

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. Part of the _____ of the new café is that its outdoor seating overlooks the nearby lake.
(A) appeal
(B) consent
(C) standard
(D) model
102. Ms. Blaire has been working tirelessly to improve the _____ environment in the office.
(A) worked
(B) worker
(C) working
(D) works
103. _____ remains to be determined is how much money will be allocated to the department's budget.
(A) That
(B) How
(C) What
(D) Which
104. Mr. Thompson's secretary told him to call the vice president as soon as he _____ back from lunch.
(A) returned
(B) called
(C) stayed
(D) arrived
105. Ms. Hampton decided to take her vacation in the first week of August _____ on a trip abroad with her family.
(A) go
(B) going
(C) to go
(D) will go
106. Reserving tickets in advance is recommended for those who want to be _____ close to the stage.
(A) seats
(B) seating
(C) seated
(D) seater

107. _____ all of the promotions have been confirmed, the names and positions will be posted on the company's web page.
(A) Once
(B) Therefore
(C) In spite of
(D) With regard to
108. In order to gain a _____ advantage over their rivals, the company supervisors decided to pursue graduate studies.
(A) compete
(B) competitive
(C) competition
(D) competing
109. Ms. Jameson of Eager Travel called the office to provide the _____ for Mr. Smith's upcoming business trip.
(A) itinerary
(B) roster
(C) ticket
(D) lease
110. The computer system was malfunctioning and would not _____ any users to log on to the Internet.
(A) allow
(B) report
(C) enter
(D) submit
111. Mr. McGregor _____ machines for Ernst Welding for more than two decades.
(A) is repairing
(B) has been repairing
(C) was repaired
(D) had been repaired
112. Unless Mr. Murray's train arrives _____ the next ten minutes, he is going to be late for the meeting.
(A) by
(B) for
(C) within
(D) about
113. The captain announced that the plane was being sent to another airport due to the poor _____ in the Chicago area.
(A) vision
(B) visible
(C) visibility
(D) visibly
114. Driving without lights at night is hazardous not only to other drivers _____ to pedestrians.
(A) and so
(B) but also
(C) nor
(D) as with
115. Many of the employees expressed their _____ at being obligated to work overtime on the weekend.
(A) frustrate
(B) frustrating
(C) frustrated
(D) frustration
116. All those _____ pass the first stage in the application process will be invited to have an interview at the company's headquarters.
(A) which
(B) who
(C) where
(D) whom

117. Mr. Wilkins encourages his employees to _____ with one another to help them improve their teamwork.
- (A) interact
 - (B) discuss
 - (C) combine
 - (D) reveal
118. The CEO is scheduled to take a tour of the new manufacturing facility the day before it _____ opens.
- (A) officiate
 - (B) official
 - (C) office
 - (D) officially
119. Customers at Davis Consulting are encouraged to provide _____ of either a positive or negative nature.
- (A) response
 - (B) promotion
 - (C) feedback
 - (D) reaction
120. The mechanic indicated that the car had suffered serious engine problems and _____ a week to be repaired.
- (A) will be taking
 - (B) would take
 - (C) has been taken
 - (D) was taken
121. _____ ten people rejected the manager's request to work overtime on the holiday weekend.
- (A) As much as
 - (B) No fewer than
 - (C) At around
 - (D) With about
122. Tickets for the musical may be _____ online or by calling the box office at 509-5430.
- (A) purchased
 - (B) demanded
 - (C) reviewed
 - (D) donated
123. Katmandu Travel _____ in guided tours of some of the most fascinating places in Southeast Asia.
- (A) specializing
 - (B) has been specialized
 - (C) specializes
 - (D) was specialized
124. Only _____ personnel are permitted to walk through the lower levels of the research facility without an escort.
- (A) authority
 - (B) authorized
 - (C) authorities
 - (D) authorizing
125. _____ the two employees have some differences, they also share quite a large number of similarities.
- (A) Because
 - (B) Therefore
 - (C) If
 - (D) While
126. While Rabbit Logistics charges high prices, it guarantees _____ the packages it delivers will arrive on time.
- (A) what
 - (B) that
 - (C) which
 - (D) when

127. Although the marketing campaign was widely hailed as a success, _____ at J. Gilman, Inc. actually declined in the last quarter.

- (A) revenue
- (B) sale
- (C) product
- (D) quantity

128. The first step _____ sales is to make solid connections with one's client base.

- (A) improves
- (B) being improved
- (C) to improving
- (D) have been improving

129. Ervin Textiles sells high-quality products made domestically at _____ prices anyone can afford.

- (A) reasoning
- (B) reason
- (C) reasonable
- (D) reasonably

130. The firm is going to bring in several outside experts to _____ what the cause of all the problems is.

- (A) determine
- (B) approach
- (C) regulate
- (D) discuss

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 advertisement.

Darby's Printing Services

_____ 131. Darby's Printing Services has just opened for business. We are located at 67 Washburn Avenue and are right across the street from the Whitman Steakhouse. _____ 132. we may be a new business, our employees are old hands at the printing industry. Clarence Darby, the owner, has more than five decades of experience in the industry, and his employees have been working for more than two decades each.

To celebrate the opening of our store, _____ 133. service we provide will be available at a 40% discount during our first week of business. So come here and have your company reports printed. Or request new business cards. We can print signs, advertisements, and posters as well. If it has anything to do with printing, we are the _____ 134. Call us at 701-7649 or visit our website at www.darbysprinting.com to learn more about us and to see how much we charge for our services. We hope to see you soon.

131. (A) Darby's Printing Services is reopening its doors.
(B) There's a new store in town, and we want to serve you.
(C) Thanks for making our first week in business a success.
(D) Darby's Printing Services is celebrating its tenth year of doing business.

132. (A) While
(B) However
(C) Since
(D) If

133. (A) some
(B) which
(C) every
(D) that
134. (A) sellers
(B) designers
(C) architects
(D) experts

Questions 135–138 refer to the following article.

Odessa Spring Festival Comes to an End

Odessa (May 10) – After five days, the Odessa Spring Festival came to its _____ yesterday. The festival finished with a fireworks show above Big Bass Lake that lasted until late at night.

_____ This was the first time since 2011 that the festival received five straight days of sunny weather. The temperature was also unseasonably high, which made for a more pleasant _____ for most of the attendees. Festival organizer Diane Armstrong said, “I can’t think of a single thing that went wrong this year. I’m pleased that we had a great festival and that so many people from the local community came here to support us.”

On the last day of the festival, the annual fishing contest was held. The winner was Pete Wellman, who caught six fish _____ a combined total of 11.4 kilograms. He is a three-time winner of the contest, having won it last year as well as six years ago.

135. (A) conclusion
(B) final
(C) stop
(D) over

137. (A) attempt
(B) experience
(C) visualization
(D) appearance

136. (A) The festival’s organizers hope the sunny skies will attract many people.
(B) Not as many people as expected visited the festival due to the heavy rain.
(C) There were a number of problems at the festival, especially the weather.
(D) This year’s festival was widely considered the most successful in recent years.

138. (A) weigh
(B) weighted
(C) weighing
(D) weighs

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Questions 139–142 refer to the following e-mail.

To: Wilma Arlington <wilma_a@trr.com>

From: Chad Silva <csilva@trr.com>

Subject: Orientation

Date: August 24

Wilma,

As you are aware, the orientation session for new employees is scheduled for next Monday, August 31. Unfortunately, there's a slight problem. Matt Powell was supposed _____ the session. However, he just submitted his resignation this morning, so the CEO doesn't want him running the _____. Mr. Jenkins instead suggested that you be responsible for everything.

I know you've never done this before, but it's a fairly straightforward _____. I can get you up to speed on everything you need to do and let you know what must be done before next Monday as well. _____ Why don't we get together today? I'm going to be out of the office until around 2 in the afternoon. But I'm available any time after then until 6 in the evening. How about leaving a text message for me on my cell phone since I can't check my e-mail while I'm out of the office? My number is (205) 365-8434.

I will wait for your response.

Sincerely,

Chad Silva

139. (A) leading

(B) led

(C) to lead

(D) have led

140. (A) negotiation

(B) program

(C) ceremony

(D) workplace

141. (A) process

(B) procession

(C) processed

(D) processing

142. (A) It would be ideal for us to meet in person soon.

(B) Let's talk on the phone to cover all the details.

(C) I'm going to be away from the office until tomorrow.

(D) We don't want there to be mistakes like the last time.

Questions 143–146 refer to the following memo.

To: All Employees

From: Rachel Hunter, HR Department

Subject: Internal Transfers

Date: October 2

_____ 143. The forms for transfer can be picked up in the HR Department or may be downloaded from the company's website at www.jacksons.com/transfers. They must be completed in full, signed by your direct supervisor, and submitted no later than October 10. Any other paperwork that is required should be turned in _____ 144. your application. Be sure to state which department or branch you are applying to and why you would like to work there.

Please note that we have opened several new branches in foreign countries this year. We now have branches in Brazil, South Africa, Singapore, China, and Australia. If you are interested in transferring to one of these branches, you must be _____ 145. in the primary language spoken in that particular country. Contact me anytime at extension 33 if you have any questions or concerns _____ 146. transferring.

143. (A) We have just hired several new employees here.
(B) It is time to start considering employees for promotions.
(C) HR is currently accepting applications for internal transfers.
(D) You need to prepare for your annual employee evaluations.

144. (A) in lieu of
(B) regardless of
(C) along with
(D) with respect to

145. (A) fluent
(B) talkative
(C) aware
(D) prepared

146. (A) regards
(B) regardless
(C) regarding
(D) regarded

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