

## 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. Authorities ----- a warning to drivers about poor road conditions caused by the recent storm.  
(A) is issuing  
(B) was issued  
(C) will be issued  
(D) have issued
102. Ben Johnson was ----- one of the most influential photographers of the year.  
(A) easy  
(B) ease  
(C) easily  
(D) easiest
103. The city is considering turning the vacant land ----- a small playground or some plots for community gardening.  
(A) into  
(B) apart  
(C) across  
(D) only
104. Since Ms. Huff's lecture dealt with the most controversial topic, the audience directed the majority of its questions to -----.  
(A) herself  
(B) hers  
(C) her  
(D) she
105. Collis Group regularly appears ----- lists of banks with the highest level of customer satisfaction.  
(A) at  
(B) on  
(C) of  
(D) to
106. Please confirm that you have closed the paper drawers ----- before attempting to operate the printer.  
(A) securely  
(B) widely  
(C) hardly  
(D) strictly
107. The release of the SwiftPlay game console was ----- timed to occur at the start of the holiday shopping season.  
(A) strategy  
(B) strategized  
(C) strategic  
(D) strategically
108. Flexible working arrangements are increasingly favored by full-time and part-time workers -----.  
(A) neither  
(B) alike  
(C) both  
(D) same

109. After careful consideration, Mr. Marsh's reasons for requesting a deadline ----- were determined to be insufficient.
- (A) extension
  - (B) extended
  - (C) extendable
  - (D) extensions
110. Candidates may be asked to provide ----- of their qualifications in the form of diplomas, certificates, etc.
- (A) access
  - (B) renewal
  - (C) evidence
  - (D) compensation
111. Alonta Associates requires its employees to ----- the company of a change in their home address.
- (A) note
  - (B) reveal
  - (C) educate
  - (D) inform
112. ----- draws readers to the *Willard Daily News* is our commitment to fair and honest reporting.
- (A) Something
  - (B) What
  - (C) Whom
  - (D) Whoever
113. Bailey Studios' new comedy has performed ----- better at the box office than movie industry analysts predicted it would.
- (A) far
  - (B) so
  - (C) very
  - (D) beyond
114. ----- the construction permit application took longer than the contractor had anticipated.
- (A) Prepare
  - (B) Preparing
  - (C) Preparation
  - (D) Prepared
115. At the orientation, trainees should listen attentively while the representative from headquarters ----- our corporate values.
- (A) described
  - (B) has described
  - (C) describe
  - (D) is describing
116. Bauft Software's booth was crowded with visitors ----- its inconvenient placement in a back corner of the exhibition hall.
- (A) despite
  - (B) between
  - (C) except
  - (D) unlike
117. ----- upgraded with the latest hardware, our data centers offer safe, reliable data storage.
- (A) Frequent
  - (B) Frequenting
  - (C) Frequency
  - (D) Frequently
118. The year-end report your department will produce must include summaries of both concluded and ----- projects.
- (A) multiple
  - (B) ambitious
  - (C) tailored
  - (D) ongoing
119. Due to the mild weather, this seems likely to be Jennings Winter Recreation Area's ----- season of the past fifteen years.
- (A) shorten
  - (B) shortest
  - (C) shorter
  - (D) shortly
120. The office's energy ----- has been successfully reduced by the campaign to power down idle electronics at night.
- (A) transition
  - (B) efficiency
  - (C) consumption
  - (D) awareness



121. An e-mail notification about an upcoming series of training sessions was sent to -----.
- (A) recruiter
  - (B) recruits
  - (C) recruit
  - (D) recruiting
122. The recipe calls for one pound of ground beef, but this can be replaced with an ----- amount of a vegetarian substitute such as cooked lentils.
- (A) existing
  - (B) accountable
  - (C) equivalent
  - (D) overall
123. The business world and the academic community must be encouraged to collaborate with ----- to engage in practical research.
- (A) other
  - (B) which
  - (C) itself
  - (D) one another
124. Moxis Motors ----- to supply transportation providers with economical, fuel-efficient commercial vehicles.
- (A) strives
  - (B) conforms
  - (C) discontinues
  - (D) specializes
125. The final step of the licensing process is a practical exam that verifies applicants' ----- in the art of styling hair.
- (A) insight
  - (B) privilege
  - (C) proficiency
  - (D) compliance
126. ----- joining Keller Fox Ltd., Ms. Jang was the vice president of sales at Cortiss Hotels.
- (A) Prior to
  - (B) Compared to
  - (C) Ever since
  - (D) According to
127. The IT director has assured us that the technicians ----- the system repairs by this time tomorrow.
- (A) will have finished
  - (B) have finished
  - (C) are finishing
  - (D) were finishing
128. Mr. Easton released a statement ----- his spokesperson instead of speaking directly to the press.
- (A) even
  - (B) officially
  - (C) announced
  - (D) through
129. The committee proposed ----- the Sparks and Corgan courts in a new building to be located in western Corgan.
- (A) expediting
  - (B) consolidating
  - (C) delegating
  - (D) waiving
130. Wunch Consulting's strategic planning services will assist you in determining your business objectives ----- evaluating your progress in achieving them.
- (A) yet
  - (B) beside
  - (C) and
  - (D) in regard to

## 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 letter.

February 25

Diana Townsend  
407 Robin Rd.  
Burkett, ME 04007

Ms. Townsend,

You are hereby invited to a community meeting on the proposal to construct an express train line paralleling part of the Gold Line. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Powlar Community Center from 6 to 8 P.M. on Thursday, March 18. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ described in detail in the enclosure, the express line would run from Burkett to Grenham Central Station with just two stops in between. Therefore, it would enable \_\_\_\_\_ journeys to and from the city center.

The meeting will be a chance for Burkett residents to provide input on the proposal. The agenda includes a presentation \_\_\_\_\_ by transit officials and a question-and-answer session.

We hope you will attend.

Sincerely,

Gary Murphy  
Director, Grenham Regional Transit Authority

Encl.

131. (A) Unfortunately, this date does not suit my schedule.  
(B) The center is located at 150 Second Street, Burkett.  
(C) We expect construction to be nearly done by then.  
(D) Please come prepared with a revised draft of the proposal.

132. (A) Upon  
(B) For  
(C) Until  
(D) As

133. (A) swifter  
(B) cozier  
(C) more scenic  
(D) cheaper

134. (A) will conduct  
(B) was conducted  
(C) to conduct  
(D) conducted

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Questions 135-138 refer to the following e-mail.

From: Gwendolyn Ramsey

To: All volunteers

Subject: Policy

Date: 16 December

Dear Lyndie Fashion Museum volunteers,

I recently overheard a volunteer guide giving incorrect information ----- a tour of our exhibits.  
135.

Please do not do this. I understand that it may be embarrassing to be asked a question that you can't answer. -----, the correct response in that situation is to direct the visitor to our  
136.  
educational staff. ----- 137. It's also wise to learn the answer yourself to prevent the problem from recurring.

I wanted to spell this policy out to all of you, as it's not clear ----- the incident I witnessed was a  
138.  
one-time mistake or part of a widespread problem. Please reply briefly to confirm that you've read and understood this e-mail.

Thanks,

Gwendolyn Ramsey

Volunteer Coordinator

Lyndie Fashion Museum

135. (A) like  
(B) during  
(C) though  
(D) while

136. (A) Likewise  
(B) On the contrary  
(C) More importantly  
(D) Nevertheless

137. (A) They will be able to give an overview of  
our event calendar.  
(B) The museum is open from 10 A.M. to  
6 P.M., Tuesday through Sunday.  
(C) If they are unavailable, the visitor may  
e-mail them later at info@lfm.org.nz.  
(D) We are always seeking additional  
volunteers to lead tours.

138. (A) whether  
(B) based on  
(C) after all  
(D) when

Questions 139-142 refer to the following information.

*Thank you for ordering from Sarinta Studio!*

The enclosed candle was handmade with high-quality ingredients. ----- its wick trimmed to a 1/8-inch length for best results. We also advise burning it until the top layer of wax melts completely each time to keep the top from becoming uneven.

If you are displeased with your purchase for any reason, please don't hesitate to contact us.

----- Our decades of fragrance expertise are at your disposal. We are happy to recommend another ----- for you or even create a customized one. We can be reached by e-mail at sarinta@pexo-market.com or by phone during regular business hours at (864) 555-0192.

On the other hand, if you are satisfied with your Sarinta candle, please let ----- know! You can leave a positive review of our studio at [www.pexo-market.com/sarinta](http://www.pexo-market.com/sarinta). We would deeply appreciate the support.

139. (A) To keep  
(B) Having kept  
(C) Keeping  
(D) Keep

140. (A) At present, Sarinta Studio does not operate any offline stores.  
(B) Our social media accounts are often updated with photos of new products.  
(C) Take 15% off of your next order with the coupon code "MYSARINTA".  
(D) Along with returns and exchanges, we can offer helpful advice.

141. (A) scent  
(B) shape  
(C) texture  
(D) pattern

142. (A) her  
(B) some  
(C) others  
(D) them

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Questions 143-146 refer to the following memo.

To: All Pengler employees

Re: Rouse Commercial Services

I'm writing to share with you all a recent success story for our company.

Rouse Commercial Services, a maintenance and repair provider, used to have a paperwork problem. Its service visit report forms were long and easy to misplace. Customers complained about paying for the time technicians spent <sup>143.</sup> them by hand after every visit, while lost forms often made it difficult for the company to bill correctly for the services it had provided.

Fortunately, Rouse chose to buy tablet computers and begin using Pengler Business. Its technicians <sup>144.</sup> fill out electronic forms that are automatically saved to a shared, well-organized folder.

Rouse's service business supervisor told us, "You've made it possible for our technicians to be much more productive. <sup>145.</sup>" Thanks to these benefits, the company <sup>146.</sup> its investment in just one year.

We should all be proud of the assistance that Pengler provided for Rouse Commercial Services. Let's keep up the good work.

Gun-Woo Han

Chief Executive Officer

143. (A) on completion  
(B) that complete  
(C) completing  
(D) completed

144. (A) now  
(B) then  
(C) rarely  
(D) still

145. (A) We employ specialists in plumbing, electricity, and building repair.  
(B) And just as importantly, we no longer lose money to underbilling.  
(C) We want customers to know that we are keeping their data safe.  
(D) As a matter of fact, we are exploring that possibility right now.

146. (A) reserved  
(B) recovered  
(C) maintained  
(D) encouraged