



Exam VSBO PBL

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Social studies

Candidate name _____ Candidate number _____

Answer all questions in this assignment booklet.

This exam consists of 39 questions.

A maximum of 41 points can be obtained for this exam.

Each question number indicates how many points can be obtained with a correct answer.

Multiple-choice questions

- Circle the correct answer (example 1).
- Indicate corrections according to example 2 or 3.

- (1) A
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- (2) A
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- (3) B A
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People and work

Waiter Liyonardo

Liyonardo works in the service sector. He is a waiter. He has been doing this job for 10 years. Every day he learns something new and gets better at his job.
He enjoys going to work every day but believes that his job has a low status.

- 2p 1 Liyonardo works in the service sector.
→ List two other professions that also fall under the service sector.
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- 1p 2 List one possible reason why Liyonardo gets up early every day to go to work.
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- 1p 3 Work consists of mental and/or physical efforts made by a person. In order to perform these efforts, you need certain skills.
How can Liyonardo acquire the **skills** needed to work?
- A By receiving a high salary.
- B By being appreciated.
- C By following training courses.

- 1p 4 Liyonardo believes that his profession has a low status.
A profession has a low status when it is ...
A varied.
B office work.
C low-paid.

Joker



Marivienne works as a telephone operator at a medium-sized company. She has a good relationship with her colleagues and her department manager. Decisions in the company are made collectively as a team. Marivienne believes it is important to have a good atmosphere in the workplace. This leads to better performance. After five years of working there, Marivienne has been given the role of problem solver for the department.

- 1p 5 *Circle the **correct** word.*

Marivienne has a good relationship with her department head and her colleagues.

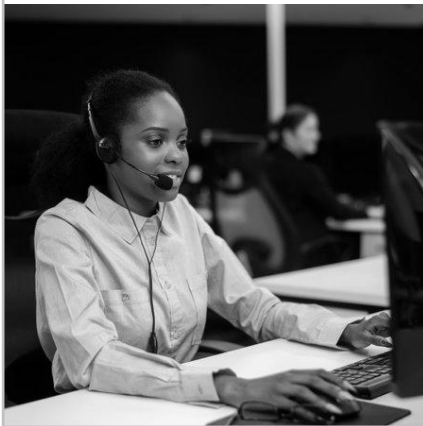
This means that the *working relationships* / *working conditions* at her workplace are good.

The correct word is:

- 1p 6 Marivienne's department head makes all decisions together with her colleagues.
What **leadership style** does Marivienne's department head have?
A The authoritarian leadership style.
B The democratic leadership style.
C The dictatorial leadership style.

- 1p 7 A positive atmosphere in the workplace ensures that Marivienne and her colleagues enjoy going to work every day.
This positive atmosphere is achieved through ...
A adventure and rules.
B competition and fame.
C trust and respect.
- 1p 8 *Circle the **correct** word.*
Marivienne is a telephone operator but has unknowingly taken on the role of problem solver for the department.
The role of problem solver is a *formal / informal* role for Marivienne.

Telephone operator Millicent



Millicent works at a call center.
To get the job, she registered with a temp agency.
She had little education.
When she was hired, she had to take a course to become a telephone operator.
Lately, the company Millicent works for has been investing heavily in computers.
Millicent is a little worried about that.

- 1p 9 The company Millicent works for is investing more and more in computers.
What consequences could this have for the employees?
The employees ...
A don't need to worry about losing their jobs.
B with less training may be the first to lose their jobs.
C with a lot of experience and who are older will not be laid off.
- 1p 10 The introduction of more computers is making the position of certain groups in the labor market even worse.
One reason why some groups are in a poor position in the labor market is because ...
A these groups often do not speak the language of the country.
B these groups often do not want low-paid jobs.
C these groups mainly consist of older people.

- 1p 11 Millicent, who is a telephone operator, got her job after applying at a temporary employment agency.

→ Write down one role of a temporary employment agency.

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- 1p 12 Call center employees who become unemployed become structurally unemployed. This means that they lose their jobs at the call center.

→ Write down one reason why these employees become structurally unemployed.

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Seú (harvest festival)



Example of some participants in traditional dress at the Seú parade on Curaçao

- 1p 13 Seú, also known as Curaçao's 'Thanksgiving', is a harvest festival. Participants dance through the streets of Curaçao in traditional dress. This parade is a wonderful experience for tourists, as it allows them to get acquainted with the Seú of Curaçao.

→ Write down one possible way in which the government could attract more tourists to Curaçao to experience the Seú parade.

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- 1p 14 The government's contribution has attracted more tourists during the Seú period.
How has Curaçao's **economy** benefited directly from the fact that more tourists have come to our island?
A Through the increase in hotel construction.
B Through the increase in foreign exchange.
C Through the increase in groups at the Seú.
- 1p 15 During peak season, one or more tourist ships arrive in Curaçao almost every day.
What are these tourists called?
A cruise tourists
B ecotourists
C stay-over tourists

Rights and duties

The rights of the student

- 1p 16 Most countries have recognized children's rights. These children's rights are also important on our islands. One of these rights is the right to education.
→ Which international organization is concerned with the interests of children?

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- 1p 17 What is a student's duty on our islands?
The student must ...
A be present at school at the agreed time.
B use pens to write tests.
C turn on the air conditioning in classrooms as agreed.
- 1p 18 Which of the following descriptions give a correct duty of Mario in class?
A Most of Mario's books are not covered.
B Mario gets along well with his classmates.
C Before tests, Mario quickly reviews his study material.

- 1p 19 Teacher Pedro believes that students at his school are entitled to air conditioning in the classroom. He bought an air conditioner himself but wants his money back.
What is the **best** thing Pedro can do without adversely affecting the students?
A Ask the students for a contribution.
B Discuss the matter with the school administration.
C Refuse to teach and go on strike.



- 1p 20 There is a big problem with a group of students who do not attend school. The government wants to ensure that these students receive an education.
How can the government **best** ensure that this group of students attends school?
A Offer flexible school hours.
B Appoint truancy officers.
C Provide subsidies to schools.

Democracy vs. Dictatorship

- 1p 21 A citizen in a democratic country, such as Sint Maarten, has the right to decide for themselves whether they want to become a member of a political party.
In that case, this citizen exercises their ...
A active voting rights.
B general voting rights.
C passive voting rights.

- 1p 22 In every democracy, the fundamental rights or human rights of every citizen are respected.
→ Write down one fundamental right that every citizen in a democratic country has.

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source 1: Democracy



source 2: Dictatorship



– Elections are held every four years. – In 2024, there were twelve different political parties that the people could vote for. – After each election, the government may consist of different political parties. – The people have a say in how the country is governed. – Voters can vote for whomever they want without consequences.	– Elections are held every five years. – The people can only vote for one political party. – The government always consists of the same political party, because there are no other political parties. – The people have no influence on how the country is governed. – The government knows who the voters have voted for.
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1p 23 Image 1 is an example of a democratic country, while image 2 is an example of a dictatorship.

How can you tell that source 2 is an example of a dictatorship?

- A There are general elections every five years.
- B There are no free and secret elections.
- C There are closed and public elections.

Supermarket



Every week, a supermarket posts new recipes on its website, enjoyyourmeal.com. Viewers can purchase the ingredients used in the recipes directly from the supermarket by adding them to their shopping cart.

- 1p 24 What type of mass media did the supermarket use to publish its recipes?
- A Audiovisual media: users can see images and hear sound.
 - B Printed media: users can read the text on the screen.
 - C Interactive media: users can see and order immediately.
- 1p 25 In what way did the mass media play a central role by publishing recipes on 'enjoyyourmeal.com'?
- In the field of ...
- A democratic decision-making.
 - B cultural transfer.
 - C leisure activities.
- 1p 26 Which function of the mass media has the supermarket covertly used to achieve its goal?
- A entertainment
 - B opinion forming
 - C (surreptitious) advertising

Telephone prohibited in the classroom

Starting in the 2024-2025 school year, it will be prohibited in the Netherlands in primary and secondary education to use cell phones, tablets, and smartwatches in the classroom.



Cell phone use prohibited in the classroom

1p 27 Several newspapers have written about this ban.
Articles about this ban in the mass media served a
..... function for society.

1p 28 Walter believes that this ban is not appropriate in this modern age. He believes that phones, tablets, smartwatches, and other digital devices should automatically have a place in the classroom.
→ What can Walter do to express his dissatisfaction in the newspaper?

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1p 29 What right did Walter exercise when he wrote his opinion in the newspaper?

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- 1p 30 Both public and commercial TV stations in the Netherlands have devoted a lot of attention to the news that mobile phones will be banned in classrooms. Several programs have been made that have generated high ratings for the **public** broadcaster NPO1.
Which of the following statements **best describes** public broadcasting?
A The government paid for the program to be broadcast.
B Advertising revenue covers the cost of broadcasting the program.
C Sponsors paid for the program to be broadcast.
- 1p 31 What kind of programs are more likely to be broadcast on a **commercial** channel to attract more viewers?
A more entertainment programs
B more informative programs
C more political programs

News selection

- 2p 32 D'Shanty is the editor-in-chief of a newspaper.
Her job is to work with the other editors to decide what news will appear in the paper.
→ Note down, in two steps, how this is done.

step 1:

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step 2:

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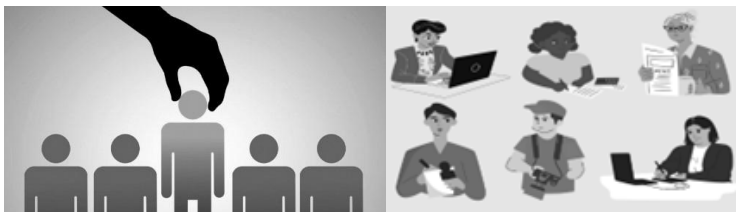
- 1p 33 There are various selection criteria for determining what news will appear in the paper.
→ Write down one of these selection criteria.

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- 1p **34** Journalists obtain news in various ways.
They first select this news themselves before passing it on to the editorial team.
→ Write down one way in which journalists select news before passing it on to the editorial team.

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- 1p **35** The news that appears in the media is selected.
This happens at different times.
One criterion on which news is selected is ...
A the time at which the news is broadcast.
B choosing which advertisement fits the news article.
C which sources are important for the news.

Politics and policy

Political parties

Parliament building in Curaçao



Parliament building in Sint Maarten



- 1p **36** The parliament of Curaçao has 21 members, while the parliament of Sint Maarten has 15 members.
The parliament of Curaçao and the parliament of Sint Maarten have ...
A legislative power.
B executive power.
C judicial power.

- 1p 37 During a parliamentary election campaign, a party ensures that citizens recognize the party by ...
A the governor's speeches.
B posters along the road.
C propaganda in schools.
- 1p 38 Political parties that are both in the government and in parliament are called ...
A coalition parties.
B opposition parties.
C minority parties.

Political decision-making

Politics involves many actors, each with their own role and responsibilities.
Decisions are made and laws are enacted. In addition, citizens and organizations also have the right to participate in decision-making.

- 1p 39 What role do organizations play in the political decision-making process? Organizations can ...
A organize demonstrations.
B elect representatives.
C reject legislative proposals.