

READING TEST

In this section, you must demonstrate your ability to read and comprehend English. You will be given a variety of texts and asked to answer questions about these texts. This section is divided into three parts and will take 75 minutes to complete.

Do not mark the answers in your test book. Use the answer sheet that is separately provided.

PART 5:

Directions: In each question, you will be asked to review a statement that is missing a word or phrase. Four answer choices will be provided for each statement. Select the best answer and mark the corresponding letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on the answer sheet.

101. Delegates attending the international trade convention were provided with overnight _____ at Hotel Boswick.

(A) accommodated
(B) accommodates
(C) accommodating
(D) accommodations

102. Charles Wang submitted a resume that _____ his years of experience in advertising.

(A) emphasized
(B) enclosed
(C) estimated
(D) employed

103. Beginning next week, Zumwalt, Inc.'s new smartphone will be available for purchase at _____ retailers across Korea and Japan.

(A) authorizing
(B) authority
(C) authorization
(D) authorized

104. Highway construction has been postponed indefinitely as Hampshire County residents have _____ to the plan.

(A) preferences
(B) arrangements
(C) considerations
(D) objections

105. The Trescott Chamber of Commerce _____ local businessman Brian Larue at a ceremony next week.

(A) was honoring
(B) to honor
(C) will honor
(D) honor

106. Please review your contract, and feel free to ask us _____ questions you might have,

(A) few
(B) either
(C) any
(D) much

107. The manager announced that a few office supply _____ would be delayed because of weather conditions.

(A) shipment
(B) shipments
(C) to ship
(D) shipping

108. By adding extra flights between Dubai and Istanbul, Euroblue Airlines will increase its _____ for this route by more than 50 percent.

(A) endurance
(B) motivation
(C) location
(D) capacity

109. Halmilton Hospital's purchase of a medical scanning device will permit doctors to diagnose patients more ____ than ever before.

- (A) precise
- (B) precisely
- (C) precision
- (D) preciseness

110. ____ a bank has approved Flynn Co.'s business loan, the company can begin its planned expansion.

- (A) Even if
- (B) As though
- (C) Consequently
- (D) Now that

111. Online reviewers praise Alpha Fashion's ____ deliveries and its generous return policy.

- (A) tangible
- (B) measured
- (C) timely
- (D) subsequent

112. Though Bruce Guthrie's concert is planned ____ August 1, the organizers have said that this is subject to change.

- (A) at
- (B) for
- (C) since
- (D) in

113. The public speaking course presents trainees with opportunities ____ themselves in front of a group.

- (A) will express
- (B) to express
- (C) are expressing
- (D) expressed

114. The speaker at the Westicon Literature Seminar told an ____ story that had the entire audience laughing in enjoyment.

- (A) amusing
- (B) amusement
- (C) amused
- (D) amuse

115. A fee of \$100 will be ____ to office rental payments that are more than two weeks late.

- (A) applied
- (B) applying
- (C) apply
- (D) application

116. Last month's issue of Wise Finance ____ an exclusive interview with Chuck Granville, founder of financial firm Granville Investments.

- (A) subscribed
- (B) admitted
- (C) featured
- (D) dedicated

117. Broadcasting the ____ latest news 24 hours a day, cable station CPP allows viewers to keep up-to-date on world events.

- (A) fewer
- (B) very
- (C) far
- (D) more

118. The software ____ that New-Tech offers remove security risks and improve the performance of computers.

- (A) increments
- (B) enhancements
- (C) certificates
- (D) exceptions

119. Mr. Evans took a taxi to avoid being late, but the theater show had ____ begun by the time he arrived.

- (A) usually
- (B) seldom
- (C) hourly
- (D) already

120. Notices ____ residents of possible power outages were mailed out a week before crews began work on the power lines.

- (A) inform
- (B) information
- (C) informed
- (D) informing

121. Mr. Clemon's work was so impressive that he was made a senior manager _____ only six months with the company.

(A) on
(B) after
(C) while
(D) owing to

122. In anticipation of an increase in visitors during the summer holiday, the Shoreline Inn decided to _____ hire additional housekeeping staff.

(A) adversely
(B) uncontrollably
(C) temporarily
(D) relatively

123. Although a graduate degree is a requirement for the position, none of _____ who responded to the job announcement have one.

(A) they
(B) these
(C) themselves
(D) those

124. Travel writer Arthur Chaplin will give a short presentation tomorrow _____ the trip he described in his new book, Walking in Peru.

(A) along
(B) regarding
(C) in exchange for
(D) by means of

125. Having written multiple books on the effects of global warming, Ms. Black is widely regarded as a _____ expert on environmental issues.

(A) naive
(B) notable
(C) tolerant
(D) mundane

126. Local water quality is _____ to improve once the sewage treatment center is upgraded.

(A) grown
(B) limited
(C) bound
(D) acquired

127. Charles Kapoor was not considered a suitable candidate for a financial analyst position _____ he possessed exceptional investment experience.

(A) accordingly
(B) in spite of
(C) as if
(D) even though

128. The tour bus did not stop at Sheffield Stadium, so its passengers could only take pictures as they drove _____ it.

(A) until
(B) past
(C) onto
(D) within

129. Mercer Incorporated carefully goes over _____ its customer surveys and market research before making important decisions.

(A) as well as
(B) both
(C) between
(D) neither

130. For the purpose of increasing sales, Mendelbaum Electronics is giving a prize to _____ is the 100th person to buy a refrigerator.

(A) whichever
(B) another
(C) whoever
(D) someone

PART 6:

Directions: In each question, you will be asked to review a statement that is missing a word or phrase. Four answer choices will be provided for each statement. Select the best answer and mark the corresponding letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on the answer sheet.

Questions 131-134 refer to the following e-mail,

To: MoRay Productions <inquiries@mcrayprod.com> From: Laura Hahn <lhahn@delrio.com>

Subject: Proposal

Attachment: Product list

To Whom It May Concern,

My retail business, Delrio, currently needs a new (131) _____ for its pros. Delrio mostlys souvenir items, like canvas bags, pouches, and umbrellas, and I was wondering if you could produce some goods I've designed for an upcoming trade fair. This event will provide an opportunity for my company to attract customers and establish a positive (132) _____ with them. It is therefore very important for the merchandise I sell to appeal to my target market.

(133) _____ everything must be convenient to use and made of durable materials. I have attached a list of products I intend to feature and would like a sample of each one (134) _____.

Sincerely,
Laura Hahn, Delrio CEO

131.

- (A) manufacture
- (B) manufacturer
- (C) manufacturing
- (D) manufactured

132.

- (A) nuisance
- (B) attitude
- (C) reputation
- (D) condition

133.

- (A) In this way
- (B) In contrast
- (C) In particular
- (D) In reality

134.

- (A) Perhaps we can discuss the issue further at the trade fair.
- (B) If I like the results, I'd be willing to work with you on a regular basis.
- (C) Once I make the design changes, I will send you the order.
- (D) Your quoted prices are higher than I have budgeted for the items.

Questions 135-138 refer to the following notice,

Notice to all Northrup Apartment residents:

As you know, we have done some (135) _____ facility renovations for the first time. A children's playground in the compound has been added, and the old water pipes have been changed. Also, new walkways have been put in to replace the ones that had holes.

Northrup Apartment management (136) _____ you a detailed report of the amount that was spent on materials and labor. You all should have had a chance to go over it carefully by now. Costs will be divided as we earlier (137) _____ during the management-resident meeting. The management will pay 60 percent of the costs and residents will pay the remainder. To offset the share you have claimed responsibility for, your monthly amenities and maintenance bills will increase by \$25 beginning next month. _____ .

135.

- (A) clever
- (B) repetitive
- (C) conservative
- (D) extensive

136.

- (A) will send
- (B) has sent
- (C) to be sent
- (D) is sending

137.

- (A) declined
- (B) agreed
- (C) encompassed
- (D) attempted

138.

- (A) Those who haven't paid the charge yet will receive a fine.
- (B) The additional fee will be charged until the expenses are all paid for.
- (C) Please let us know when you will be using the new services.
- (D) This will be imposed after the facility improvements have been approved.

Questions 139-142 refer to the following information,

Win a free ski lift ticket from Schuler!

Schuler Gas (139) _____ its customers a chance to win free ski lift tickets. They are worth \$149 each and good for the entire day at any of the 15 resorts participating in this promotion.

From now until December 26, simply buy over 38 liters of fuel at any Schuler gas station nationwide. Then leave the receipt, complete with your contact information on the back, in the box (140) _____ the exit. Please note that the tickets will be valid for a limited time. (141) _____.

Furthermore, they cannot be exchanged for cash. Our raffle on January 1 will determine the winners, who can (142) _____ the tickets at the station the day after we call them. Alternatively, winners can arrange to have them mailed.

139.

- (A) has offered
- (B) was offering
- (C) will have offered
- (D) is offering

141.

- (A) You can save more if you buy ski lift tickets for five or more days.
- (B) Each one must be used by the date and time stamped on it.
- (C) Discounts are not applicable if coupons are past their expiration dates.
- (D) The country's ski resorts are among the best the world has to offer.

140.

- (A) inside
- (B) beside
- (C) upon
- (D) without

142.

- (A) claim
- (B) deliver
- (C) redeem
- (D) pursue

Questions 143-146 refer to the following article,

Abbotsburg, May 9 — After a year of construction, the Abbotsburg Community Center will be unveiled next Friday. (143) _____. Costing nearly \$5 million, the center is considered a luxury by some who contend that the money should have been used to (144) ____ local roads instead.

Most residents, however, believe the center is a (145) _____. Karen Petrowski, (146) _____ has been appointed the center's director said, "It will provide residents with the vital social, recreational, and educational opportunities they require." And she added, "We believe that, in time, the entire community will consider it a worthwhile place."

143.

- (A) The profitability of the venture could affect its completion.
- (B) It has so far proven quite popular with people of all ages.
- (C) But there was some opposition to the project when it started.
- (D) The city has become a model for other cities to follow.

145.

- (A) commitment
- (B) necessity
- (C) responsibility
- (D) coincidence

144.

- (A) repaired
- (B) repairing
- (C) repairs
- (D) repair

146.

- (A) instead
- (B) who
- (C) later
- (D) also