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. Unless funds are added to the _____, the project will be unable to be completed on time.

(A) laboratory
(B) budget
(C) election
(D) proposal

102. The decision to produce the new line of vehicles must be made soon _____ next year's marketing campaign.

(A) prepares
(B) preparing
(C) will prepare
(D) to prepare

103. _____ on the city's newest hotel is taking longer than expected and will be finished behind schedule.

(A) Construct
(B) Constructive
(C) Construction
(D) Constructing

104. Ms. Hall suggested that the tourists find a hotel closer to the airport _____ one out in the countryside.

(A) in opposition to
(B) according to
(C) rather than
(D) as a result of

105. Applications for _____ to overseas branches must be received no later than the third Friday in November.

(A) transfer
(B) transferred
(C) transferable
(D) transference

106. Either the director of the Sales Department _____ Karen Wolf, the vice president, will attend the staff meeting.

(A) and
(B) or
(C) also
(D) so

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107. The appeal of the product to people in all age groups resulted in sales that were higher than _____.

(A) approved
(B) regarded
(C) anticipated
(D) resolved

108. All first-time customers _____ 15% off their orders when shopping at the online store.

(A) receive
(B) await
(C) purchase
(D) exchange

109. It is highly suggested that guests _____ their reservations with the hotel during the peak season.

(A) confirm
(B) confirming
(C) have been confirmed
(D) to confirm

110. The renovations on the Dynasty Hotel should be completed no later _____ the start of the summer season.

(A) than
(B) which
(C) when
(D) such

111. According to the schedule, Ms. Harper is going to give the _____ speech at the conference in Boise.

(A) opens
(B) opening
(C) opener
(D) opened

112. As soon as the merger between the two firms was complete, several employees were _____ that they were being laid off.

(A) approached
(B) reported
(C) notified
(D) expected

113. Numerous souvenir shops are located in the part of the city _____ tourists commonly visit.

(A) when
(B) which
(C) how
(D) then

114. Once the _____ have been signed by Ms. Murrell, they will be taken to the Legal Department.

(A) documents
(B) documentary
(C) documented
(D) documenting

115. Numerous passengers were _____ at the airport overnight when bad weather caused their flights to be canceled.

(A) boarded
(B) waited
(C) transferred
(D) stranded

116. Ms. Lakewood _____ with the house the realtor showed her and decided to buy the property on the spot.

(A) impressed
(B) will be impressed
(C) was impressed
(D) has impressed

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117. The store manager promised to have the furniture delivered to the office _____ the end of the day.

(A) until
(B) for
(C) on
(D) by

118. Those who _____ in the study will be given gift certificates that may be redeemed at local establishments.

(A) participant
(B) participatory
(C) participative
(D) participate

119. Each spring, Westside Construction _____ several individuals for new positions at its various worksites.

(A) fires
(B) transfers
(C) recruits
(D) offers

120. Should it be necessary to receive an extension on the deadline, please _____ us as soon as possible.

(A) inform
(B) to inform
(C) are informing
(D) be informed

121. Mr. Worthy has given no indication of _____ when the employment contract is going to be signed.

(A) know
(B) knowledge
(C) knowing
(D) knowable

122. An announcement was made that Travis Bean had been _____ the company's newest head of Accounting.

(A) hired
(B) named
(C) proposed
(D) agreed

123. _____ of the attendees was aware that Judy Garcia, the keynote speaker, had failed to arrive yet.

(A) Nobody
(B) None
(C) Many
(D) Much

124. Limnos, Inc. _____ its latest line of appliances at the sales exhibition in New Orleans next week.

(A) introduced
(B) has introduced
(C) is introducing
(D) will be introduced

125. Dirk Powers, the head of the labor union, was arrested on suspicion of making _____ to politicians.

(A) bribe
(B) bribes
(C) bribed
(D) bribery

126. The surprise inspection _____ that many of the factory workers were not adhering to safety standards.

(A) alerted
(B) revealed
(C) suspected
(D) completed

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127. Mr. Dawson tried to _____ his colleagues to support him in his attempt to become a member of the board of directors.

(A) elect
(B) regard
(C) approach
(D) persuade

128. _____ being offered a promotion and a sizable raise, Ms. Lansing resigned and took a job at another firm.

(A) Despite
(B) In fact
(C) Nevertheless
(D) Regarding

129. Several engineers were replaced when large numbers of customers _____ complaints about the designs of the products at Weber, Inc.

(A) are filing
(B) have filed
(C) filed
(D) had been filed

130. The store manager changed the _____ of the store to place men's clothing right by the front door.

(A) layout
(B) budget
(C) advertisement
(D) schedule

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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 announcement.

New Terminal to Open at Airport

Springfield International Airport is proud to announce that its newest terminal is going to open soon. After thirty months of construction, Terminal 2 is ready to start sending passengers to destinations _____ 131. the world. The new terminal has twenty-five gates that will be used by nine different airlines. Local budget airline Ace Airways will be the _____ 132. occupant of the terminal as it will have control over ten of the gates. Terminal 2 will be able to process several thousand passengers each day. It will also have all kinds of facilities, including duty-free shops and a number of franchise restaurants. _____ 133. Its gates will be able to handle the largest passenger airliners in the world, too. The terminal is set to open on Thursday, April 10. There will be a small ceremony at 7 A.M., and then passengers will be _____ 134. so that they can start going to their gates to catch their flights.

131. (A) over
(B) in
(C) around
(D) within

132. (A) primate
(B) primary
(C) primed
(D) priming

133. (A) Passengers have already complimented the quality of items sold in the stores.
(B) In addition, the gates are specifically designed for small commuter planes.
(C) It is anticipated that they will bring in millions of dollars in revenue annually.
(D) There is not yet anywhere for passengers to eat or to go shopping though.

134. (A) charged
(B) admitted
(C) dispatched
(D) booked

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Questions 135–138 refer to the following notice.

To: All Tenants, Bluebird Tower

From: Cliff Samuels, Building Manager

Re: Rent Increase

Date: August 2

Please be aware that as of September 1, all rents in the building will increase by 10%. This increase applies both to individuals renting apartments _____ 135. those people who are renting office or commercial spaces. _____ 136. I will be sending new contracts to all tenants within the next five business days. You need to sign them and return them to me at my office on the first floor no later than August 15. Those of you who do not wish to pay the higher rent must _____ 137. the premises by August 31. Your security deposit _____ 138. as soon as we in the management office confirm that your space has not suffered any damage. You may feel free to speak with me about the rent increase or anything else that is on your mind. Just call me at 856-4584 during regular business hours.

135. (A) and
(B) so
(C) or
(D) that

136. (A) There are unfortunately no more places available for rent at the moment.
(B) There is no need for any of you to sign a new lease if you do not wish to do so.
(C) All tenants must renegotiate the amount of rent that they pay sometime this week.
(D) The rents are being increased to account for the recent rise in utilities prices.

137. (A) remove
(B) sell
(C) repair
(D) vacate

138. (A) have been returned
(B) returned
(C) will be returned
(D) was returned

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Questions 139–142 refer to the following letter.

March 15

Dear Member of the Association of Auto Mechanics,

The Association of Auto Mechanics (AAM) is going to hold its annual conference on September 14 and 15. The event is going to be held in Memphis, Tennessee. This is the same location as last year's event. Due to the tremendous _____ 139. of the conference last year, it was unanimously decided by the members of the executive staff at the AAM to have it in Memphis once again.

This year's conference will have a large number of events, including talks, workshops, and a sales fair. The keynote speaker will be _____ 140. mechanic Robert McGuffin, an expert in the art of repairing antique vehicles. As a member of the AAM, you are _____ 141. to pay the discounted registration rate of $75. That will get you access to every event that is being held at the conference. Some airlines and hotels are offering discounts to our members. Please call (405) 326-8695 for more information regarding that. _____ 142.

Sincerely,

Tim Matterhorn

President, Association of Auto Mechanics

139. (A) succeed
(B) success
(C) sucession
(D) succeeding

140. (A) famed
(B) imitation
(C) novice
(D) incompetent

141. (A) excepted
(B) avoided
(C) entitled
(D) reported

142. (A) Thanks for attending the event.
(B) A great time was had by everyone.
(C) We hope to see you in September.
(D) Calls regarding this matter will be ignored.

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Questions 143–146 refer to the following article.

Pearl Resident of the Year Named

Pearl (December 28) – In a ceremony held at city hall last night, Jason O'Brien was _____ (143.) the Resident of the Year by Mayor Anna Harper. Mr. O'Brien, who has lived in Pearl for more than forty years since moving to the city as a child, has been in the news a lot this year. First, when a tornado swept through the city in the spring, Mr. O'Brien helped organize groups of residents to rescue those needing assistance. _____ (144.) He also _____ (145.) a large amount of money to relief efforts in the city. He came to the rescue once again when the Red River flooded its banks in summer and left half the city under two feet of water. Finally, Mr. O'Brien provided $2 million for the building of a local community center, where residents will be able to go for various leisure activities once construction on it is complete 14 months from now. According to Mayor Harper, _____ (146.) else was even considered for the award.

143. (A) nominated
(B) reported
(C) named
(D) stated

144. (A) He was on a team that stopped the flooding from affecting the entire city.
(B) His efforts resulted in 20 people being saved from inside collapsed homes.
(C) Those groups warned local residents about the tornado and led them to safety.
(D) The money that he provided helped repair people's homes that burned in fires.

145. (A) donated
(B) deposited
(C) invested
(D) contracted

146. (A) everybody
(B) anybody
(C) somebody
(D) nobody

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