

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. Most tourists prefer to _____ money at airports despite receiving poorer rates than they would at banks.

(A) spend
(B) exchange
(C) deposit
(D) transport

102. The _____ ceremony has been scheduled to be held one week after the final class of the year concludes.

(A) graduate
(B) graduating
(C) graduated
(D) graduation

103. Mr. Thompson contacted _____ of the applicants, but they were unavailable to interview on the weekend.

(A) every
(B) a little
(C) a few
(D) much

104. The Coventry Aquarium charges _____ to children every day of the week except Tuesday.

(A) rate
(B) admission
(C) fee
(D) salary

105. Although sales of school items increased, the store's profit margin declined due to the _____ discounts it offered.

(A) reluctant
(B) steep
(C) obvious
(D) sincere

106. _____ the inspectors arrive, they will begin to examine the machinery which has been malfunctioning.

(A) In order to
(B) Prior
(C) Consequently
(D) As soon as

107. Of the six construction firms in the city, only three are ____ the lookout for new projects at the moment.

(A) in
(B) on
(C) with
(D) by

108. Mr. Norton, one of the company's founders, ____ retirement to spend more time with his family.

(A) is contemplating
(B) be contemplated
(C) have contemplated
(D) contemplating

109. Peter intends to drive ____ to the airport since nobody in the office can take the necessary time off.

(A) he
(B) his
(C) himself
(D) for himself

110. Being interested in accounting, Ms. Maples eagerly ____ for the two-day event at Tamera Hall next week.

(A) registered
(B) submitted
(C) considered
(D) attended

111. More residents are relying on public transportation for their daily ____ , which has improved the local traffic conditions.

(A) workplaces
(B) commutes
(C) duties
(D) objectives

112. The delivery will be divided into two parts because several of the ____ items are currently unavailable.

(A) orders
(B) ordered
(C) ordering
(D) to order

113. The head chef at Chekov's decided to create a new menu that would emphasize food with a high ____ content.

(A) nutritional
(B) elemental
(C) practical
(D) valuable

114. After his request was approved, Mr. Peters ____ an ad in the paper for a new computer programmer.

(A) enclosed
(B) sent
(C) added
(D) placed

115. Susan Waverly proposed that the ____ to the office be done on a weekend so as not to disturb any employees.

(A) maintaining
(B) maintained
(C) maintenance
(D) maintainable

116. ____ nobody employed at the company's Denver branch office registered for the training seminar.

(A) Virtually
(B) Approximately
(C) Steadily
(D) Considerably

117. Anybody ____ is interested in volunteering at the charity auction on Sunday night should contact Mr. Jenkins.

(A) what
(B) which
(C) why
(D) who

118. The buyers from Montana are expected to arrive at the factory ____ the next thirty minutes.

(A) upon
(B) since
(C) about
(D) within

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119. The latest mobile phone from Micron, Inc. is scheduled to be _____ on the first of March.

(A) current
(B) available
(C) transparent
(D) reputable

120. Products made by Jasper Technology are in high demand _____ those manufactured by TRP, Inc. are not.

(A) which
(B) after
(C) while
(D) or

121. All customers making a purchase during the month of August are _____ to receive a 20% discount off the total price.

(A) considered
(B) eligible
(C) revealed
(D) estimated

122. In spite of Mr. Carter's hard work, his project was canceled since he was unable to make enough _____.

(A) advance
(B) movement
(C) development
(D) progress

123. Almost all of the proposals submitted were considered too expensive to be _____.

(A) practice
(B) practical
(C) practitioner
(D) practicing

124. Only 10,000 people attended the three-day event, which was much _____ than the organizers had anticipated.

(A) fewer
(B) lesser
(C) the lesser
(D) least

125. The need to recycle paper, glass, and plastic products is _____ emphasized at each staff meeting.

(A) abundantly
(B) repeatedly
(C) independently
(D) recently

126. _____ journalists from the industry have been invited to the product launch on April 3.

(A) Number
(B) Numerical
(C) Numbering
(D) Numerous

127. As more people become interested in leading healthy lives, fitness centers are increasing in _____.

(A) popular
(B) popularly
(C) popularity
(D) populace

128. All passengers purchasing tickets in first class are permitted _____ the airline's VIP lounge prior to departure.

(A) visits
(B) to visit
(C) have visited
(D) visiting

129. Ms. Redford, one of the company's top employees, _____ in the R&D Department as the chief engineer.

(A) work
(B) works
(C) was worked
(D) were working

130. It became _____ to reschedule the meeting with Mr. Pipes since he had to go out of town all of a sudden.

(A) necessary
(B) considerate
(C) negotiated
(D) reported

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.

To: davidhammer@homemail.com
From: joystephens@smileclinic.com
Subject: Your Appointment
Date: October 21

Dear Mr. Hammer,

This is Joy Stephens from Smile Clinic. I'd like to remind you that you have an appointment with us tomorrow, October 21, at 10:30 A.M. Please be sure to arrive at least fifteen minutes **131.**

As a new patient at the clinic, you need to fill **132.** a few forms about your medical history. If you have health insurance, please bring your card with you. If you are planning to pay for this out of pocket, be aware that we do not accept personal checks. **133.**

Finally, if you have any **134.** records from your previous doctor, we request that you bring them with you. See you tomorrow.

Regards,

Joy Stephens
Smile Clinic

131. (A) early
(B) earlier
(C) earliest
(D) the earliest

132. (A) up
(B) out
(C) off
(D) over

133. (A) Please make sure that you get here on time.
(B) We can give you directions if you need them.
(C) Payment may only be made with cash or credit cards.
(D) You may change your appointment time as you requested.

134. (A) medicinal
(B) medicine
(C) medicated
(D) medical

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Questions 135–138 refer to the following advertisement.

Daisy Dry Cleaner's is opening its third store in the Westchester metropolitan area. The newest _____ is going to be located at 387 Milton Street. That's right across the street from the Deacon ^{135.} Theater. The store will open this coming Saturday, March 19. And it's going to stay open all the time because this store will _____ 24 hours a day. That's right. You can get your dry cleaning ^{136.} done at any time. Unlike at our other stores, express service taking as little as one hour _____ here, too. ^{138.} Call 489-0494 anytime to ask for more information.

135. (A) establish
(B) establisher
(C) establishment
(D) establishing

136. (A) operate
(B) extend
(C) permit
(D) function

137. (A) has offered
(B) will be offered
(C) was offered
(D) will have been offered

138. (A) You'll be able to pick up your clothes the next day.
(B) We take our time to make sure your clothes are totally clean.
(C) So visit us if you ever need something cleaned in a hurry.
(D) We're providing this service since it's so popular at our other places.

Questions 139–142 refer to the following memo.

To: All Department Managers

From: Grace Harper

Date: October 3

139. Ms. Jenkins made an important _____ in one of our research laboratories last month. Her 140.

discovery has the potential to _____ the company tens of millions of dollars over the next few 141. years.

Ms. Jenkins is an employee in the R&D Department. She has worked at Meredith, Inc. for more than seven years. But this is only her second year here at the Brighton facility. She will receive a bonus of \$1,000 142. two paid days of vacation she can take any time in October. Please be sure to congratulate her if you see her.

139. (A) Emily Jenkins has just been named the Employee of the Month.
(B) Emily Jenkins is going to start her employment here next Monday.
(C) Emily Jenkins has decided that she is going to resign from her position.
(D) Emily Jenkins has requested that she be allowed to change departments.

140. (A) announcement
(B) breakthrough
(C) invention
(D) decision

141. (A) cost
(B) invest
(C) earn
(D) pay

142. (A) as well as
(B) in spite of
(C) because of
(D) with regard to

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Questions 143–146 refer to the following information.

The Stanton Art Gallery is pleased to announce that a painting by Mitch Cumberland will be auctioned off at this Saturday's event. The work is entitled *Scene by a Lake*. It _____ thirty by sixty inches and is done in oil. The painting, which is in the Romantic style, _____ nearby Amber Lake in early fall.

To arrange one, call Sylvia at 485-3590. _____ will begin at \$50,000 as many of Mr. Cumberland's most recent works have sold for more than twice that amount. Mr. Cumberland himself will attend the auction and is willing to speak about his work to potential buyers.

143. (A) covers
(B) measures
(C) weighs
(D) extends

144. (A) depicts
(B) depiction
(C) depicted
(D) depictable

145. (A) The painting was completed three weeks ago.
(B) This is one of Mr. Cumberland's favorite works.
(C) Mr. Cumberland has painted many scenes of the lake.
(D) Private viewings are permitted before the auction.

146. (A) Bid
(B) To bid
(C) Having bid
(D) Bidding