



Exam VSBO PKL 2026

period 1
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Social studies

Candidate name _____ Candidate number _____

Answer all questions in this assignment booklet.

This exam consists of 38 questions.

A maximum of 40 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
 ⓑ C
 D
- (2) A
 ~~ⓑ~~ C
 ~~Ⓒ~~ D
- (3) B A
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 ~~Ⓒ~~ D

People and work

Factory work



Saskia is a worker in a large factory. Saskia is happy that she has a permanent job.

- 1p 1 Saskia is happy that she has a permanent job.
What is the **main** reason for Saskia to work?
- A She can pay her social security contributions herself every month.
 - B She gets the opportunity to do volunteer work.
 - C She gets a salary at the end of the month.

- 1p 2 A factory worker works in the secondary sector.
→ Name one other profession that is part of the secondary sector.

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- 2p 3 Which profession belongs to which sector?
→ Put an X-mark in the correct column.

Profession	Primary sector	Secondary sector	Service sector
Bank teller			
Welder			
Fisherman			
Teacher			
Farmer			

- 1p 4 Below are six terms:

effort / physical / volunteers / benefits / mental / hobby

→ Circle the **three** terms that belong to the definition of work.

AI replaces voice actors



Vincent has been working as a voice actor for an advertising agency for 20 years. His voice has been used in various commercials that can be heard/seen on the radio or on television. Before a recording, the colleagues always sit down together with the boss to decide who is best suited to the commercial and how he/she can best use his/her talent.

The boss often has certain ideas worked out in advance but also listens to his colleagues.

- 1p **5** Vincent's boss has clear ideas but is also willing to listen to his colleagues' ideas before recording a commercial.
→ What kind of leadership style does Vincent's boss have?

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- 1p **6** The advertising agency where Vincent works does not make individual agreements with its employees. That is not their custom. The employees all have a booklet containing their terms of employment.
→ What kind of **written agreement** do all employees working at the advertising agency sign?

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- 1p **7** As a voice actor, Vincent is responsible for the following within the company:
- A** keeping the company's records up to date.
 - B** preparing meals for the staff.
 - C** using his voice to make decisions.
 - D** using his voice for commercial purposes.

Working fewer hours



Foreigners often have difficulty finding a job. Finding a job is particularly difficult if they have special requirements. The government has introduced several measures to make it easier for foreigners to find work. One of these measures is the option to work fewer hours.

1p 8 What is the above measure to work fewer hours called?

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1p 9 Foreigners do not find jobs easily. This is because many employers prefer not to hire foreigners.

One reason for this is that foreigners ...

- A do not have a good command of the language of that country.
- B are less flexible in the workplace.
- C are not good with computers.
- D often have higher education.

1p 10 Tyrsainy was unemployed for a while.

→ Write down one characteristic of people who are unemployed.

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- 1p 11 The government measure to work fewer hours per day will enable more women to find employment.
→ Why do many women want to work fewer hours?

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Ecotourism on Bonaire



Bonaire wants to promote ecotourism.
The island is therefore making great efforts to preserve and protect the environment.

- 1p 12 The Bonairean government can further promote ecotourism on Bonaire by ...
- A providing loans for the construction of luxury hotels.
 - B providing financial support for natural attractions.
 - C providing subsidies to host families.
 - D streamlining visa procedures on Bonaire.
- 1p 13 What comes to mind when you think of **ecotourism**?
- A economy and culture
 - B environment and health
 - C nature and culture
 - D nature and economy

1p 14 Write down one aspect of how ecotourism can **benefit** nature.

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Rights and duties

Working conditions



Employees have various rights in the workplace. These are laid down in international human rights treaties.

The image above clearly shows that this is an unsafe working situation.

Fortunately, the government has an important role to play. This role is to ensure that employers comply with several legal rules to protect employees.

1p 15 Employees have the right to safety in their workplace.
→ Write down another right that employees should have in their workplace.

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1p 16 *Circle the correct answer.*

The government has laid down in the law that employers must provide a healthy and safe workplace for their employees.

This is referred to as the employer's *Duty of care* / *Right of care*.

- 1p 17 Which of the following rights is not a children's right?
- A The right to paid work
 - B The right to one's own religion
 - C The right to one's own opinion
 - D The right to a healthy life
- 1p 18 Curaçao and Sint Maarten are among the many countries that adhere to the Convention on the Rights of the Child of November 20, 1959. In addition to the government, there are also organizations that ensure the welfare of children. Which organization on these islands is committed to the **welfare** of children?
- A Amnesty International
 - B Greenpeace
 - C Unicef
 - D European Union

Justice



- 1p 19 The Minister of Justice has been called upon to answer questions about the purchase of five new police cars that were not planned. To which authority / government body must the minister be accountable or answer questions about his actions?
- A Council of Ministers
 - B Public Prosecutor's Office
 - C Parliament

- 1p **20** Our political system is a parliamentary democracy.
The questions that the minister must answer are asked by the coalition
and the opposition.
→ Note one reason why the opposition in a parliamentary democracy
often asks critical questions.
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- 1p **21** The Minister of Justice does not find it strange that he must answer
questions about the purchase of new police cars.
In countries such as North Korea and even Venezuela, you can be
punished for asking the minister too many questions.
In which of the political systems below are people who criticize political
decisions severely punished?
A democracy
B dictatorship
C monarchy
D republic

- 1p **22** A group of citizens took to the streets to protest the minister's decision to
purchase cars without a plan.
Which fundamental democratic right did these citizens exercise?
A the right to vote
B freedom of the press
C the right to personal freedom
D the right of association and assembly

Mass media and information provision

Fewer young people voting

source 1



Fewer young people went to the polls than in the previous elections.

- 1p 23 There are three areas in which the media play a central role for the whole society.

Two of these areas are *cultural transmission* and *leisure activities*.

→ Write down **the third** area in which the media play a central role for society.

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- 1p 24 Before the elections young people could give reasons for not voting and discuss directly with each other why they did not want to vote.

Circle the correct answer.

The type of mass media used by young people was

print media / audiovisual / interactive

- 1p 25 The fact that the young people were engaged in a discussion for an election has to do with ...

- A cultural transmission.
- B democratic decision-making.
- C education.
- D leisure activities.

Mass media under pressure



In some countries, the press often cannot provide the public with accurate information. In a communist country such as North Korea, only positive articles about the government appear in the newspapers. Due to commercial influences commercial media have emerged, whose main goal is to make a profit.

- 1p 26 In some countries, the press often cannot provide the public with accurate information.

→ Note one reason why the press often cannot provide the public with accurate information.

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- 1p 27 The influence of commerce has led to the emergence of commercial media, whose main goal is to make a profit. How can you tell that the commercial interests of a medium influence the programs that are broadcast?

- A The content consists mainly of educational programs.
- B Few entertainment programs are broadcast.
- C No advertising during informative programs.
- D More entertainment programs mean higher ratings.

- 1p 28 The people in communist countries only read positive articles about their government. The mass media clearly do not function there. → What fundamental right is missing in communist countries that prevents the mass media from functioning properly?

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Target groups

The media focuses on different groups of people: target groups. These are groups of people with the same characteristics. They could be soccer fans, dog owners, elderly people, young people, or women. The advantage of working with target groups is that a medium knows exactly what to write and at what level.

Article 1

WILLEMSTAD – The Curaçao Tourist Board (CTB), in collaboration with Diamond PR, organized a one-of-a-kind mega trip for 30 TikTok influencers from the United States and Canada to come and experience Curaçao.

TikTok 15-9-2023

Article 2

WILLEMSTAD – Around a thousand AOV beneficiaries in Curaçao will receive an additional 130 guilders per month on top of their benefits. This decision by the Ministry of Social Development follows a thorough investigation by the Social Insurance Bank (SVB).

Curacao.nu 24-12-2023

2p 29 For which target group is Article 1 intended?

For which target group is Article 2 intended?

Not all news in the media



- 1p 30 News is always selected.
Which of the following news items was published in the newspaper because of its **uniqueness**?
- A Number of robberies in December increases as usual.
 - B Three arrests on Sint Maarten for fraud involving Hurricane Irma relief funds.
 - C Humans and bats have the same aptitude for learning languages.
 - D The second season of "House of the Dragons" starts this Wednesday.

Pinocchio



- 1p 31 Through the film Pinocchio, the government wants to tell the public that lying or telling lies is not good.
In what area did the media play a role in the broadcast of the film Pinocchio?
In the area of ...
- A raising awareness of discrimination.
 - B transmitting values and norms.
 - C promoting prejudice.
 - D reducing stereotyping.

Levels of government

There are two levels of government in our political system.
One level of government at the national level and one level of government at the kingdom level.

- 1p **32** Parliament should be more powerful than the government.
However, this is usually not the case.
→ Explain why actually parliament is not more powerful than the government.

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- 1p **33** Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten each have a minister plenipotentiary at the kingdom level.
→ What is the role of the minister plenipotentiary?

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We're going to do it together!



- 1p 34 The above source illustrates one of the most significant issues in our political system, namely ...
- A the considerable interest that citizens have in politicians.
 - B the significant influence that the Netherlands has on our political system.
 - C the considerable divide that exists between the people and politicians.
 - D the considerable responsibility that people have in politics.

Ban on plastic



Ban on plastic?! When will we finally reach the point where there is no plastic to be seen anywhere? No plastic containers, no plastic cutlery, no more plastic in restaurants and supermarkets. Eduardo wants a solution. At school, he heard about the Trias Politica.

1p 35 Which administrative body can enforce a ban on plastic on the island?

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1p 36 The coalition parties have the most influence to introduce a ban on plastic.
→ Which political parties currently form the coalition?

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1p 37 How can citizens ensure that the issue of a 'plastic ban' is placed on the political agenda in the **short term**?

- A Join a pressure group.
- B Write an article that will be published in the media.
- C Cast a vote for the right candidate in the next election.

1p 38 Eduardo wants immediate action: no more plastic on Curaçao!
What is the first step Eduardo (as an individual or as a person) can take to achieve his goal?

- A Fine those who pollute.
- B Stop buying plastic products.
- C Stand by the roadside with a sign.
- D Talk to police officers.