



Scoring Instructions VSBO TKL

2026

1st Period
Tuesday May 12
07.30 – 10.00 a.m.

English

Processing scores

Process the scores of all candidates in the online AWP program.

The scores will have to be entered 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 TKL first Period 2026, a maximum of 50 points can be scored. The exam consists of 10 texts and 41 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 Circle of kindness

1 B

2 D

Text 2 Quick Health Hacks

3 maximum score 2

1. drift off
2. slumber
3. dozing off

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

4 maximum score 1
(a) tree-lined forest

5 maximum score 1
smell

6 D

7 C

Text 3 Do dogs and cats help with mental health?

8 C

9 A

10 A

11 C

Question	Answer	Scores
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12 C

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

13 maximum score 1

Example / Nucleus of a correct answer:

dislike being tracked.

14 maximum score 2

- learn more about their movement. 1
- learn more about their social dynamics. 1
- test these (new, durable and reusable) devices. 1

*NB: **Two** of the three answers should be correct.*

15 maximum score 1

Examples / Nucleus of correct answers:

removed the tracker from the other birds / helped each other with no benefit for themselves.

NB: For only "removed the tracker from the other birds / helped each other" 0 scoring points should be awarded.

Text 5 ...18...

16 maximum score 2

2 – 4 – 6

- If 3 numbers correct* 2
- If 2 correct* 1
- If fewer than 2 correct* 0

Question	Answer	Scores
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17 maximum score 1

Examples / Nucleus of correct answers:

allow him to take your advice or not / respect the fact that he is allowed to take your advice or not

OR

allow him to make up his own mind / respect the fact that he is allowed to make up his own mind.

OR

allow him to choose for himself what to do / respect the fact that he is allowed to choose for himself what to do.

18 D

Text 6 Restaurant At Sea

19 maximum score 1

at the helm

NB: For only "helm" 0 scoring points should be awarded.

20 maximum score 1

Examples / Nucleus of correct answers:

1. (desired) ingredients are not available / finding the best products
2. processing the best products / them

NB: Both answers have to be correct for 1 scoring point.

21 maximum score 1

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

NB: Both X-marks have to be correct for 1 scoring point.

Text 7 The Squeegee that Saved Lives

22 maximum score 1

make clear / show that there are stories of heroism.

Question	Answer	Scores
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23 maximum score 1

seemingly

NB: For “seemingly safe” 0 scoring points should be awarded.

24 maximum score 2

1. smoke (seeped into the elevator)
2. the announcement of an explosion
3. (when they opened the elevator doors) there was no opening but a wall

If 3 answers correct 2

If 2 correct 1

If fewer than 2 correct 0

25 maximum score 1

the riders saved themselves.

26 B

Text 8 Where did all the white dog poop go?

27 maximum score 3

- tripping on a cracked sidewalk. 1
- getting stuck into (someone’s discarded) chewing gum. 1
- stepping into dog poop. 1

28 maximum score 1

the dog poop was / used to be brown.

29 maximum score 2

1. leave-behinds
2. dropping
3. (dog) doo
4. feces

If 4 answers correct 2

If 3 or 2 correct 1

If fewer than 2 correct 0

30 C

31 B

32 B

Question	Answer	Scores
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33 B

Text 9 Concerned mother

34 maximum score 1

the grandmother doesn't know when to stop giving hugs and kisses / showing affection.

35 maximum score 3

statement	true	false
At times the grandson makes his disapproval clear.	X	
The grandmother ignores her grandson's boundaries.	X	
The grandmother attacks her grandson.		X
Queenie normally refers people to expert help.	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 10 The Reebok expansion into the US

36 C

37 A

38 maximum score 1

That meant / I wanted

39 C

40 maximum score 1

things really exploded

41 maximum score 1

growing pains

NB: Both words have to be correct for 1 scoring point.