Examen VWO

Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs

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Tijdvak 1 Vrijdag 28 mei 13.30–16.00 uur

Dit examen bestaat uit 50 vragen. Elke goed beantwoorde vraag levert 1 punt op.

Tekst 1 For whom the bells toll

Kies bij de open plek het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.

- 1 \blacksquare
 - A adequate funding
 - **B** a great number of bells
 - c broad-mindedness
 - **D** practice
 - **E** proper maintenance

Tekst 2 Schools on alert as former pupils sue

- 'Schools on alert as former pupils sue' (headline).
- **2** What were the specific demands of the two pupils in the lawsuit against their former schools? (*Search the text to find the information required.*)
 - A A review of their exam results and being granted their certificates.
 - **B** Compensation for extra educational costs and loss of income.
 - **c** Disciplinary measures against their former teachers and a new examination.
 - **D** Readmittance to secondary education and extra tuition.
- 3 Which of the following explains the unwillingness of Zurich Municipal (paragraph 2) with regard to 'out-of-court settlements'?
 - A They are aware that out-of-court settlements may tempt students to choose another insurance company.
 - B They fear that an out-of-court settlement may lead to many more.
 - **c** They foresee that an out-of-court settlement will not satisfy litigants such as the two teenagers.
 - **D** They have found that going to law is always more profitable than agreeing on out-of-court settlements.
- **4** Why are Graham Lane and Doug McAvoy (paragraphs 4 and 5) quoted?
 - A To demonstrate that the educational world is more concerned with the costs than with the quality of education.
 - B To indicate that the interests of the educational authorities and those of teachers conflict.
 - **c** To show the indignation and concern in the educational world about the lawsuit brought by the two teenagers.
 - **D** To show the unlikelihood of schools being able to pay compensation to dissatisfied pupils.
- 5 What point does Mr Rabinowicz underline by mentioning Hackney Downs (paragraph 8)?
 - A If schools fail to meet educational standards, they should be given more financial support.
 - **B** It should be possible to hold schools responsible if they fall below the mark.
 - c Schools should ask for support when they cannot keep up educational standards.
 - **D** Young people are entitled to an uninterrupted school career.
- 6 Which of the following would David Blunkett (paragraph 10) agree with?
 - A Promise rather than punish.
 - **B** Seek improvement rather than scapegoats.
 - c Strive for out-of-court settlements rather than lawsuits.
 - **D** Take legal action against schools collectively rather than individually.
- **7** What is the general tone of this article?
 - A Ironic.
 - **B** Matter-of-fact.
 - c Moralising.

- 8 What can be concluded from paragraphs 11–13 about the House of Lords ruling?
 - A It is wide open to abuse.
 - B It may have far-reaching consequences.
 - c It will inevitably lead to more closures of schools.
 - **D** It will stand in the way of educational reform.

Tekst 3 Making the world seem good again

Kies bij iedere open plek het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.

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- A attitude
- **B** conservatism
- c fascination
- D self-sufficiency

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- A human interaction
- **B** the biochemistry of the brain
- c the dangerous properties of drugs
- **D** the evolutionary process

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- an immediate success
- **B** considered a last resort
- c extremely expensive
- **D** not considered very effective

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- A after all
- **B** for that matter
- c though

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- A a drug containing a little serotonin
- B a drug containing a lot of serotonin
- c an anti-depressant
- **D** an inexpensive medicine

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- A not proved to be the issue
- B shown to be justified
- c turned into fact

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- abnormal mood
- **B** intelligence
- c personal fortune
- p physical appearance

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- A less defeatist
- **B** less sensational
- **c** more bizarre
- **D** more exciting

Tekst 4 The Fat of the Land

- 17 How does Jonathan Yardley introduce Laura Fraser's book in paragraph 1?
 - A By outlining the book and commenting on its main point.
 - By recommending the book and criticising it.
 - **c** By summarising the book and illustrating its topic.
- **18** How can paragraph 2 be summed up?
 - A Americans' preoccupation with weight clashes with their eating habits.
 - Being generally overweight, Americans are fascinated by super-slim celebrities.
 - c In terms of weight Americans can be divided into the excessively slim and the excessively fat
 - D Traditional American food is a decisive factor in Americans losing their battle against overweight.
- 19 What is meant by 'figuring' in the first sentence of paragraph 3?
 - **A** calculating
 - **B** dieting
 - c examining causes
 - p fantasizing
 - **E** providing data
- **20** What conclusion does paragraph 4 lead up to?
 - A All the money Americans spend on dieting seems wasted.
 - **B** As in all things, Americans overdo their efforts to lose weight.
 - **c** Dieting works for a specific category of physically fit people only.
 - D It is the female part of the American population that is most obsessed with weight.
- **21** How can paragraph 5 be characterised?
 - A It demonstrates that the ideal of thinness dates back to 19th century Britain.
 - **B** It describes thinness as a tempting and plausible ideal.
 - **c** It puts the modern beauty ideal in a historical perspective.
- **22** What is meant by 'this enduring contradiction' (first sentence paragraph 6)? The fact that
 - A ideas about beauty can differ so radically from one period to another.
 - **B** people are willing to cope with physical discomfort for the sake of physical beauty.
 - **c** people feel forced to aspire to a beauty ideal impossible to achieve.
 - **D** people set on losing weight merely achieve the opposite.
- 23 Why does the reviewer speak of an 'illuminating tour' in paragraph 6?

 Laura Fraser has
 - A demonstrated that the diet industry has appropriated what is in fact a medical matter.
 - **B** presented a comprehensive survey of those who have seized on the American preoccupation with weight.
 - **c** proved that the problem of overweight is being tackled from every possible angle.
 - **D** shown how a preoccupation with food can be found in all walks of American life.
- **24** What conclusion does paragraph 7 lead up to?
 - A Being overweight is less harmful than has long been assumed.
 - **B** Even though dieting has proved ineffective, it is generally not advised against.
 - c Stimulating people to diet is a way of keeping the problem of overweight in check.
 - **D** The ultimate effect of drastic dieting is fatal.
- **25** What point does the reviewer make in paragraph 8?
 - A Concern with weight is taking precedence over a sensible attitude towards health in general.
 - B It will always be easier to gain weight than to lose weight.
 - **c** People should stop envying other people's beauty and value health instead.

- **26** What criticism of the media does the reviewer express in the last paragraph?
 - A They are accomplices to the glorification of thinness.
 - B They have unwittingly let themselves become a tool in the hands of the diet industry.
 - **c** They produce false information about the effect of dieting, even against better judgment.

Tekst 5 Improving the world

- 27 How does President Havel honour New Zealand at the beginning of his address at Victoria University?
 - A By complimenting New Zealand on its policy of admitting people of all cultures.
 - By giving New Zealand credit for not becoming involved in World War Two.
 - **c** By praising New Zealand as a country free of ethnic conflict.
 - **D** By thanking New Zealand for offering a hiding place to Karl Popper.
- 28 How does Havel describe Karl Popper in paragraph 1?
 As a man who
 - A attempted to account for man's behaviour in times of war.
 - **B** constructed a theory about the influence of violence and aggression on a multiracial society.
 - c pointed out how tribal war and Nazi ideology affect society in a similarly destructive way.
 - **D** sought to understand the forces behind man's inclination towards intolerance.
- **29** How does Havel continue his address in paragraph 2?
 - A By defining 'holistic social engineering' and by supporting Popper's stand against it.
 - **B** By demonstrating that 'holistic social engineering' is too idealistic and therefore impracticable.
 - **c** By showing that Popper's condemnation of 'holistic social engineering' helped fight totalitarianism.
- **30** Why does Havel bring up the example of his own country (paragraph 3)?
 - A To show how short-lived the ideals of its former communist regimes were.
 - **B** To testify to the vast destruction caused by totalitarianism.
 - **c** To warn of the after-effects of communism once it has been overthrown.
- **31** Which sentence could be inserted between 'abuses' and 'This' in line 57?
 - A After all, they do not occur only in Communist societies.
 - **B** Indeed, more drastic measures were needed.
 - **c** In fact they did not get any attention.
 - **D** The evil went even further.
- **32** What is the subject of paragraph 4? Popper's vision on
 - A what can put an end to totalitarianism.
 - **B** what people can do to rise in society.
 - **c** what ways society should be developed.
- Why do some in President Havel's country prefer to 'refrain altogether ... visions' (lines 76–78)?
 - A They believe the political situation in their country to be too static for drastic change.
 - B They feel that their country first has to rid itself completely of the influence of Marxism.
 - **c** They have lost faith in the systematic pursuit of change as a result of the recent developments in their country.
 - **D** They oppose any change that would go against the concept of holistic social engineering.

- **34** What is paradoxical, according to paragraph 5?
 - A That both those respectful and those disrespectful of the law should aspire to the same kind of society.
 - B That both those with and those without a vision on society should turn against Marxism.
 - **c** That the ideas of holistic engineering and of total opposition to change should spring from the same attitude.
 - 'I refuse ... bath water' (lines 89-91).
- **35** Why does Havel say this?
 - A He does not want a complete break with his country's former ideology.
 - **B** He does not want to give the impression that his country will not recover from the past.
 - c He favours planned and constructive change, though he rejects holistic engineering.
 - **D** He realises that holistic social engineering still has a foothold in society.

Tekst 6 Wives' tales

- **36** What can be concluded from paragraph 1?
 - A Children would rather be taught fairy tales than traditional school subjects.
 - **B** Fairy tales can be regarded as a valuable source of learning.
 - c From a psychological point of view, fairy tales deserve a place in a child's education.
 - **D** In the past children appreciated fairy tales more than present-day children do.
 - **E** The study of fairy tales should be included in general social studies.
- **37** Which two statements characterise Marina Warner's new book, according to paragraph 2?
 - 1 It focuses on the fairy tale as a means of promoting the feminist cause.
 - 2 It is less motivated by literary concerns than her two previous books.
 - 3 It is related to her two previous books by the angle she has chosen.
 - 4 It offers information about and an analysis of its subject matter.
 - **A** 1 and 4.
 - **B** 2 and 3.
 - **c** 2 and 4.
 - **D** 3 and 4.
- **38** How does Warner view fairy tales, according to paragraph 3?
 - A They deal with topics which are of interest to women only.
 - **B** They have always been a valuable means of expression for women.
 - **c** They have always served women as an outlet for their imagination.
 - **D** They present a caricaturised picture of women.
- Which of the following characterises paragraph 5, with regard to the historical approach mentioned in paragraph 4?
 - A It compares the historical with the psychoanalytical approach to the fairy tale.
 - B It lists Warner's arguments against the psychoanalytical approach to the fairy tale.
 - **c** It reconciles the historical with the psychoanalytical approach to the fairy tale.
 - **D** It supports Warner's case for the historical approach to the fairy tale.
- **40** Which of the following is in line with paragraph 6?
 - A Notwithstanding the abundance of evidence, Warner's basic assumptions are unsound.
 - B To avoid being accused of bias, Warner does not moralise.
 - **c** Warner convinces by way of illustration.
- **41** How could paragraph 8 also begin?
 - A For example, in her otherwise...

 B However, in her otherwise...
 - **c** In short, in her otherwise...
 - **D** Similarly, in her otherwise...

- **42** What paradox is referred to in paragraph 9?
 - A Warner's book both lacks relevant data and is burdened with them.
 - **B** Warner's book contains both absolutely true and absolutely faulty information.
 - **c** Warner sets out to inform, but ends up confusing the reader.

Tekst 7 No smoke without firings

- **43** What phenomenon is referred to by John Thackray as 'Little Brother'?
 - A The general condemnation in the US of supposedly dangerous forms of recreation.
 - B The US business world's excessive concern for workers' welfare.
 - **c** The US government's increasingly firm grip on the lives of its citizens.
 - **D** US corporations trying to control their employees' way of life.
- **44** In view of what Ira Glasser has already said, which of the following could be added to paragraph 5?
 - A 'Companies and employees alike should bear the burden of health care expenses.'
 - **B** 'Smoking and drinking are not the most serious dangers threatening an employee's efficiency at work.'
 - **c** 'Therefore employers and employees share the same risks where lifestyle discrimination is concerned.'
 - D 'Unless off-duty conduct affects job performance, it is none of an employer's business.'
- **45** What 'ends' (paragraph 8) are referred to?
 - A Getting workers to confess risky behaviour.
 - **B** Getting workers to feel responsible for their health.
 - **c** Getting workers to show consideration for each other's well-being.
- **46** Why does the writer quote Dr Paul Berger and Paul Terry (paragraph 9)?
 - A To call into question the 'assumption' referred to in paragraph 7.
 - **B** To specify the 'carrots' referred to in paragraph 7.
 - **c** To support the 'rationale' referred to in paragraph 7.
- **47** How many example cases does paragraph 10 contain to back up its first sentence ('Lifestyle ... rights.')?
 - A Two.
 - B Three.
 - c Four.
- **48** Which of the following does paragraph 11 illustrate?
 - A Employees not having the guarantee of privacy when seeking EAP help.
 - **B** Many employees' lack of confidence in the thoroughness of EAPs.
 - **c** Some employees' tragic ignorance of the kind of support an EAP may provide.
 - **D** The instinctive mistrust of employees with regard to counselling by means of computer programs.
- **49** Why does the writer mention the American Eagle ATR turboprop crash (paragraphs 12–13)?
 - To illustrate
 - A the damage that misdirected EAP counselling can cause.
 - **B** the exploitation of EAPs for the benefit of a company's aims.
 - c the extent to which companies may put their trust in EAPs.
 - **D** the hazards of companies disregarding their employees' expert judgment.
 - **E** the way in which a small number of people can obstruct the work of many.

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Tekst 8 A protest protest

- **50** What is *The Economist's* main concern in its article on 'The Third Battle of Newbury'?
 - A In their handling of protests the police have come close to abuse of power.
 - **B** Obstructive protesters may be putting freedom of expression under threat.
 - c Protesters may no longer be appreciated for the way they seek publicity.

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