

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 plant is running at full _____ now that the machinery on the assembly lines has been repaired.
(A) availability
(B) capacity
(C) appearance
(D) resemblance
102. _____ guarantee the timely delivery of the product, it should be paid for at the time it is purchased.
(A) With respect to
(B) In tune with
(C) Regarding
(D) In order to
103. Wilson Florists extended its operating hours during February for the purpose of _____ the increase in customers.
(A) accommodate
(B) accommodation
(C) accommodating
(D) accommodately
104. Ms. Wellman, one of the members of the board of directors, _____ given an update regarding progress on the newest line of products.
(A) has
(B) was
(C) be
(D) have
105. George Thacker applied for a job with Ellison Construction but was _____ due to a lack of experience.
(A) hired
(B) considered
(C) rejected
(D) interviewed
106. The passengers _____ offered to assist the bus driver in changing the deflated tire.
(A) they
(B) themselves
(C) their
(D) them

107. _____ fined the owner of the meat plant on account of the unsanitary conditions inside the facility.
(A) Inspectors
(B) Reporters
(C) Assemblers
(D) Politicians
108. Mr. Hamilton was supposed to attend the conference in Boise but was unable to make it there due to a scheduling _____.
(A) conflict
(B) confliktion
(C) conflicted
(D) conflictive
109. Of all the customers who were polled, only a _____ of them thought the prices at Shop Right were too high.
(A) proportion
(B) variable
(C) fraction
(D) piece
110. Many diners had to wait to be seated for more than an hour _____ the establishment was so busy on its opening night.
(A) therefore
(B) since
(C) where
(D) if
111. It appears as though the machine suffered a major _____ and cannot be repaired at all.
(A) malfunction
(B) malfunctioned
(C) malfunctions
(D) malfunctioning
112. The customer _____ for more than an hour before someone at the store offered to assist her.
(A) will wait
(B) are waiting
(C) had been waiting
(D) have waited
113. Although she _____ her application in July, Erica still has not heard anything back from the firm.
(A) received
(B) approved
(C) submitted
(D) responded
114. Library _____ are permitted to borrow up to six books at a time for no longer than two weeks.
(A) donors
(B) patrons
(C) shoppers
(D) diners
115. _____ complaints from customers is one of the duties that the new intern was given.
(A) Handle
(B) Handled
(C) Handles
(D) Handling
116. When the deliveryman arrived with the package, there was nobody in the office able to _____ for it.
(A) pack
(B) open
(C) receive
(D) sign

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117. At the awards ceremony, Ms. Trellis thanked her entire staff for the assistance they had provided _____.
 (A) she
 (B) her
 (C) they
 (D) them
118. It appears that the negotiations between the two sides _____ their completion.
 (A) are neared
 (B) will have neared
 (C) are nearing
 (D) nears
119. _____ the weather starts to clear up in the next few hours, the company's annual outing will be moved indoors.
 (A) Unless
 (B) Despite
 (C) Although
 (D) Consequently
120. Taking the vehicle for a _____ drive is a common action for a person looking to purchase a new car.
 (A) test
 (B) testing
 (C) tester
 (D) tested
121. There was a water leak on the top floor that caused a great amount of _____ to the electronic items in one office.
 (A) injury
 (B) wound
 (C) damage
 (D) impairment
122. The exhibition of modern art at the Leo Gallery is going to _____ from August 2 to September 14.
 (A) hold
 (B) holding
 (C) be held
 (D) have been holding
123. As a result of the rainy weather, the summer fruit harvest in the area is expected to be _____ poorer than usual.
 (A) some
 (B) very
 (C) much
 (D) so
124. The museum is going to host an _____ of relics from ancient China starting in September.
 (A) exhibits
 (B) exhibition
 (C) exhibiting
 (D) exhibited
125. The owners of the building made it more handicapped _____ by adding ramps and other facilities on each floor.
 (A) approachable
 (B) apparent
 (C) accessible
 (D) available
126. All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply for the position _____ of their age, gender, or race.
 (A) regarding
 (B) regardless
 (C) regarded
 (D) regards

127. Because there were so many problems with the project, a new manager was _____ to run everything.

- (A) revealed
- (B) conceived
- (C) invested
- (D) appointed

128. Even though the country was suffering _____, sales at Vertigo, Inc. had never been better.

- (A) economics
- (B) economical
- (C) economists
- (D) economically

129. The outdoor performance by the Centerville Orchestra has been postponed _____ next week due to the rain.

- (A) by
- (B) until
- (C) for
- (D) still

130. The city council intends to vote on whether or not to _____ the company to build some apartments downtown.

- (A) permit
- (B) grant
- (C) consent
- (D) agree

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