

2018 VCE Bosnian written examination report

Specific information

This report provides sample answers or an indication of what answers may have included. Unless otherwise stated, these are not intended to be exemplary or complete responses.

Section A – Listening and Responding

Part A – Answer in English

Text 1

Question 1

- A large number of students have applied for the exchange program.
- All applications came in on time.
- The exchange program has been continued (beyond just one year).
- The exchange program has been extended and will include other schools from other cities.

Text 2

Question 2a.

- tired
- good (happy/satisfied/content)

Question 2b.

First phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the colours of his palette were dark/sombre/gloomy• life was portrayed as hard• works on farms and in fields• rural life in Herzegovina

Second phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the painter's colours were very bright• the topics were happier (city squares, hustle and bustle, etc.)• the details were much more positive: people in cafes, pots with colourful flowers, families walking along the riverbank

Text 3

Question 3a.

The fair promotes Bosnian culture in the following ways:

- The fair promotes Bosnian cuisine because visitors can buy and eat many homemade foods
- The fair promotes Bosnian dance because visitors can see folk dance performances
- The fair promotes Bosnian handicrafts because awards are presented to the winners of categories that promote traditional activities (gardening, producing sour cherries and the best needlework).
- The event is held in the old town of Vranduk.

Question 3b.

- The studio presenter says: 'In our next report for viewers...', while the reporter in the field says: 'As viewers can see...'
- Adam Vrez is reporting for the TV channel called 'News Bosnia'.

Part B – Answer in Bosnian

Text 4

Question 4a.

- Because he didn't get what was advertised – he paid for peak season and for snow sports.
- He feels he has been deceived.
- There was no snow for miles around.

Question 4b.

- The travel agent attributes the lack of natural snow to climate change.
- She means that climate change is everyone's fault because the change in climate/global warming (and therefore the lack of snow) is affecting the whole planet (and everyone is contributing to climate change).

Text 5

Question 5a.

Over several weeks, Damir drew plans and he also made small models.

Question 5b.

- It saves space.
- The computer does not overheat.
- It is simple and easy to use in business meetings.

Text 6

Question 6

- She was inducted into the handball 'Hall of fame'.
- She started her career 20 years ago, but her career really started to take off when she moved to Germany (with better working conditions).
- After the end of her first season (in Germany) she was declared best player (in the club).
- She then joined a club in Italy and was soon nominated as Captain.

- She was able to compete for a place in the Olympic team.

Section 2 – Reading and Responding

Part A – Answer in English

Text 7

Question 7

- He was honest because he spent the money for the bridge wisely and kept nothing for himself.
- He was considered the main person responsible for the completion of the bridge.
- He held a rich and brilliant feast.
- Workers received gifts of money and clothing.
- The opening of the bridge allowed people to experience new views and to walk across the bridge from one bank (of the river) to another.

Text 8

Question 8a.

- Dr Enver is an archaeologist and historian and has a great interest in the area of Bosnian coins.
- He has written about the first coins that were used in the area (now Bosnia and Herzegovina).

Question 8b.

- The medieval coin, the dinar, was named after the Roman coin the silver ‘denarius’ because the Romans had ruled the region.
- The look and weight of coins issued by Ban Stjepan II was similar to the money of neighbouring states.
- It was influenced by Romans as their currency was used on the territory of the current Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Part B – Answer in Bosnian

Text 9

Question 9

- Text type: article
- Kind of writing: persuasive
- Audience: readers of the local newspaper – people in the community

The language and ideas included in student responses should have persuaded the reader that the summer school is worthwhile.

Section 3 – Writing in Bosnian

Question 10

- Text type: letter
- Kind of writing: evaluative
- Audience: the family of your friend

Students needed to give the strengths and the weaknesses of each type of transport. Then they needed to make a clear judgment on which one to choose to recommend to the family for its coming holiday.

Reasons could have included the speed, efficiency and reliability of the transport. Public transport may allow the whole family to see the beautiful natural scenery in the mountains more easily as no one in the family will have to concentrate on his or her driving. Disadvantages or weaknesses may have included lack of coverage of the best spots in Bosnia and Herzegovina, slowness, cost.

Question 11

- Text type: diary entry
- Kind of writing: reflective
- Audience: the self

Students wrote a thoughtful, personal piece of writing reflecting on a turning point in the student's life. As the diary entry was being written after the decision had been made, students could have referred to positive experiences they had while travelling and how these have contributed to their life and ideas.

Question 12

- Text type: story
- Kind of writing: imaginative
- Audience: children aged between 10 and 12

Students could have written an adventure story or a fantasy to suit this age group. The story needed to be set anywhere in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but could have taken place at any time. It may be an adventure that happened in the mountains or a fantasy story about a time in which a ghost appeared in a house in one of the cities, towns or villages in Bosnia and Herzegovina.