

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. At the end of each group tour, participants will receive a souvenir photo that is ----- to keep.
(A) they
(B) them
(C) theirs
(D) themselves
102. The key to success in running an ethnic food restaurant is -----.
(A) authenticity
(B) authentic
(C) authenticate
(D) authentically
103. The city's landscape architects are working to ----- how more trees can be included in the Spencer Canal project.
(A) reflect
(B) encourage
(C) strengthen
(D) determine
104. A printed catalog with descriptions and images of our products can be mailed to customers ----- request.
(A) after
(B) on
(C) for
(D) along
105. Schandrax Ltd.'s mining machinery is designed to perform ----- even under the harshest conditions.
(A) successively
(B) reliably
(C) spaciously
(D) thoughtfully
106. It is recommended that novice hikers walk at a relaxed ----- and avoid going too fast, especially on steep trails.
(A) level
(B) stretch
(C) approach
(D) pace
107. Your home's heating system should be checked every six months to ensure that it is operating as ----- as possible.
(A) efficiency
(B) efficient
(C) efficiently
(D) more efficient
108. There are plans to build a new R&D center in East Hills City, but its exact location is ----- to be decided.
(A) enough
(B) once
(C) yet
(D) later

109. The Xtelia X10 mobile phone is so durable that it will not ----- any damage even if it is dropped onto a hard surface.
(A) terminate
(B) sustain
(C) diminish
(D) commit
110. Lahxmitech Ltd. develops ----- personal and business Web sites at affordable prices.
(A) impressive
(B) impress
(C) impressively
(D) impression
111. Fairview City's new recycling containers are free to residents and available ----- supplies last.
(A) toward
(B) during
(C) while
(D) within
112. The company's vision and objectives are summarized briefly ----- its mission statement.
(A) of
(B) to
(C) in
(D) about
113. The VT-5 exercise bike is ----- for small apartments because it occupies very little space.
(A) ideal
(B) deliberate
(C) convincing
(D) capable
114. Renarc Co.'s model building kits feature ----- labeled pieces that can be assembled with minimum effort.
(A) extremely
(B) remotely
(C) promptly
(D) explicitly
115. The winner of the photo contest, Mark Murdo, says he finds ----- in empty desert scenery.
(A) inspired
(B) to inspire
(C) inspirational
(D) inspiration
116. Thanks to new educational applications, mobile phones can ----- as learning tools in the classroom.
(A) be used
(B) be using
(C) have used
(D) use
117. Greenveld Park does not allow any vehicle traffic on its scenic road ----- its own tour buses that run on bio-fuels.
(A) throughout
(B) except for
(C) regardless of
(D) out of
118. A highly ----- interior designer, Alfonso Grieco provides design solutions for a wide variety of clients.
(A) accomplishing
(B) accomplished
(C) accomplishes
(D) accomplishment
119. The Mangim Career Fair is open to ----- who is seeking a new job, without regard to current employment status.
(A) every
(B) all
(C) those
(D) anyone
120. Recent research has found that social media posts have a limited ----- on people's buying decisions.
(A) value
(B) function
(C) association
(D) impact

121. Jenebec Catering Co. allows clients to ----- their meal options to suit their exact tastes.
 (A) fasten
 (B) monitor
 (C) customize
 (D) patronize
122. Candidates will be asked for the names of three people who can provide ----- professional references for them.
 (A) positives
 (B) positivity
 (C) positively
 (D) positive
123. Members of the marketing team are contributing articles to online news outlets to attract ----- for our brand.
 (A) publicity
 (B) publically
 (C) publicizes
 (D) public
124. Ms. Booth plans to transfer to an overseas office ----- her replacement is properly trained.
 (A) beginning from
 (B) as soon as
 (C) no earlier
 (D) up to
125. When salespeople exceed their quarterly sales goals, the company rewards them ----- in the form of bonuses.
 (A) financial
 (B) financially
 (C) finances
 (D) financed
126. If the package had been lost in transit, the shipping company ----- to compensate for the loss.
 (A) would have been offered
 (B) will have offered
 (C) had been offered
 (D) would have offered
127. ----- you are traveling for leisure or business, it is important to choose a hotel with a convenient location.
 (A) Notwithstanding
 (B) Either
 (C) Whether
 (D) No matter
128. Unfortunately, the ----- wording of the contract led to there being multiple interpretations of its meaning.
 (A) ambiguous
 (B) forceful
 (C) widespread
 (D) skeptical
129. FNR Metals has earned ample recognition, including ----- the first local manufacturer to receive an "eco-friendly factory" certification.
 (A) that is
 (B) to be
 (C) being
 (D) is to be
130. Alarax Graphics can print all types of signs, in ----- shape and size may be required.
 (A) whatever
 (B) particular
 (C) contrast
 (D) any

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: Current clients

From: Saffler Shipping Co.

Subject: Update

Date: November 30

UPDATE for e-commerce businesses – *a solution for making return shipping labels*

The ongoing rise in online sales transactions means that e-commerce businesses may also need to handle more requests from customers who wish to return _____ merchandise that they purchased recently. Including a return label with each outbound package makes the process of sending items back _____ for the customer. A return label is a sticker stating the address of the company _____ the goods were purchased. _____. Saffler Shipping's label solution software makes elegant and functional return shipping labels. To try it out and create a sample label in just minutes, click [here](#). You can then choose whether or not to purchase the software for your business.

131. (A) canceled
(B) unwanted
(C) unintended
(D) expired

132. (A) ease
(B) easily
(C) easier
(D) eased

133. (A) where
(B) whose
(C) that
(D) which

134. (A) It also has a barcode for tracking the package that is being returned.
(B) You may exchange merchandise that you are not completely satisfied with.
(C) For better results, we recommend that customers ship it at a later date.
(D) As an online business, you can sell goods from the comfort of your home.

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Questions 135-138 refer to the following Web page.

Longmont Real Estate, Inc. – virtual home tours

Thanks to today's digital technology, homebuyers can now take virtual tours of homes and look at properties ^{135.} leaving their own residence. By providing such tours for most of our properties, Longmont Real Estate is at the forefront of this industry revolution.

^{136.} The tours ^{137.} using a camera that provides three-dimensional images of all the spaces in each home. These images allow the viewer to "move" around the home digitally in the same manner they would in person.

Once virtual tours have been uploaded to our site, our clients can use a computer or mobile device to review a virtual tour from ^{138.} anywhere. The technology is guaranteed to save prospective homebuyers hours of travel time and tens of dollars in gas.

To view our current properties for sale that offer virtual tours, click [here](#).

135. (A) until
(B) inside
(C) without
(D) behind

137. (A) were being created
(B) are created
(C) would have been created
(D) will be created

136. (A) Home prices are increasing in some regions but staying steady in others.
(B) Surveyed shoppers also indicated that they prefer to visit homes in person.
(C) All of our virtual tours include photos and interactive videos of each property.
(D) If you have questions about this residence, one of our experts can help you.

138. (A) even
(B) not
(C) hardly
(D) almost

Questions 139-142 refer to the following flyer.

Explore Florham City's nature trails—with upgraded amenities!

The Florham Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce that its six-month trail improvement project has been completed in time for summer. -----
139. We thank you for your patience during the construction process.

The upgrades include a new boardwalk that extends across Florham Park's pond, -----
140. providing access to wetland areas. -----
141. the well-traveled Blue Trail, a favorite for both local residents and out-of-town visitors, has been widened to accommodate more hikers. Many more small improvements have been made to other trails as well.

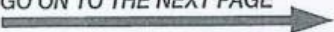
From challenging climbs up steep hillsides to leisurely walks along flat meadows, the improved nature trails offer hikes for people of all -----
142. Interactive trail maps can be found by visiting www.florham-trails.org.

139. (A) The park department's staff works closely with volunteers.
(B) Organized hiking clubs are becoming more and more popular.
(C) Our entire network of trails is now once again open to visitors.
(D) The city's park system has a long and interesting history.

140. (A) safe
(B) safety
(C) safest
(D) safely

141. (A) Still
(B) Instead
(C) For example
(D) In addition

142. (A) abilities
(B) holidays
(C) landscapes
(D) benefits

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Questions 143-146 refer to the following information.

Locally Grown Food – A Quick Overview

There is no specific definition for locally grown food. However, it is generally understood to be food that is grown relatively close to its ^{143.} of sale. Purchasing locally grown food can help regional economies ^{144.} more money goes directly to the food growers. Local farmers almost never require the services of an outside distributor to get their products to market. ^{145.} During much of the year, locally grown food ^{146.} at farmers' markets and outdoor farm stands. Produce items are sold only when they are in season, so they are fresh and full of flavor. This means that buying locally grown food also has advantages for individual consumers.

143. (A) date
(B) point
(C) volume
(D) manner

144. (A) in that
(B) based on
(C) owing to
(D) in case

145. (A) Moreover, farmers may give gardening tips to visitors.
(B) In fact, eating a lot of processed foods may be less healthy.
(C) Therefore, the food transportation industry continues to grow.
(D) Thus, their earnings are more likely to stay within the region.

146. (A) available
(B) is available
(C) had been available
(D) to be available