

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 caterers have been instructed to serve additional ----- of the dessert upon request only.
(A) guests
(B) menus
(C) recipes
(D) portions

102. Mr. Hayes has been using tax software to prepare ----- income tax report for years.
(A) he
(B) him
(C) his own
(D) himself

103. All entries must be signed and submitted on or ----- February 11 to be considered.
(A) within
(B) until
(C) before
(D) from

104. ----- more graduates would apply for its specialist positions, Colep Farms agreed to host field trips for university agricultural classes.
(A) If
(B) Even
(C) So that
(D) As soon as

105. One way that grocery chains are addressing the environmental problems ----- with delivery services is by using reusable packaging.
(A) associated
(B) associate
(C) associating
(D) associations

106. The construction noise from the building next door was so loud that we could ----- hear our coworkers speak.
(A) still
(B) hardly
(C) finally
(D) ever

107. The enthusiastic ----- of the band's new album by audiences has been a surprise to critics.
(A) receipt
(B) received
(C) recipient
(D) reception

108. Several candidates interviewed for the receptionist position, ----- of whom impressed the hiring committee.
(A) none
(B) nobody
(C) those
(D) both

109. The project leader is responsible for ----- the members of the team of any updates to the plan.

(A) coordinating
(B) notifying
(C) recruiting
(D) crediting

110. Yarroll Bank provides loans to ----- small business owners at attractive interest rates.

(A) relative
(B) aspiring
(C) unprecedented
(D) customary

111. Once the air conditioning units -----, one employee on each floor should be assigned to monitor their use.

(A) were installed
(B) installed
(C) install
(D) are installed

112. The laboratory may have been contaminated with a hazardous chemical substance and has ----- been sterilized.

(A) since
(B) so
(C) yet
(D) enough

113. The panel's moderator was praised for ----- maneuvering the discussion through some difficult topics.

(A) skills
(B) skilled
(C) skillful
(D) skillfully

114. Sales representatives at Bigor Communications earn a flat commission ----- \$100 for each cable package sold.

(A) about
(B) of
(C) over
(D) toward

115. Travel ----- will only be processed upon return from a trip and are contingent on managerial approval.

(A) reimbursing
(B) reimbursement
(C) reimbursements
(D) reimbursed

116. ----- our longstanding relationship with Garston Tech, it is no surprise that it will play an important part in developing our new apps.

(A) Given
(B) Notwithstanding
(C) Beyond
(D) In place of

117. Bunod Hotel patrons are encouraged to call the front desk ----- they require service.

(A) that
(B) whether
(C) anytime
(D) as though

118. Clinical trials have shown that the drug can treat symptoms that have proven ----- to other medications.

(A) resistant
(B) resisting
(C) resistibly
(D) resistible

119. Although it was not popular during her lifetime, Ms. Chang's unique style of design ----- considerable influence over later generations of architects.

(A) invested
(B) conferred
(C) dominated
(D) exerted

120. In general, customers struggle with making decisions when ----- too many options to choose from.

(A) offers
(B) offered
(C) offering
(D) offer

121. Sorgan latex paint should be used only ----- a coat of Sorgan-brand primer has been applied to the bare surface.

(A) as much as
(B) after
(C) over
(D) in case

122. Specialty Health and Cosmetics Mart presents a satisfying ----- of wellness products in a small, well-organized space.

(A) array
(B) substitute
(C) expectation
(D) outcome

123. ----- among the reasons Franklin Bookstore purchased this software was its effectiveness at keeping data secure.

(A) Primary
(B) Informative
(C) Productive
(D) Selective

124. Ms. Nakano is ----- the hardest-working executive at Shibata Engineering.

(A) reputation
(B) reputable
(C) reputing
(D) reputedly

125. The popularity of the outdoor summer exhibition "Rock Art" has led the parks department to look into whether it can be made -----.

(A) feasible
(B) mandatory
(C) permanent
(D) abundant

126. If the prototype for our newest V2 coffee maker had received high marks from product testers, Techmart ----- to enter into a long-term contract with us.

(A) decided
(B) can decide
(C) would have decided
(D) would have been decided

127. Wait times at Skyspear Airlines' service counters have been cut in half ----- the self-check-in kiosks it recently introduced.

(A) wherever
(B) together with
(C) while
(D) thanks to

128. Some conference participants were displeased that organizers scheduled the only two workshops on statistics to take place -----.

(A) identically
(B) simultaneously
(C) intentionally
(D) adversely

129. The photographers whose pictures are used on the blog are not named, ----- do they receive compensation for their contributions.

(A) nor
(B) rather
(C) except
(D) although

130. The next task assigned to the interim accountant is to ----- the system by which research projects are funded.

(A) grant
(B) overhaul
(C) deduct
(D) experiment

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 e-mail.

From: Theresa Yates

To: Irma Sims

Subject: Gryell Toys Project Team

Date: September 2

Hi Irma,

As you requested, I thought about which of the senior engineers should replace me as head of the Gryell Toys team when I retire. While Karen could probably do the job if needed, Trevor is my recommendation. Karen's grasp of engineering may be _____, but she doesn't always communicate clearly, and communication is very important in managing. In contrast, Trevor _____ his decent engineering know-how with outstanding interpersonal skills. In my opinion, he _____ an excellent project team leader.

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131. (A) superior
(B) urgent
(C) maximum
(D) eager

132. (A) prioritizes
(B) amplifies
(C) assesses
(D) designates

133. (A) is
(B) would be
(C) has been
(D) would have been

134. (A) And thank you again for this exciting opportunity.
(B) I have no particular preference, so choose whichever you like.
(C) I will be in-office all week, wrapping up my assignments.
(D) There are only a few more minor points to cover.

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Questions 135-138 refer to the following press release.

Melapin Symphony
Media Relations Office

Beginning in May, the Melapin Symphony will play and livestream a monthly special concert in a program called "Share the Music".

The program has been made possible by a grant from the Okafor Foundation, an organization dedicated to increasing access to music. ----- Share the Music is mainly intended for people with mobility issues, but it will be open to all members of the public.

The concerts will be viewable for free through a page on the symphony's Web site, www.melapinsymphony.com, ----- they take place. -----, visitors may be required to create and log in through a member account in order to access the page.

Symphony members and officials are pleased to be collaborating with the Okafor Foundation. Daiki Sano, its director, said, "The opportunity to share our music with more people is ----- We are very grateful."

135. (A) Its other activities include music camps for children with disabilities.
(B) The funding will even enable the concerts to be streamed over the Internet.
(C) Later, wheelchair spaces were also added to Melapin Symphony Hall.
(D) Before now, no patrons were permitted backstage during performances.

136. (A) meanwhile
(B) unless
(C) as
(D) then

137. (A) Namely
(B) However
(C) Likewise
(D) Instead

138. (A) honored
(B) to honor
(C) an honor
(D) honoring

Questions 139-142 refer to the following letter.

11 May

Shaheena Singh
83 Bowfield Street
Benningham, UK
BN4 7DA

Dear Ms. Singh,

I recently received your letter in which you described the poor condition of the pavement on your street and the flat tyre you suffered ----- the uneven paving slabs. As you pointed out in **139.** your letter, the roads and pavements in your neighbourhood have been in desperate need of repair for quite some time. ----- **140.**

Beginning on 18 May, work crews will remove and reinstall all paving slabs on Bowfield Street and several other streets in the area. They will also fix the potholes in the roads that many motorists complained about at the community meeting in March. I hope this will come as good news to you and your fellow constituents ----- in the area. **141.**

Please accept my apologies for the incident with your car. I am confident that the planned work will prevent any similar ----- from occurring in the future. **142.**

Sincerely,

Mike Duke
City Councillor

139. (A) by
(B) following
(C) during
(D) due to

141. (A) reside
(B) residing
(C) residents
(D) residential

140. (A) I am proud to announce that the work is finally complete.
(B) Unfortunately, street repairs are not within our budget this year.
(C) Please know that I am committed to rectifying the situation.
(D) We will consider your proposal and attempt to find a solution.

142. (A) inaccuracies
(B) misunderstandings
(C) cancelations
(D) accidents

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Questions 143-146 refer to the following advertisement.

Diamond Sewing

308 Third Street, Lawrence, 555-0184

www.diamondsewing.com

Diamond Sewing has been helping the people of Lawrence look ----- in their clothes for over 143. 10 years. Whether it is because your size has changed or a new purchase doesn't quite fit right, our sewing specialists are always ready to make the alterations you need. 144.

We 145. specialize in wedding gowns, tuxedoes, and other formalwear. Hundreds of brides and grooms have walked down the aisle in clothing altered by Diamond Sewing.

Do you have clothing that is frayed, worn or ripped? We also provide expert 146. services! Come see us for a free consultation before you throw away that beloved pair of jeans or vintage jacket. We are open Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., and 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. on Saturdays.

143. (A) stuns
(B) stunned
(C) stunning
(D) stunningly

145. (A) ideally
(B) recently
(C) exceedingly
(D) particularly

144. (A) A well-fitting suit is essential for today's business professional.
(B) Orders can even be placed entirely online through our Web site.
(C) Simply choose from among our collection of design templates.
(D) We can shorten pants, put darts in shirts, and much more.

146. (A) mending
(B) manufacturing
(C) laundering
(D) styling