

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. The amount of each employee's ----- is based on his or her performance review.
(A) workstation
(B) bonus
(C) uniform
(D) promotion
102. Gillis Mining Group issued a firm ----- of rumors that it plans to replace its CEO.
(A) deny
(B) denies
(C) denied
(D) denial
103. ----- a minimal additional charge, our design professionals can produce eye-catching illustrations you can add to your promotional pieces.
(A) For
(B) As
(C) With
(D) To
104. Fellant Inn ----- a considerable amount of effort into maintaining its reputation for style and comfort.
(A) shows
(B) spends
(C) puts
(D) needs
105. One way to shorten the preparation time of this dish is by buying cabbage that has ----- been cut into strips.
(A) sometimes
(B) already
(C) finally
(D) since
106. The warehouse manager praised the members of the sprinkler installation team for ----- skilled and careful work.
(A) they
(B) them
(C) theirs
(D) their
107. The Galaxxania Plus navigation device for drivers ----- automatically as soon as the vehicle is started.
(A) activation
(B) activator
(C) activates
(D) activated
108. The responses to the recent student survey on the university's health services vary -----.
(A) wide
(B) widened
(C) widening
(D) widely

109. Ms. Dudley's article calls on the authorities to increase ----- of some sectors of the telecommunications industry.
 (A) supervision
 (B) supervised
 (C) supervisors
 (D) supervises
110. Mr. Flores, the assistant manager, is in charge of the store ----- Ms. Weaver is gone.
 (A) during
 (B) if not
 (C) so that
 (D) when
111. Our consistently high customer satisfaction ratings ----- the excellent quality of our product line.
 (A) transmit
 (B) reflect
 (C) deliver
 (D) arrange
112. Handdahar Chemicals, Inc. has 12 research laboratories spread ----- the major regions of the world.
 (A) between
 (B) out
 (C) upon
 (D) across
113. Nishioka Industrial's leadership is ----- supportive of staff efforts to develop environmentally-friendly detergents.
 (A) enthusiastically
 (B) enthusiasm
 (C) enthusiastic
 (D) enthusiast
114. According to the janitor, ----- has been leaving unwashed dishes in the break room sink.
 (A) who
 (B) whoever
 (C) someone
 (D) one another
115. Mastery of a foreign language is not a fast process, and it is normal for skills to develop ----- over a long period of time.
 (A) hurriedly
 (B) affirmatively
 (C) gradually
 (D) reluctantly
116. In some small companies, the person ----- for ordering supplies may work in the accounting or finance department.
 (A) responsibly
 (B) responsible
 (C) responsibility
 (D) responsibilities
117. The casting director conducted an ----- search to find the perfect performer for the film's starring role.
 (A) absolute
 (B) eligible
 (C) exhausted
 (D) extensive
118. An extraordinary number of citizens participated ----- in the city's campaign to reduce water usage.
 (A) voluntarily
 (B) voluntary
 (C) volunteers
 (D) volunteering
119. ----- its materials' delicacy and high value, access to the rare books collection is limited to library staff only.
 (A) Because of
 (B) Along with
 (C) In spite of
 (D) Regardless of
120. This week's issue includes a review of jogging accessories that ----- in detail the differences in functionality, price, and durability.
 (A) have analyzed
 (B) analyzes
 (C) analyze
 (D) is analyzed

121. Casey Street has become famous for having a high ----- of technology start-ups.
 (A) position
 (B) standard
 (C) concentration
 (D) attendance
122. Please reserve Conference Room 3 so that we can practice our sales ----- in advance of the client visit.
 (A) presentation
 (B) presentable
 (C) presenter
 (D) presented
123. Submitting this application does not ----- you to accept a loan from Masple Bank.
 (A) ensure
 (B) relieve
 (C) obligate
 (D) expedite
124. ----- construction of the condominiums is complete, they may be exhibited to prospective buyers.
 (A) Now that
 (B) Throughout
 (C) Whatever
 (D) In order that
125. All ----- to the logo design should be discussed in advance with a copyright expert and approved by Mr. Wang.
 (A) proposals
 (B) concepts
 (C) modifications
 (D) necessities
126. For the sake of its patients, Morrol Hospital urges medical personnel ----- sick leave as needed.
 (A) have taken
 (B) to take
 (C) took
 (D) taking
127. Boasting scenic views of the ocean, Raynor Highway was ----- the only route between the coastal cities of Autry and Lambort.
 (A) what
 (B) among
 (C) far
 (D) once
128. Several times in the past year, production at the Nettsald factory ----- by easily preventable machine breakdowns.
 (A) was delaying
 (B) has been delayed
 (C) would have delayed
 (D) can be delayed
129. Investors in Balters Incorporated are requesting that the company undergo an audit to prove that it is financially -----.
 (A) sound
 (B) equivalent
 (C) feasible
 (D) detailed
130. After the meal, Harkon Catering's servers will clear tables ----- to avoid distracting guests' attention from speeches or other events.
 (A) accurately
 (B) discreetly
 (C) persistently
 (D) luxuriously

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 notice.

Important Customer Notice

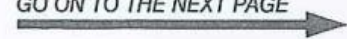
Deldunne's Bargain Store will be closed for inventory and computer updates on Monday, January 13. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and we thank you in advance for your patience. On occasion, it is not possible for our staff to handle every task ^{131.} to inventory processing during normal opening hours. ^{132.} We chose to take care of these important business functions on this day because we have ^{133.} few shoppers on Mondays. It is usually the ^{134.} day of the week. Our store will open again promptly at 9 A.M. on Tuesday, January 14. Thank you.

131. (A) relates
(B) related
(C) relation
(D) relatively

134. (A) shortest
(B) slowest
(C) earliest
(D) busiest

132. (A) Therefore, closing for one day is our only option.
(B) The software program is a new addition.
(C) However, most of them are still available online.
(D) Please ask the customer service desk for assistance.

133. (A) solely
(B) considerably
(C) comparatively
(D) regularly

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

From: Douglas Bailey

To: <totycontest@inspiriteach.com>

Subject: Recommendation for Kerri Wilkinson

Date: November 26

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to endorse Kerri Wilkinson's nomination for InspiriTeach's "Teacher of the Year" award. 135. Ms. Wilkinson has been my coworker at Winkfield Middle School for five years, and I cannot imagine 136. more representative of these qualities.

Ms. Wilkinson demonstrates endless creativity in her lesson plans for her sixth grade class. For example, she recently made excellent use of the school's technological capabilities for a unit on 137. Her students planned, filmed, and edited a newscast about the school.

Ms. Wilkinson is also very compassionate. She shows nothing but understanding toward even our most difficult students. 138. she is able to handle disruptive behavior with patience and kindness that are an inspiration to her coworkers.

In closing, I recommend you strongly consider Ms. Wilkinson for Teacher of the Year.

Sincerely,

Douglas Bailey

135. (A) She deserves recognition for her dedication to the campaign.
(B) I am a wholehearted supporter of InspiriTeach's activities.
(C) Please route my e-mail to the appropriate person or committee.
(D) Your Web site says you seek to reward innovation and caring.

136. (A) educating that
(B) an educator
(C) she educates
(D) whose education

137. (A) journalism
(B) geography
(C) economics
(D) government

138. (A) At first
(B) In fact
(C) Otherwise
(D) Nevertheless

Questions 139-142 refer to the following information.

Requirements for VieraGo Hotels

Being listed on VieraGo is a privilege that comes with a variety of responsibilities. _____ the key one is to provide guests with a pleasant stay, we also expect our member hotels to assist in upholding VieraGo's good reputation through the following actions.

First, respond quickly to any inquiries made through VieraGo about your hotel—even those from guests you are not able to accept. Next, after a booking has been made through VieraGo, do not cancel it unless it is absolutely necessary. _____. Finally, please try to achieve a high rating on VieraGo by both taking good care of your property and _____ issues that are mentioned in guest reviews.

VieraGo tracks the performance of each member hotel in these areas (responsiveness, cancelation rate, and guest ratings) and may impose penalties on hotels that drop below certain levels. To avoid this, we recommend _____ this data yourself through your account page.

139. (A) While
(B) Regarding
(C) Whether
(D) Besides

141. (A) resolve
(B) resolved
(C) resolving
(D) resolution

140. (A) You can also provide a physical copy at your front desk.
(B) Some hotels may not benefit from advertising on VieraGo.
(C) For most reservations, these would be toiletries and towels.
(D) Remember, your guests' travel plans depend on you.

142. (A) supplying
(B) revising
(C) monitoring
(D) saving

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Questions 143-146 refer to the following press release.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: publicrelations@pearron.com

TORONTO (October 22)—Pharmaceutical firm Pearron, Inc. has announced the signing of a deal with Wompler Capital. Under the terms of the agreement, Wompler Capital has purchased a minority stake in Pearron for C\$72 million, ^{143.} providing funding to realize Pearron's growth strategy.

Pearron's shareholders support ^{144.} landmark deal. They firmly believe that it ^{145.} the company to expand significantly in the coming years.

Pearron develops and commercializes medications for a variety of skin, hair, and nail conditions. ^{146.} In the future, it will focus on refining its rigorous development process that prioritizes the needs and safety of patients. It will also build up the dedicated sales force that markets its drugs to medical providers throughout Canada.

143. (A) yet
(B) instead
(C) thereby
(D) quite

144. (A) this
(B) every
(C) most
(D) our

145. (A) allows
(B) will allow
(C) has allowed
(D) allowing

146. (A) Many patients still prefer conventional medicine to alternative remedies.
(B) Its machines can be found in hospital rooms around the country.
(C) Its products include Travarin, a cream used to treat nail infections.
(D) The early results of an ongoing clinical trial have been promising.