READING TEST

In the Reading test, you will read a variety of texts and answer several different types of reading comprehension questions. The entire Reading test will last 75 minutes. There are three parts, and directions are given for each part. You are encouraged to answer as many questions as possible within the time allowed.

You must mark your answers on the separate answer sheet. Do not write your answers in your test book.

PART 5

Directions: A word or phrase is missing in each of the sentences below. Four answer choices are given below each sentence. Select the best answer to complete the sentence. Then mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

101. Mr. Ardary expressed concern that the proposed candidate ------- the required organizational skills.

(A) fails
(B) struggles
(C) lacks
(D) limits

102. Rayville's Public Works Department hired local ------- to clean up the lakeside.

(A) contract
(B) contracted
(C) contractor
(D) contractors

103. Submissions of translated writings must include the original text ------- your translation.

(A) along
(B) as well as
(C) altogether
(D) also

104. ------- a temporary problem with the speaker system, the product launch event went as planned.

(A) Apart from
(B) After all
(C) Instead of
(D) Not only

105. Please return the books to the library by the indicated date so that other patrons can borrow ------- freely.

(A) it
(B) its own
(C) them
(D) themselves

106. ------- this drug to strong light or heat will reduce its effectiveness.

(A) Consuming
(B) Handling
(C) Allowing
(D) Exposing

107. When the machine is out of paper or ------- unable to function, a notification will appear on the display screen.

(A) otherwise
(B) however
(C) in case
(D) anymore

108. The ------- of a MimEx smartphone may be extended by filling out an online form.

(A) warranty
(B) lifespan
(C) design
(D) vendor

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109. In order to boost participation, ------- who enters the photo contest will receive a small gift.
(A) those
(B) everyone
(C) they
(D) many

110. The bulk of Eltis Automotive's financial resources is being directed ------- developing new vehicles.
(A) by
(B) besides
(C) towards
(D) onto

111. The radio towers will provide park rangers with a ------- means of communication despite the mountainous terrain.
(A) reliable
(B) reliably
(C) reliability
(D) reliant

112. Arrange the plants as ------- as possible on the aquarium's floor to create the ideal environment for your fish.
(A) densest
(B) densely
(C) density
(D) denser

113. Ms. Muir argues that technological advancements in manufacturing have led to ------- prices for consumers.
(A) comparable
(B) full
(C) market
(D) better

114. Grelf, Inc. held a press conference yesterday to announce plans to expand, ------- its rivals in the mining industry.
(A) surprised
(B) surprising
(C) surprises
(D) surprise

115. As Brenford Grill's most popular dish, Corinne's Chili Cheeseburger is ------- featured in advertisements for the restaurant.
(A) prominently
(B) inadvertently
(C) rapidly
(D) respectively

116. Hyall Health, Inc.'s claims about the benefits of its aromatherapy oils do not have scientific -------.
(A) result
(B) verification
(C) experiment
(D) excuse

117. Television advertising is appropriate for products with broad target markets, ------- mobile advertising is more suited to niche products.
(A) in spite of
(B) contrary to
(C) whereas
(D) only if

118. This memo details our proposal ------- the secondary storage closet into a small meeting space.
(A) will convert
(B) conversion
(C) was converted
(D) to convert

119. Assembly line workers may have facial hair as long as it does not ------- with their work.
(A) affect
(B) disrupt
(C) interfere
(D) compromise

120. The survey data show that interns found the written training materials more ------- than the video.
(A) informing
(B) information
(C) informatively
(D) informative

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121. New employees will be asked to wear temporary badges ------- their official identification cards are issued.

(A) whether
(B) rather than
(C) as though
(D) until

122. Thanks to Ms. Perry's tireless campaigning, education ------- as the central issue of the city council election.

(A) emerging
(B) will be emerged
(C) is emerging
(D) has been emerged

123. The commission system gives sales associates a strong ------- to work hard.

(A) incentive
(B) satisfaction
(C) supervision
(D) approach

124. As its name suggests, "Painting for Beginners" caters ------- to those who have never studied the craft before.

(A) specify
(B) specific
(C) specified
(D) specifically

125. The technical support department's budget is no longer ------- to cover its staffing expenses.

(A) vital
(B) plentiful
(C) accustomed
(D) sufficient

126. Taskko software helps managers ensure that tasks are being distributed ------- among the members of their team.

(A) briefly
(B) loosely
(C) evenly
(D) newly

127. Our services include the ------- of any required import and export documents.

(A) supplies
(B) supplier
(C) supplying
(D) supplied

128. Hogan & Partners' internship program gives law students the chance to learn ------- the guidance of seasoned attorneys.

(A) within
(B) under
(C) behind
(D) among

129. If his flight from Madrid had arrived on time, Mr. Martín ------- the conference's welcome reception.

(A) was attending
(B) could have attended
(C) can attend
(D) had attended

130. The success of its new line of beverages has reduced Genvia's ------- on its flagship snack bars for revenue.

(A) expertise
(B) dependence
(C) perspective
(D) shortage

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PART 6

Directions: Read the texts that follow. A word, phrase, or sentence is missing in parts of each text. Four answer choices for each question are given below the text. Select the best answer to complete the text. Then mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

Questions 131-134 refer to the following Web page.

www.vegashift.com

VegaShift

VegaShift is a mobile app that gives restaurants, stores, and other shift-based businesses a fast, simple way to facilitate shift trades. Workers offer unwanted shifts ------- **131.** to their coworkers, who can choose whether or not to take them. This enables employees to increase the flexibility of their working hours without inconveniencing their supervisors. -------**132.**, VegaShift allows management to retain control of the schedule. Supervisors can require all trades to be approved so that no workers are scheduled to work more than their ------- **133.** hours. The app can also alert management to added costs that may arise due to differences in employees' hourly pay.

We are so confident in VegaShift's quality that we give businesses the chance to use it for a whole month at no cost. -------**134.**.

131. (A) directs
(B) directly
(C) directing
(D) direction

132. (A) As a result
(B) In other words
(C) On the contrary
(D) At the same time

133. (A) permitted
(B) shortened
(C) preferred
(D) extra

134. (A) Learn why *Tech Z* named us one of the industry's top employers.
(B) Enter your information below to start your free trial today.
(C) For a full list of products, click on "Offerings".
(D) Additional technical support is available at 1-800-555-0184.

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Questions 135-138 refer to the following article.

Reyno to Host National Science Festival

REYNO (December 11)—The National Department of Science and Technology (NDST) has announced that the city of Reyno will host the second annual National Science Festival in June.

NDST spokesperson Isaac Hodges said that ------- 135. for the honor was fierce, but Reyno was chosen because of its "fast-growing agricultural science and biotechnology industry." He also mentioned the city's recent establishment of the Reyno 300 complex for technology start-ups. ------- 136.

The National Science Festival is a weeklong event showcasing the country's scientific achievements and projects. It features lectures that introduce cutting-edge concepts to the general public, exhibitions for all ages, and ------- 137. demonstrations. The first one ------- 138. in Oglesby.

135. (A) selection
(B) opportunity
(C) competition
(D) recommendation

136. (A) Visitors hoping to stay there should make their reservations soon.
(B) He has initiated several such projects during his time in city government.
(C) Companies accepted as tenants there receive special funding and advice.
(D) There is concern that its construction will cause traffic problems during the festival.

137. (A) fascinating
(B) fascinatingly
(C) fascinated
(D) fascinates

138. (A) was being held
(B) was held
(C) is held
(D) will be held

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Questions 139-142 refer to the following e-mail.

From: Patrick Holbrook
To: Library Services Staff
Subject: Peer Evaluations
Date: November 15
Attachment: Evaluation Forms

Hi all,

Your yearly employee performance evaluations will take place over the next month. As before, evaluations will be conducted by me but will include input ------- **139.** your peers in the Library Services Department. To gather this feedback, I need each of you to fill out and send back the evaluation forms in the attached file. Please ------- **140.** one for every member of the department. -------. **141.** Like last time, you will be asked to first rate your coworker's performance in a range of areas and then write a paragraph explaining and expanding on your answers. However, I urge you to take special care with the latter part this year. Remember, thoughtful feedback can benefit your peers -------. **142.**

Patrick Holbrook
Vice Director of Library Services

139. (A) from
(B) on
(C) like
(D) over

140. (A) grant
(B) compile
(C) complete
(D) attend

141. (A) Surveys were distributed to library patrons, as well.
(B) The format of the questionnaires has not been altered.
(C) Head Director Htun will be present at each review.
(D) You appear to have left some boxes blank.

142. (A) consider
(B) considers
(C) considerable
(D) considerably

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Questions 143-146 refer to the following notice.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

Due to increases in the cost of raw materials such as paper and ink, Wheeler Printing Shop has decided to raise the prices of our printing services as of February 1. -------- 143.

This is our first such -------- 144. in over five years. We have delayed it out of respect for our customers, but it has now become unavoidable because of the abovementioned economic factors. -------- 145. our prices is necessary to enable us to continue providing top-notch service well into the future.

Our price list boards will be updated on February 1 to reflect the changes, and employees will be encouraged to state the cost of all printing services upfront to avoid misunderstandings. Questions about this matter -------- 146. to Lucia Zaiser, our manager. Thank you for your understanding.

143. (A) We are not able to accept any other digital file formats.
(B) Our regular business hours will resume on February 8.
(C) To print packaging materials, please visit our Holloway location.
(D) The prices of our graphic design services will remain the same.

144. (A) adjustment
(B) expenditure
(C) departure
(D) error

145. (A) Having raised
(B) Raised
(C) To be raised
(D) Raising

146. (A) have been addressed
(B) can be addressed
(C) are addressing
(D) will be addressing

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