



Examen VSBO TKL 2026

tijdvak 1
dinsdag 12 mei
07.30 – 10.00 uur

Engels

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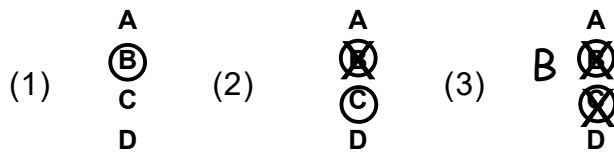
Beantwoord alle vragen in dit opgavenboekje.

Bij dit examen hoort een bijlage.

Dit examen bestaat uit 41 vragen.
Voor dit examen zijn maximaal 50 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 Circle of kindness

- 1p 1 Which word fits the gap numbered ...1... in paragraph 2?
- A affection
B desperation
C regret
D resentment
- 1p 2 Which word fits the gap numbered ...2... in paragraph 3?
- A dragged
B limped
C skipped
D wriggled

Text 2 Quick Health Hacks

- 2p 3 Which three expressions in paragraph 1 refer to “sleep”?
- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 1p 4 What ‘green scene’ is referred to in paragraph 1? Write down **the exact phrase** used in the text.

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- 1p 5 Which of your five senses is used to cure a headache, according to paragraph 3?

The sense of

- 1p 6 Which subtitle fits the gap numbered ...6... on this article?

Quick tips that help ...

- A everyone's mental health.
- B relieve severe migraines.
- C you have a healthier home.
- D you look and feel great.

- 1p 7 What is the purpose of this article?

The purpose of this article is to ...

- A challenge.
- B entertain.
- C inform.
- D persuade.

Text 3 Do dogs and cats help with mental health?

Read the text and choose the correct option to fill each numbered gap.
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- 1p 8

- A citizens
- B owners
- C participants
- D population

1p 9

- A explore
- B highlight
- C implement
- D share

1p 10

- A decline
- B improvement
- C routine
- D judgment

1p 11

- A more attractive
- B more mobile
- C sharper
- D younger

1p 12 What is the purpose of this text?

The purpose of this text is to ...

- A entertain the reader.
- B challenge the reader.
- C inform the reader.
- D persuade the reader.

Text 4 The birds that didn't want to be tracked

1p 13 What characteristic do people and birds have in common according to paragraph 1? *Complete the sentence by using a **maximum of five words**.*

Both people and birds

- 2p 14 Paragraph 2 mentions main reasons for attaching the tiny backpack-like tracking devices to the five magpies. *Complete the following sentence by writing down **two** of the reasons mentioned using **a maximum of ten words each**.*

The researchers attached the tracking devices on the magpies to ...

1.

2.

- 1p 15 What factor mentioned in paragraph 5 suggests selflessness among the birds? *Complete the sentence using **a maximum of 15 words**.*

The birds.....

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Text 5 ..18..

- 2p 16 Which of the following pieces of advice does Carolyn give to Anonymous? There are **three** correct answers. *Write down **only the numbers**.*

1. Agree with him in whatever he says.
2. Ask him what he wants you to do.
3. Let him know your advice is good.
4. Tell him how you really feel.
5. Tell him to leave you alone.
6. Tell him when you are tired of listening.

numbers

- 1p 17 Carolyn tells Anonymous to “be respectful of his independence.” *Explain this piece of advice by completing the sentence using **a maximum of ten words**.*

“Be respectful of his independence” means to

.....

- 1p 18 Which title fits the gap numbered ...18... on this advice column?
- A Friend constantly gets into trouble
 - B Friend doesn't really want advice
 - C Friend enjoys bothering with his problems
 - D Friend seeks agreement with bad decisions

Text 6 Restaurant At Sea

- 1p 19 Which phrase in paragraph 1 indicates that Tiffany and Jeroen are in charge of Restaurant At Sea. *Write down the phrase.*

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- 1p 20 What two difficulties do the cooks have to deal with according to paragraph 5?

1.

2.

- 1p 21 Indicate for each of the following statements if it is true or false according to paragraph 6 by putting X-marks in the appropriate boxes.

statement	true	false
Customers assist in creating the Surprise Menu.		
The writer mentions his / her own opinion.		

Text 7 The Squeegee that Saved Lives

- 1p 22 Why are moments of the September 11 attacks cataloged and enshrined by museums? *Complete the sentence using **a maximum of ten words**.*

This is done to

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- 1p 23 Which word in paragraph 3 suggests that the passengers thought they were secure?

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- 2p 24 What **three** indicators let elevator riders know they were at risk according to paragraph 4?

1.

2.

3.

- 1p 25 What is the common factor between paragraphs 5 and 6? *Complete the following sentence using **a maximum of five words**.*

Both paragraphs tell us how

- 1p 26 Which word fits the gap numbered **...26...** in paragraph 6?

- A demolish
- B evacuate
- C foreclose
- D restore

Text 8 Where did all the white dog poop go?

- 3p 27 Which **three** situations should you avoid when taking a stroll outside according to paragraph 1?

You should avoid...

1.
2.
3.

- 1p 28 What does the underlined word "that" in paragraph 3 refer to? *Complete the following sentence by using **a maximum of ten words**.*

It refers to the fact that
.....

- 2p 29 In the text we find **four** different (groups of) words for the word poop. *Write them down.*

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

Read the text and choose the correct option to fill each numbered gap.
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- 1p 30

- A attractive
- B blinding
- C distinct
- D inferior

1p 31

- A confronting
- B objecting
- C proceeding
- D sniffing

1p 32

- A buyers
- B companies
- C families
- D vets

1p 33

- A colorless
- B harmless
- C priceless
- D useless

Text 9 Concerned mother

1p 34 Why is the mother concerned? *Complete the following sentence by using **a maximum of twelve words**.*

She is concerned, because

.....

3p 35 Indicate for each of the following statements if it is true or false according to the text by putting X-marks in the appropriate boxes.

statement	true	false
At times the grandson makes his disapproval clear.		
The grandmother ignores her grandson's boundaries.		
The grandmother attacks her grandson.		
Queenie normally refers people to expert help.		

Text 10 The Reebok expansion into the US

- 1p 36 What enabled Reebok to start its business in America, according to paragraph 1?

Reebok...

- A advertised in American magazines.
- B conducted a market study.
- C signed up for a government offer.
- D sold products at a trade show.

- 1p 37 Paragraph 1 states that Reebok took another ten years to “consolidate its presence.”

→ Which of the following phrases describes what “consolidate its presence” means?

- A make the brand known in America
- B participate in more American trade shows
- C pay off more debts to American banks
- D sell off more Reebok stores in America

- 1p 38 In the last sentence of paragraph 1, Joe states that “you must learn to listen to the objections of others.”

→ What objection is he referring to? *Quote (copy) the **first two words of the sentence** in the paragraph that makes this clear.*

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- 1p 39 Why did Reebok “play it safe,” according to paragraph 2?

Reebok played it safe, because the company ...

- A did not accept the advice of its rep, Mario.
- B had never done business in Los Angeles before.
- C had never made women’s dance shoes before.
- D was not sure it could succeed in Los Angeles.

- 1p 40 In paragraph 2, a figurative phrase indicates that Reebok's Los Angeles business venture was a great success. *Write down the figurative phrase.*

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- 1p 41 Paragraph 3 uses a two-word phrase to describe the struggles Reebok faced in becoming a global company. *Write down this **two-words phrase**.*

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