

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 (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

101. The office ----- all next week.
 (A) closed
 (B) was closed
 (C) will be closed
 (D) has been closed
102. The company is ----- in London.
 (A) based
 (B) started
 (C) worked
 (D) released
103. This e-mail ----- your reservation.
 (A) confirms
 (B) to confirm
 (C) confirming
 (D) confirmations
104. John is ----- the four brothers.
 (A) youngest
 (B) younger of
 (C) the younger
 (D) the youngest of
105. The tourist season ----- at the end of April.
 (A) begins
 (B) to begin
 (C) has begun
 (D) beginning
106. ----- costs is one of our most important goals.
 (A) Reduce
 (B) Reduces
 (C) Reducing
 (D) Reduction
107. Many car engines will not start in cold -----.
 (A) climate
 (B) weather
 (C) condition
 (D) temperature
108. Last month, sales ----- by more than 10%.
 (A) fell
 (B) fallen
 (C) fell over
 (D) fall down
109. Most students ----- smaller classes to larger ones.
 (A) take
 (B) study
 (C) prefer
 (D) choose

110. On Monday, the city made ----- in public illegal.
(A) smoke
(B) smoked
(C) smoking
(D) to smoke
111. About 60% of the hotel's ----- are business travelers.
(A) guests
(B) rooms
(C) tourists
(D) vacations
112. The report is due ----- no later than 5:00 p.m. today.
(A) by
(B) on
(C) to
(D) for
113. Payments ----- received within 30 days of delivery.
(A) has to
(B) should
(C) must be
(D) had better
114. The project ----- at least \$1.2 million to complete.
(A) will cost
(B) has a price
(C) has charged
(D) is an expense
115. Our travel arrangements were made ----- in advance.
(A) week
(B) weeks
(C) weekly
(D) weekend
116. The party ----- were sent out to everyone yesterday.
(A) festivals
(B) surprises
(C) invitations
(D) celebrations
117. Over two hundred teachers ----- this year's annual convention.
(A) went
(B) came
(C) appeared
(D) attended
118. The equipment can be operated at temperatures well ----- freezing.
(A) down
(B) below
(C) within
(D) behind
119. On -----, Americans will change careers five times during their lives.
(A) usual
(B) normal
(C) average
(D) ordinary
120. The meeting ----- in the conference room on the second floor.
(A) take place
(B) to take place
(C) takes the place
(D) will take place
121. A lack of spare parts means that the repairs ----- by about a week.
(A) delays
(B) delaying
(C) is a delay
(D) will be delayed
122. ----- the storm, the city has decided that schools will be closed tomorrow.
(A) While
(B) Due to
(C) Because
(D) Although

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123. The new rules ----- only to employees who were hired after January 1st.
(A) fit
(B) work
(C) affect
(D) apply
124. Residents list limited parking in the town center among ----- top complaints.
(A) his
(B) its
(C) our
(D) their
125. She was going to go to the presentation, but ----- her mind at the last minute.
(A) changes
(B) changed
(C) was changing
(D) has been changed
126. The city's website offers useful information ----- how to start and run a small business.
(A) in
(B) about
(C) along
(D) upon
127. The company said that as a ----- of the recent tax increase, it will have to raise its prices.
(A) cause
(B) result
(C) problem
(D) difficulty
128. Please leave enough time at the end of your presentation to take questions from the -----.
(A) meeting
(B) audience
(C) interview
(D) information
129. On this project Mr. Flynn's ----- include being both the project manager, and the head engineer.
(A) roles
(B) points
(C) values
(D) works
130. Most students said they liked the teacher and found the class -----, but they disliked the textbook.
(A) interest
(B) interests
(C) interested
(D) interesting

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 job advertisement.

Communications Expert Needed

Green World, an environmental group, is looking for a Communications Expert. The position ^{131.} writing speeches and newsletters, updating a blog, and handling all communication with the news media. A secondary duty will be to research public opinion about a wide variety of environmental ^{132.}. The position reports directly to the Director of Communications.

Candidates should have a degree in communications or media studies, and excellent speaking and writing skills. To ^{133.}, please e-mail a resume or CV and a cover letter to jobs@greenworld.org before June 30. ^{134.}.

131. (A) needs
(B) works
(C) employs
(D) involves

132. (A) issues
(B) types
(C) reasons
(D) thoughts

133. (A) hire
(B) join
(C) apply
(D) request

134. (A) Thank you for the interview.
(B) Your application has been accepted.
(C) Please also include a brief example of your writing.
(D) You may be interested to know about the salary and benefits.

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

To:	ed_franklin@topautos.com
From:	service@specialtyparts.com
Date:	Aug 1
Subject:	Order # 7493256 has shipped
Attachments:	invoice.docx

Dear Mr. Franklin,

We would like ----- you that your order (#7493256) has been shipped by Fast Post Courier Service.
135.

The ----- delivery date is August 3rd. You can track your package on the Fast Post web site.
136.

Your tracking ID is 48896974.

Our invoice in the amount of \$5,291 is ----- to this e-mail. Payment is due within 30 days. ----- .
137. **138.**

Sincerely,
 Susan Fowler
 Customer Service Representative
 Specialty Parts

- 135.** (A) advises
 (B) advised
 (C) to advise
 (D) is advising

- 137.** (A) noted
 (B) charged
 (C) attached
 (D) included

- 136.** (A) expect
 (B) expects
 (C) expected
 (D) expecting

- 138.** (A) Thank you for sending our order so quickly.
 (B) Your order will be sent as soon as we receive payment.
 (C) Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further service.
 (D) We apologize for being unable to complete your order at this time.

Questions 143- 146 refer to the following article.

Sales of New Homes Down

Sales of new homes ----- in November by the largest amount in three years, according to a Housing Department report released on Friday.
143.

The report noted that 1.5 million single-family homes ----- last month, a 7 percent drop from last year.
144.
----- . Clear signs of the problem began to ----- in early spring, when sales in many of the nation's largest markets started to slow down.
145. 146.

143. (A) drop
(B) drops
(C) a drop
(D) dropped

144. (A) sells
(B) selling
(C) were sold
(D) have been sold

145. (A) Most of the homes were sold.
(B) Nobody had any idea this would happen.
(C) The news was not much of a surprise, though.
(D) The sale was much larger than had been expected.

146. (A) be
(B) look
(C) show
(D) notice

PART 7

Directions: In this part you will read a selection of texts, such as magazine and newspaper articles, e-mails, and instant messages. Each text or set of texts is followed by several questions. Select the best answer for each question and mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

Questions 147-148 refer to the following recipe.

Vegetable Pasta**Ingredients**

500 grams pasta
Olive oil, about 30 ml, for frying
2 onions, chopped
1 zucchini, sliced
3 cloves garlic, crushed
4 broccoli florets, chopped
4 sundried tomatoes, sliced
1-2 fresh basil leaves, torn into small pieces
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Boil the pasta until done, about 10 minutes. While the pasta is boiling, make the sauce. Add about 30 ml of olive oil to a large frying pan. Gently fry the onions and zucchini in the oil for about two minutes. Add the garlic, broccoli, and tomatoes, and cook for about five minutes more. Add salt and pepper, if needed. When the pasta is done, drain it and cover with the sauce. Top with the basil, and serve.

147. What is mentioned about broccoli?
- (A) It should be as fresh as possible.
 - (B) It needs to be washed before cooking.
 - (C) It needs to be boiled before adding to the sauce.
 - (D) It should be fried with the garlic and tomatoes.
148. When is the basil added?
- (A) Just before serving
 - (B) When the onions are added
 - (C) At the same time as the tomatoes
 - (D) As soon as the pasta begins to boil

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Questions 149-150 refer to the following announcement.

Donny Ray Williams to Open Shows for Rose Dreams Band

Country singer Donny Ray Williams will open ten shows for the Rose Dreams Band this June. Cities include Memphis, TN (three nights); Nashville, TN (two nights); Chattanooga, TN; Knoxville, TN; Asheville, NC; and Charlotte, NC (two nights).

Williams recently completed a month-long tour across the country with award-winning guitarist Dwight Chapman. Williams recently signed a recording contract with Southern Records, and will release his first album for the label later this summer. Chapman has several shows scheduled in Florida in July.

149. What is probably true about the show in Knoxville?
- (A) It is on a Friday night.
 - (B) It is for one night only.
 - (C) It is the last show on the tour.
 - (D) It is the only one with the Rose Dream Band.
150. What is mentioned about Donny Ray Williams?
- (A) His band has a new guitarist.
 - (B) He is touring with Dwight Chapman.
 - (C) He will play several shows in Florida.
 - (D) His album will be available later in the year.