



Scoring instructions VSBO PBL

2026

period 1
Monday May 11
07.30 - 09.30 a.m.

Social studies

Processing scores

Process the scores of all candidates in the online AWP program.
Scores must be completed by noon on Monday, June 1, 2026.

The scoring instructions comprise:

- 1 Assessment standards
- 2 General rules
- 3 Subject-specific rules
- 4 Appraisal model

1 Assessment standards

The candidate's work is assessed with due observance of articles 30, 31 and 32 of the Federal Examination Decree VWO-Havo-VSBO of 23-06-2008, PB 2008 no 54.

The following passages from the articles of the Federal decree mentioned above are of essence:

- 1 The school principal submits the completed exam assignments including a copy of the exam questions, the scoring instructions and the official report of the exam to the examiner. The examiner evaluates the work and submits it to the principal along with his/her evaluation. The examiner applies the assessment standards and the appraisal model decreed by ETE (the Examination Bureau).
- 2 The principal immediately submits the deposited exams, including a copy of the exam questions, the scoring instructions and the official report of the exam to the external examiner.
- 3 The external examiner promptly evaluates the work, applying the appraisal model and the assessment standards decreed by ETE (Examination Bureau).
- 4 The examiner and the external examiner confer and jointly determine the score totals for the national exam.
- 5 If they cannot reach a consensus, the score totals are determined by way of a mathematical average of the scores proposed by each of them, rounded off upwards if so required.

2 General rules

As far as evaluation of the exam goes, the following stipulations apply:

- 1 The examiner declares on a list, the candidate names and/or numbers, the scores awarded to each candidate for each question and the total score acquired by each candidate.
- 2 The examiner and the external examiner award scores to the answer to a question in accordance with the appraisal model. Scores are represented by the numbers 0, 1, 2, ..., n, whereby n represents the maximum score attainable for a question. Additional scores, not being a whole integer, or a score being less than 0, are not legitimate.
- 3 Scores are awarded in compliance with the following rules:
 - 3.1 If a question is answered correctly in full, the maximum score attainable is awarded.
 - 3.2 If an answer to the question is partially correct, a portion of the score attainable is awarded, in compliance with the appraisal model.

- 3.3 If the answer to an open-end question does not appear on the appraisal model, while said answer may be deemed correct or partially correct by virtue of demonstrable arguments regarding subject matter content, scores must be awarded on the analogy or in the spirit of the appraisal model.
- 3.4 If solely one example, reason, elaboration, quote or answer of a different nature is required, then only (and exclusively) the first-offered answer is evaluated.
- 3.5 If more than one example, reason, elaboration, quote or answer of a different nature is required, then only (and exclusively) the first-offered answers are evaluated, up to a maximum of the number of answers asked for.
- 3.6 If a required statement or explanation or derivation or calculation is missing or wrong in an answer, then a score of 0 is awarded, unless the appraisal model indicates otherwise.
- 3.7 If various options separated by the symbol / appear in the appraisal model, then said options are valid as different phrasings of the same answer or part of the answer.
- 3.8 If a portion of the answer is bracketed in the appraisal model, then said portion is not absolutely required in the candidate's answer.
- 4 The correct answer to a multiple-choice question is the capital letter that matches the correct choice. For a correct answer to a multiple-choice question, the number of points listed in the appraisal model is awarded. For each other answer, no points are awarded. If more than one answer is given, no points are rewarded either.
- 5 An error in the elaboration of a question may be charged but once, unless said error simplifies the question significantly and/or unless the appraisal model states otherwise.
- 6 A same-like error in response to different questions must be charged consistently for each individual case, unless the appraisal model states otherwise.
- 7 If the examiner or the external examiner is of the opinion that there is an error or discrepancy in an exam or in the appraisal model of said exam, then he evaluates the work as if the exam and its appraisal model were correct. He should, however, report the error or discrepancy to ETE. It is not allowed to deviate independently from the appraisal model. Such errors, if any, will be considered when the final marking of the exam is determined by ETE.
- 8 Points are awarded based on answers given by the candidate to each question. No points shall be awarded in advance.
- 9 The grade for the national exam is arrived at in the following fashion: The first and second corrector determine the score of each candidate. Said score is conveyed to the principal. The principal determines the grade of the national exam based on standards regarding converting score to grade. Said grades may be read from conversion tables that are made available by ETE after the final marking of the exam has been established.

3 Subject-specific rules

For this National Written Exam Social Studies PBL first period 2026, a maximum of 41 points can be scored. The exam consists of 39 questions.

Question	Answer	Scores
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4 Appraisal model

Question	Answer	Scores
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The correct answer to a multiple-choice question is awarded 1 score point.

People and work

1 Maximum score 2

Possible answers, two of the following for 1 point each:

- bank employee (cashier)
- bus driver
- front desk employee
- guide
- politur
- taxi driver
- telephone operator

Other answers at the discretion of the examiner.

2 Maximum score 1

Possible answers, one of the following:

- To earn an income.
- To have long-term security and certainty.
- To establish social contacts.
- To be appreciated.
- To develop oneself further.

3 C

4 C

5 Maximum score 1

(labor/working) relations/relationships

6 B

7 C

8 Maximum score 1

informal

9 B

Question	Answer	Scores
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10 A

11 **Maximum score 1**

One of the following possibilities:

- Companies that need someone quickly often call on a temporary employment agency for a temporary worker/laborer/employee.
- To help people find a job more quickly.

Other answers at the discretion of the examiner.

12 **Maximum score 1**

One of the following possibilities:

- The introduction of computers makes people redundant (advances in technology).
- When the company relocates abroad.

Other answers at the discretion of the examiner.

13 **Maximum score 1**

Possible answers, one of the following:

- Set up special marketing and promotional campaigns abroad.

Other answers at the discretion of the examiner.

14 B

15 A

Rights and duties

16 **Maximum score 1**

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17 A

18 B

19 B

20 B

21 C

Question	Answer	Scores
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22 Maximum score 1

Possible answers, one of the following:

- the right to personal freedom
- the right of association and assembly
- freedom of the press
- freedom of religion
- freedom of expression
- freedom of education

Other answers at the discretion of the examiner.

23 B

Mass media and information provision

24 C

25 C

26 C

27 Maximum score 1

informative / agenda

28 Maximum score 1

Send a **letter to the editor** to a newspaper.

29 Maximum score 1

Freedom of expression. / Right to express one's opinion.

30 A

31 A

32 Maximum score 2

Key points of a correct answer:

- Step 1: First, they look at all the news that comes in via journalists. 1
- Step 2: Then they select which news items to put in the newspaper. 1

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33 Maximum score 1

Possible answers, one of the following:

- The uniqueness of the news.
- Whether the news is current.
- Whether the news is exceptional.
- Whether the news happened nearby.
- The target audience of a newspaper.

34 Maximum score 1

Possible answers, one of the following:

- Journalists often select the type of news that interests them personally.
- Journalists often select news based on their own values and standards.
- Journalists often choose news based on their own frame of reference or perception of the world.

35 C

Politics and policy

36 A

37 B

38 A

39 A