- 1p 17 Paragraph 2 states that it is trickier to be bored nowadays.
Why is that?
Because nowadays ...
A entertainment has become something very expensive.
B it is easier to find something to entertain yourself with.
C people are less creative than they were in the past.
D people dislike leaving their sofas and using their phones.
- 1p 18 The final sentence of paragraph 3 starts with 'This can explain why ...'
What does the word 'This' refer to here?
'This' refers to ...
A the desire to break the lockdown.
B the desire to end boredom.
C the desire to start a new job.
D the desire to switch off the TV.
- 1p 19 What is paragraph 4 about?
Paragraph 4 is about ...
A becoming more creative.
B becoming more intelligent.
C getting rid of boredom.
D relaxing to gain brain capacity.
- 1p 20 Read the following statements about paragraphs 5 and 6:

statement I	Paragraphs 5 and 6 mention the dangers of not paying enough attention.
statement II	Paragraphs 5 and 6 each list an advantage of allowing your mind to wander.

What applies to the statements above?

- A Both statements are correct.
B Both statements are false.
C Only statement I is correct.
D Only statement II is correct.

- 1p 21 Which word fits in the gap numbered ...21... in the text?
- A Fortunately,
 - B Hopefully,
 - C Initially,
 - D Ultimately,

- 1p 22 Which word describes the tone of this article?
- A annoyed
 - B critical
 - C ironic
 - D stimulating

- 1p 23 Have a look at the following illustrations:



→ Which paragraph do these illustrations go with?
Write down the paragraph number.

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Text 6 The Tina Show

- 1p 24 What is said about Tina the Turkey in paragraph 1?
- A She looked purposeful and proud.
 - B She moved as if joyfully dancing.
 - C She walked with a slight limp.
 - D She would creep around the area.

- 1p 25 Which **sentence** in paragraph 2 suggests that Tina felt at home in the area? *Copy the sentence.*
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- 1p 26 What becomes clear about Tina when you read how she behaved in the parking lot? (paragraph 2)
- A She decided to make it her home.
 - B She liked to play around there.
 - C She was a very stubborn bird.
 - D She was an easy-going bird.
- 1p 27 In paragraph 3 it says '*a new character appeared on stage*'. Who was this?
- A a dancer
 - B a hypnotist
 - C a vagabond
 - D an actor
- 1p 28 What are the writer's feelings with regard to Tina's presence in his street in Minneapolis?
- A He enjoyed it because it showed him how to escape from the community.
 - B He loved to watch Tina because she kept the cars away from the area.
 - C He stayed at home especially to be able to see Tina in his neighborhood.
 - D He welcomed it as a form of entertainment for the city during the lockdown.
 - E He will always think back of the corona epidemic when he thinks of Tina.

Text 7 Wonder Woman's Invisible Jet

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

- 1p 29
- A dreadful
 - B recognizable
 - C unappealing
 - D undetected

1p **30**

- A** embraces
- B** engages
- C** enrolls
- D** entangles

1p **31**

- A** comics
- B** strength
- C** transportation
- D** vision

1p **32**

- A** attract
- B** avoid
- C** overcome
- D** promote

1p **33**

- A** attended
- B** cancelled
- C** held
- D** invented

1p **34**

- A** announced
- B** postponed
- C** refused
- D** related

1p **35**

- A** aggressive
- B** exclusive
- C** explosive
- D** objective

1p **36**

- A** breakable
- B** cheap
- C** empty
- D** ugly

Text 8 Sleeping and breathing

- 1p 37 Read the final sentence of paragraph 1: *'It's just one of the really neat ways that we humans are designed to survive.'*

→ What does this refer to? *You may copy from the text.*

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- 1p 38 What is the main difference between dolphins and fish, according to this text? *Copy the first two and the last two words of the sentence from paragraph 2 that contains the answer.*

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- 2p 39 Having always at least half your brain awake is important for dolphins.

→ Which **two** reasons are given to explain this in paragraphs 3 and 4?

Complete the following sentences:

1 The awake part of its brain tells the dolphin that

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2 It also warns the dolphin that

.....

Text 9 Are zoos a good thing?

- 1p 40 What does paragraph 1 make clear?

A Animals' natural environments are fairly similar to those in zoos.

B Natural habitats are practically impossible to imitate in zoos.

C In their natural habitats, many animals fight and become stressed.

D In their natural environments, many large animals die decades earlier.

- 2p 41 There is a gap with the number ...41... at the beginning of paragraph 2. What you fill in there, reflects the relationship between paragraph 1 and 2. Below you will see two columns, with options in alphabetical order.
→ Choose the correct phrase from the column GAP to fill the gap and choose the correct option from the column RELATION to indicate what the relationship is between paragraph 1 and 2.

GAP
As a matter of fact,
In other words,
In the meantime,
On the other hand,

RELATION
cause and effect
contrast
enumeration
problem and solution

GAP:

RELATION:

- 2p 42 It is very hard for some species to survive in the wild, according to paragraph 3. The table below lists possible reasons for that.
→ Indicate for each reason given below if it is mentioned in paragraph 3 by putting X-marks in the appropriate boxes.

reason	yes	no
It is hard for them to find a suitable area to live in.		
Pollution of the environment is making them sick.		
There are so few of them that it is hard to find each other and mate.		
They are hunted and killed by other species.		

- 1p 43 The article concludes that, in spite of the arguments against, zoos are indeed a good thing.
→ Copy the sentence from the article that shows this positive conclusion.

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