



Examen VSBO PKL

**2021**

tijdvak 1  
donderdag 27 mei  
07.30 - 10.00 uur

**Engels**

Naam kandidaat \_\_\_\_\_ Kandidaatnummer \_\_\_\_\_

Beantwoord alle vragen in dit opgavenboekje.

Bij dit examen hoort een bijlage.

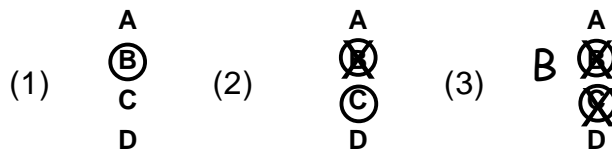
Dit examen bestaat uit 36 vragen.

Voor dit examen zijn maximaal 50 punten te behalen.

Voor elk vraagnummer staat hoeveel punten met een goed antwoord behaald kunnen worden.

### Multiple choice

- Circle the letter of the correct answer (example 1).
- Indicate corrections clearly (examples 2 and 3).



*Answer all open-ended questions in English.*

## Text 1 Tricky terms

- 4p    1    This article explains some terms that are used on the labels of foods and cosmetics. Read the statements in the table below.  
→ Indicate which term from the article each of the statements refers to.  
*Choose from:*

organic – vegan – gluten-free – fair-trade – anti-pollution

**Attention, there is one statement that does NOT refer to any of the terms! Put an X-mark in the box behind that statement.**

*Write the correct term in the box behind the statement.*

statement	term
If you get sick whenever you eat regular bread, you had better choose this type of products.	
Products like this can be used in hospitals because they are sterile and leave no waste.	
Sales from these types of products help to buy school materials for children from poor families.	
These quality products come straight from a farm and are produced without chemicals or pesticides.	
This product contains no cheese or other dairy ingredient.	
This product will help protect us from the harmful effects of certain environmental elements.	

## Text 2 Australian shark attacks

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- 1p    2    Paragraph 3 describes the effect of the shark attacks on the number of visitors to Australia's northeastern coast. But in paragraph 1, a certain figure of speech (*beeldspraak, figuurlijk taalgebruik*) is used to explain the effect of the shark attacks on Australia's hospitality business.  
→ Quote the sentence with the figure of speech.

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- 1p    3    What country has the most shark attacks, according to this article?

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- 2p    4    The article describes what the shark nets do.  
→ Write down one advantage and one disadvantage of the use of shark nets that is mentioned in the article.

advantage: .....

disadvantage: .....

## Text 3 Cyprus forest fire fighters

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*Read the text and choose the correct options to fill the gaps.*

- 1p    5
- A    blown
  - B    destroyed
  - C    fought
  - D    improved
- 1p    6
- A    climate
  - B    mountains
  - C    temperatures
  - D    trees

1p 7

- A by
- B over
- C under
- D within

1p 8

- A running
- B spreading
- C waning
- D watered

1p 9

- A inseparable
- B unimaginable
- C untouchable

1p 10

- A bad
- B better
- C good
- D worse

1p 11

- A permission
- B pollution
- C precaution
- D production

1p 12

- A cover
- B extinguish
- C quit
- D start

## Text 4 Surgeons remove coins from turtle stomach

- 1p 13 What is the main purpose of this article?
- A promoting endangered species
  - B promoting the veterinary center
  - C raising awareness
  - D raising money
- 1p 14 According to paragraph 6, green sea turtles live around 80 years. Why is this relevant in the case of Bank?
- A It explains that Bank leads a natural life.
  - B It indicates how strong Bank really is.
  - C It shows that Bank is still relatively young.
- 4p 15 Indicate for each of the following statements if it is true or false according to the information in the article. *Put X-marks in the appropriate boxes.*

statement	true	false
In Thailand you will get money if you throw coins in a fountain.		
It is still unclear whether the turtle is out of danger.		
The head surgeon was very angry about the cause of the problem.		
The surgery on the turtle cost more than \$430.		
The surgical team was happy with the result of the operation.		
The turtle had to go on a diet before the operation.		
The turtle was conscious during the operation.		
The turtle was put on a diet after the operation.		
The vets had to operate to find out what the problem was.		

## Text 5 World Heritage sites threatened by climate change

- 1p 16 What do the sites mentioned in paragraph 1 have in common?
- A They all risk being damaged by natural disasters in the future.
  - B They all want to be put on the list of World Heritage sites.
  - C They are all very old and valuable buildings.
  - D They may well cause climate changes in the future.

- 1p 17 What is the function of paragraphs 3 and 4?
- A They are an example of the threat that is described in paragraphs 1 and 2.
  - B They contain a warning against the UN report that is mentioned in paragraph 1.
  - C They describe the measures that were taken to protect cultural heritage sites.
- 1p 18 What is said in paragraph 5?
- According to the report,
- A it will cost more than \$1.5 billion to repair Liberty and Ellis Island.
  - B Liberty and Ellis Island have a huge cultural and symbolic value.
  - C the maintenance costs of Liberty and Ellis Island are immense.
- 1p 19 Why does the NPS mention that the Statue of Liberty is a '*robust monument*' (paragraph 6)?
- A to assure us that it will not be damaged very easily
  - B to let us know they may have to reconstruct it soon
  - C to warn us that it is very important to protect it well

## Text 6 Whales swarming near South Africa

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- 1p 20 The article states that groups consisting of hundreds of whales have been seen.
- What is strange about this number of whales?
- Quote the sentence from paragraph 2 that explains this.*
- .....
- .....
- 1p 21 At the end of paragraph 2 it says '*The present location is neither*'. This means that
- A there is not enough food at this location, nor close to the poles.
  - B this is the wrong location for both feeding and breeding.
  - C this location is not near Antarctica, nor near the equator.
  - D this location is unfit for the whales to stay at for a long time.

- 2p 22 According to paragraph 3, scientists are considering possible explanations for the large gathering of the whales. Below you will see a number of explanations.

→ Indicate for each explanation if it is true or false according to the information in paragraph 3. *Put X-marks in the appropriate boxes.*

explanation	true	false
Groups of young whales may be learning better ways to catch food there.		
It may be becoming too cold near the poles for the whales to socialize.		
More whales may want to be going there because people feed them there.		
They may be gathering there because they are an endangered species.		
There are many more whales now so this may in fact be normal behavior.		

## Text 7 Happy Hair Days!

- 2p 23 Indicate if the following statements about paragraph 1 are true or false, by putting X-marks in the appropriate boxes.

Paragraph 1 ...	true	false
- introduces us to Nicole Mangrum.		
- tells us what Oprah thinks about Nicole.		
- tells how Nicole became Oprah's hairstylist.		
- tells us about Nicole's background.		

- 1p 24 The heading of paragraph 3 is a question (the dotted line). Which of the following questions would be a suitable heading for paragraph 3?
- A How do you strengthen naturally textured hair?
  - B How should you braid or weave your hair?
  - C What are the toughest hair challenges for black women?
  - D What should black women do to keep their hair beautiful?

- 1p 25 The heading of paragraph 4 is also missing (the dotted line).  
What would be a suitable heading for paragraph 4?
- A The advantages of sulfates
  - B The best braiding instructions
  - C The best solutions for perfect hair
  - D The risks of following YouTube tips
- 1p 26 Which of the following pictures matches the information in paragraph 5?  
*Circle the correct letter.*



A



B



C



D

## Text 8 Ready to start at age 12

- 3p 27 Indicate for each of the following statements if it is true or false, according to the information in this article. *Put X-marks in the appropriate boxes.*

statement	true	false
Tanishq is going to study at two universities at the same time.		
College teachers refused Tanishq in their classes because he was only 7.		
Mensa is a special school for very clever people.		
Tanishq's mother is studying to become a doctor.		
Tanishq's father is a very intelligent scientist as well.		
During class, sometimes Tanishq understood more about the subject than his mom.		



## Text 9 My encounter with a grizzly bear

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- 1p 28 What is the author most happy about in paragraph 1?  
A having a lot of black bears in the park  
B living in an area with more bears than people  
C seeing traces of grizzly bears in the park
- 1p 29 What does the last sentence of paragraph 1 tell us?  
A The grizzlies are fighting each other to see who is strongest.  
B The grizzlies are increasing in number.  
C The grizzlies are sick and dying.  
D The grizzlies have a hard time trying to stay alive.
- 2p 30 Paragraph 2 states that people are afraid of grizzlies.  
But the paragraph also tells us that grizzlies are afraid of humans.  
→ Quote two (parts of) sentences that indicate this.
- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 1p 31 The word 'her' is used once in paragraph 3.  
→ Who or what does the word 'her' refer to here?
- .....
- 1p 32 According to paragraph 3, what should a person do if a bear looks like it is ready to attack him/her? *Write down the first two words and the last two words of the sentence that contains the answer.*
- .....
- 1p 33 What is the author most happy about at the end of the article?  
He is most happy about the fact that ...  
A he did not get attacked by the grizzly.  
B he did not have to kill a grizzly.  
C he got to see a female bear together with her cub.  
D he got to see a live grizzly.

- 2p 34 This text suggests two useful items that can protect you against bears, *but which will not kill the bears.*  
→ Which two items are they?

1 .....

2 .....

## Text 10 Boy swims to Alcatraz and back, breaking record

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- 2p 35 James Savage was stimulated to keep going.  
→ Copy the two sentences from the article that show how James was stimulated during the swim.

1 .....

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2 .....

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- 1p 36 How long did it take James Savage to swim from San Francisco to Alcatraz (one way)?  
A about 30 minutes  
B about one hour  
C about two hours