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. Diners at the Appleton Buffet have commented favorably on ------- wide variety of seafood dishes.

(A) we
(B) us
(C) our
(D) ours

102. Rev Furniture has high-quality handmade goods and reasonable delivery -------.

(A) routines
(B) trucks
(C) duties
(D) fees

103. The Fort Myers Garden Club ------- a monthly newsletter to its members to keep them informed.

(A) circulates
(B) was circulated
(C) to circulate
(D) has been circulated

104. Decorated with fascinating -------, the hotel's lobby is a great place to pass the time while waiting for someone.

(A) photographer
(B) photographed
(C) photographs
(D) photographic

105. At the end of the lease period, ------- keys to the apartment must be returned to the building owner.

(A) each
(B) all
(C) another
(D) others

106. The chemical can be hazardous if it gets in contact with bare skin, so be sure to handle it -------.

(A) carefully
(B) fairly
(C) currently
(D) barely

107. Tourism in Palm Valley has declined steadily ------- the past few years due to the rising cost of flights.

(A) over
(B) of
(C) beneath
(D) then

108. Most of the patient files are stored ------- secure cabinets on the fourth floor, which has a high level of security.

(A) as
(B) to
(C) in
(D) down

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109. Because of a lack of space at the warehouse, some goods will be sent ------- to the store from the manufacturer.

(A) directs
(B) director
(C) directly
(D) direction

110. ------- the expansion to the Phoenix Building be approved, construction will begin at the beginning of March.

(A) Should
(B) Since
(C) Did
(D) While

111. Although the CEO spoke to reporters at the press conference, he failed to provide ------- answers to their questions.

(A) satisfies
(B) satisfactory
(C) satisfaction
(D) satisfactorily

112. Fans of the *Galaxy Battle* adventure series are ------- awaiting the release of the new film by director Rick Keller.

(A) fairly
(B) precisely
(C) repeatedly
(D) eagerly

113. The hotel works with several distributors in the region to ensure a ------- supply of cleaning products.

(A) constant
(B) portable
(C) reluctant
(D) previous

114. The office manager held a last-minute meeting ------- the sudden resignation of the company's president.

(A) concerning
(B) whereas
(C) until
(D) within

115. The first topic in the safety training covered ------- it is necessary to contact emergency medical personnel.

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

116. Ms. Lang uses Sky Couriers to send packages because she knows the service will be -------.

(A) prompts
(B) promptly
(C) promptness
(D) prompt

117. The parking policy that ------- by city officials last month resulted in a great deal of confusion among residents.

(A) had been implementing
(B) was implemented
(C) will have been implemented
(D) had implemented

118. The ticket allows you to visit all sections of the museum's permanent gallery ------- not its special exhibits.

(A) or
(B) but
(C) so
(D) as

119. Not until her book was published did the author speak ------- about her inspiration for writing it.

(A) publicity
(B) publicly
(C) public
(D) publicized

120. ------- its positive effect on the environment, the recycling program will generate extra income for the city.

(A) Besides
(B) Among
(C) Instead
(D) Toward

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121. The factory increased productivity by nearly thirty percent through equipment ------- made possible by a federal grant.

(A) modernize
(B) modernization
(C) modernized
(D) modernizes

122. Applicants must be at least eighteen years old ------- participate in the amateur photography contest.

(A) even though
(B) in order to
(C) on behalf of
(D) so that

123. All patrons of the Vanceville Public Library must agree to ------- by the library's rules and regulations.

(A) conform
(B) accompany
(C) establish
(D) abide

124. The news program is ------- to countries around the world in real time through a continuous satellite feed.

(A) featured
(B) equipped
(C) determined
(D) transmitted

125. Trash bins are ------- placed throughout the amusement park to reduce the amount of litter left on the ground.

(A) strategic
(B) strategized
(C) strategically
(D) strategy

126. The supervisor decided to introduce a relaxed dress code on Fridays in an attempt to improve staff -------.

(A) reimbursement
(B) appointment
(C) morale
(D) resource

127. A protective substance was applied to the new surface of the parking lot to keep it from ------- over time.

(A) revealing
(B) commuting
(C) overtaking
(D) deteriorating

128. The sales director believes that an eight percent increase in sales next quarter is a readily ------- goal.

(A) achieve
(B) achievable
(C) achievement
(D) achieving

129. Because Ms. Ferris did not have her ID card with her, the security guard ------- to allow her to enter the building.

(A) refuse
(B) refusal
(C) refusing
(D) refused

130. Although the logos had a ------- similar design, they were created by two completely unrelated companies.

(A) steadily
(B) remarkably
(C) consecutively
(D) unanimously

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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 article.

March 12 — Starting from next month, street parking in the city center will be free. City council members chose ------- **131.** the use of parking meters downtown by a unanimous vote. Rising wages are needed for city workers to check parking meters and issue tickets, so the practice is no longer ------- **132.**. Officials hope the change will also ------- **133.** development of the downtown area by encouraging more visitors, many of whom are shoppers from out of town. The change will go into effect on April 1, though the meters won't be removed immediately. ------- **134.**.

131. (A) being discontinued
(B) discontinuing
(C) to discontinue
(D) discontinues

132. (A) economize
(B) economically
(C) economy
(D) economical

133. (A) adopt
(B) foster
(C) multiply
(D) publicize

134. (A) Signs will be posted to notify motorists.
(B) Traffic updates can be requested by text.
(C) The parking fee is considered reasonable.
(D) Please pay your parking fines promptly.

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

To: Crucero Staff <stafflist@crucero.net>
From: Gabrielle Jensen <jensong@crucero.net>
Date: November 16
Subject: Overtime hours

The members of the finance team have ------- **135.** examined the budgets for our branch and, through their meticulous work, determined that there is a significant shortfall. ------- **136.** this discovery, we must reduce operating expenses by minimizing overtime hours. Please try to get all of your work ------- **137.** within the usual business hours. In cases where overtime work cannot be avoided, it should be approved in advance by a department head. ------- **138.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Jensen

135. (A) thoroughly
(B) urgently
(C) adversely
(D) solely

136. (A) Because
(B) Due to
(C) Consequently
(D) Rather than

137. (A) completes
(B) completed
(C) completion
(D) completing

138. (A) Please send in your detailed budgets as soon as possible.
(B) Most employees prefer working on Saturdays over working on Sundays.
(C) This applies to both sales and administration employees.
(D) The additional payment has been deposited in your account.

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Questions 139-142 refer to the following announcement.

> Dawsonville in Motion, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles, ------- **139.** a Well-Being Festival for Saturday, August 18. The group wants to raise ------- **140.** of the methods for preventing heart disease and other conditions. The goal of many of the festival activities will be to show participants that they don't have to adhere strictly to a diet. ------- **141.** For example, a piece of fruit can replace a candy bar as an afternoon snack. ------- **142.**, diners can swap French fries for a salad. Want more helpful tips? Come to the festival! It will be held at the Dawsonville Community Center, and admission is free to everyone.

139. (A) having organized
(B) would have organized
(C) has organized
(D) being organized

140. (A) awareness
(B) funds
(C) interest
(D) standards

141. (A) They can make small changes to improve their health.
(B) Organizers hope that the turnout is better than last year.
(C) The diet can be downloaded from the group's Web site.
(D) Rates of medical problems are on the rise in Dawsonville.

142. (A) As a result
(B) Similarly
(C) Regardless
(D) Unfortunately

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Questions 143-146 refer to the following notice.

CHARACK TOWERS: NOTICE

_____ **143.** of Charack Towers should be aware that the power will be turned off to most of the complex on Thursday, September 18 at 9 A.M. to install new wiring. _____ **144.**. The power should be restored by noon, but if the work takes longer than expected, it might affect _____ **145.** goods in your refrigerator. We will notify you if the work exceeds the estimated schedule so that you may check that your food is still edible. Please note that this planned outage will affect all parts of Charack Towers _____ **146.** the South Tower, which was upgraded last quarter. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

143. (A) Occupy
(B) Occupations
(C) Occupying
(D) Occupants

144. (A) We must do so to comply with safety regulations.
(B) If you would like to sign up, visit the property office.
(C) The loss of power was caused by a severe storm.
(D) Please wear protective gear while you are working.

145. (A) durable
(B) renewable
(C) perishable
(D) exposed

146. (A) inside of
(B) owing to
(C) aside from
(D) such as

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