



Scoring Instructions VSBO PBL

2026

1st Period
Tuesday May 12
07.30 – 09.30 a.m.

English

Submitting scores

Submit the scores of all candidates in the online AWP program.
The scores will have to be submitted by 12.00 noon on Monday, June 1, 2026 at the latest.

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 en 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 with regard to 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 awarded 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 the 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 taken into account when the final marking of the exam is determined by ETE.
- 8 Points are awarded on the basis of 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 on the basis of standards with regard to converting score to grade. Said grade 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 examination VSBO English PBL first Period 2026, a maximum of 41 points can be scored. The exam consists of 8 texts and 26 questions.

4 Appraisal model

Question	Answer	Scores
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*The correct answer to a multiple-choice question is awarded with 1 scoring point.
All answers to open-ended questions should be in English.*

Text 1 Road to success

1 maximum score 2

Example / Nucleus of a correct answer:

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| 1 got in contact with crews and airplanes of various airlines. | 1 |
| 2 set foot on an airplane. | 1 |

2 A

3 maximum score 3

Event	number
Wendy got the chance to learn to fly a plane.	2
Wendy became an airline captain.	5
Wendy assisted travelers at the airport.	1
Wendy studied Logistics.	4
Wendy flew as a first officer.	3

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| <i>If 5 numbers correct</i> | 3 |
| <i>If 4 or 3 correct</i> | 2 |
| <i>If 2 correct</i> | 1 |
| <i>If fewer than 2 correct</i> | 0 |

Text 2 McDonald's ice cream

4 maximum score 3

vanilla cone, soft serve, (a) sweet treat

NB: Award 1 scoring point for each correct name.

5 B

Question	Answer	Scores
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6 maximum score 3

statement	true	false
McDonald's sells experimental flavors of ice cream.		X
McDonald's was established in 1956.		X
The ice cream machines are regularly out of service.	X	
The ice cream ingredients are difficult to pronounce.		X

<i>If 4 X-marks correct</i>	3
<i>If 3 correct</i>	2
<i>If 2 correct</i>	1
<i>If fewer than 2 correct</i>	0

Text 3 Putting candles on birthday cakes

7 maximum score 1

were a tribute to the moon.

8 C

Text 4 Advice column: Annoyed kid sister

9 maximum score 1

habit

10 maximum score 1

feel bad.

Text 5 Where's the weirdest place you've ever fallen asleep?

11 maximum score 1

the top / highest / 42nd floor.

12 maximum score 1

Katrin

13 B

Question	Answer	Scores
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14 maximum score 3

- 1 went out like a light
2 took / take a nap
3 dozed / dozing off

NB: Award 1 scoring point for each correct answer.

*NB: "relax" is **not** a correct answer.*

15 maximum score 3

Which person fell asleep ...	name
covered by trees?	Mark
at the workplace?	Debbie
with very loud noise?	Emily
on the toilet?	Shirley

<i>If 4 names correct</i>	3
<i>If 3 correct</i>	2
<i>If 2 correct</i>	1
<i>If fewer than 2 correct</i>	0

16 maximum score 1

Examples / Nucleus of correct answers:

She fell asleep standing. / She fell asleep upright / She became better at napping. / She improved her napping skills. / ability.

Text 6 Gadgets

17 C

18 maximum score 1

Example / Nucleus of a correct answer:

for you to enjoy your music without carrying so many accessories.

Question	Answer	Scores
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19 maximum score 2

statement	true	false
With these glasses you can play music for your friends while camping.		X
You need a small speaker for these audio glasses.		X
You do not need a cable to connect the sunglasses to your phone.	X	

If 3 X-marks correct 2
If 2 correct 1
If fewer than 2 correct 0

20 maximum score 2

statement	true	false
The Smart Cup keeps your coffee hot all day.		X
You automatically see on the cup how much battery is left.		X
You can set the heat of your cup remotely.	X	

If 3 X-marks correct 2
If 2 correct 1
If fewer than 2 correct 0

Text 7 Dog chases mountain lion to protect his family

21 maximum score 1

recovering

22 maximum score 1

the mountain lion could still be lurking.

Text 8 Cheers! Salut! Prost!

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Question	Answer	Scores
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24 maximum score 2

Tina did <u>not</u> like the fact that she ...	true	false
had to give up her addiction to lip balm.		X
had to stop drinking that much soda.		X
knew that drinking soda is unhealthy.		X
was so addicted to drinking Diet Coke.	X	

If 4 X-marks correct

2

If 3 or 2 correct

1

If fewer than 2 correct

0

25 C

26 maximum score 2

1 (some) alcohol

2 no alcohol

NB: Award 1 scoring point for each correct answer.