

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

_____ Darby's Printing Services has just opened for business. We are located at 67 Washburn ^{131.} Avenue and are right across the street from the Whitman Steakhouse. _____ we may be a new ^{132.} 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, _____ service we provide will be available at a 40% ^{133.} 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 _____. Call us at 701-7649 or visit our website at ^{134.} 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

The forms for transfer can be picked up in the HR Department or may be downloaded
143. 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.** with 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.** fluent 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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