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. The mechanic is replacing the _____ part and will require around an hour to fix the engine.

(A) defection
(B) defecting
(C) defective
(D) defect

102. All the invitations to the company's annual ball have been sent to _____ associated with the firm.

(A) everyone
(B) each one
(C) someone
(D) anyone

103. It is widely expected that Mr. Durant will _____ the decision to sell the Davenport facility to Kenmore Technology.

(A) approve
(B) prompt
(C) withdraw
(D) portray

104. Mr. McDaniel plans _____ advertisements for his studio in all of the local papers and magazines.

(A) placing
(B) will place
(C) to place
(D) having placed

105. Every shipment is _____ to arrive within 48 hours, or Gateway Logistics will refund the sender's payment.

(A) promised
(B) assumed
(C) conditioned
(D) guaranteed

106. _____ expenses enabled Wilson Electronics to become profitable during the second quarter of the year.

(A) Abandoning
(B) Declining
(C) Reducing
(D) Supporting

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107. Customers may opt to receive their invoices either _____ the mail or by fax.

(A) within
(B) on
(C) through
(D) around

108. Because the machinery has been in _____ use, it needs to be inspected sometime next week.

(A) continue
(B) continual
(C) continuity
(D) continuing

109. On account of the poor harvest, many people in the agricultural sector had to declare _____.

(A) bankrupt
(B) bankrupted
(C) bankruptcy
(D) bankrupting

110. Dr. Beale is internationally _____ for his work in the fields of robotics and medicine.

(A) renowned
(B) approved
(C) revealed
(D) anticipated

111. The special discount _____ offered to all members does not apply for purchases of $1,000 or more.

(A) was
(B) is
(C) will be
(D) being

112. The latest version of Robin Electronics' laptop is twice _____ the earlier version of the model.

(A) faster
(B) as fast as
(C) fastest
(D) faster than

113. Thousands of individuals in search of gainful _____ appeared at the job fair in Peoria over the weekend.

(A) employee
(B) employer
(C) employment
(D) employable

114. Ms. Rogers had to pay an extra fee because her suitcase _____ more than 3 kilograms above the permitted amount.

(A) weighed
(B) appeared
(C) measured
(D) evaluated

115. Two days after the jobs _____ on the website, more than 200 applications arrived in the company's mailbox.

(A) posted
(B) will be posted
(C) are posting
(D) were posted

116. The new software by Poko, Inc. is not just inexpensive but is also more efficient than anything _____ on the market.

(A) other
(B) then
(C) else
(D) which

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117. The staff members unanimously agreed to accept the offer of a bonus and pay _____ from management.

(A) rose
(B) raise
(C) raising
(D) raised

118. Jefferson Lee has a _____ in the local business community for being a dependable and honest man.

(A) standard
(B) status
(C) condition
(D) reputation

119. Only _____ applicants who have graduated with a degree in engineering will be considered for the positions at World Tech, Inc.

(A) qualifies
(B) qualified
(C) qualification
(D) qualitied

120. In an effort to get rid of its unwanted winter clothing, New Style Fashions had a sale in _____ it offered discounts of up to 70%.

(A) that
(B) when
(C) where
(D) which

121. The only people who are permitted into the boarding area are those individuals with _____ tickets.

(A) dignified
(B) valid
(C) verbal
(D) legal

122. When the survey _____, the data must be compiled in a form that can be properly analyzed.

(A) is completed
(B) completes
(C) will complete
(D) is being completed

123. According to the terms of the agreement, payment must be made no later than the fifth day of _____ month for the next two years.

(A) each
(B) some
(C) any
(D) no

124. WTRT, the local radio station, is offering discounted rates on advertisements to its primary _____.

(A) sponsorships
(B) sponsoring
(C) sponsors
(D) sponsored

125. The store manager at David's always calls customers to _____ if they file complaints about service.

(A) ask around
(B) follow up
(C) advise
(D) feedback

126. Henry's Fish and Chips, a _____ chain restaurant, is going to expand to more than 25 countries by this time next year.

(A) growth
(B) growing
(C) grow
(D) grower

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127. Mr. Scott, Ms. Chandler's lawyer, _____ to permit the release of any of her personnel files last night.

(A) refuses
(B) is refusing
(C) has refused
(D) refused

128. Several items on the _____ had not been covered at the meeting by the time it adjourned.

(A) degree
(B) agenda
(C) transcript
(D) staff

129. _____ additional information on its products, people can visit the company's website to download a pamphlet.

(A) For
(B) With
(C) By
(D) Through

130. There is some _____ beneficial research on pharmaceuticals being done in the laboratories at the Nelson Corporation.

(A) energetically
(B) potentially
(C) carefully
(D) patiently

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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 e-mail.

To: Samantha Wallace, Edward Kershaw

From: Ted Winters

Subject: Changes

Date: June 10

I've been giving some thought to an idea, and I'd like to find out what _____ of you think about it. Since the Sales and Marketing departments collaborate so much, I'm considering putting the two offices in the same room. So Sales would no longer be on the first floor, _____ would Marketing be on the third floor. Instead, they'll be on the second floor in a large, open area. There will be no individual offices except for those of the director and assistant director of each department.

I believe this would foster a sense of teamwork between the members of both departments. By _____ what the salespeople are doing, the marketing people could create better advertisements and devise more ways to induce shoppers to buy our products. And by learning how the marketers think, the sales staff could come up with more effective ways to pitch our products. What do you two think of this proposal? _____

131. _____
132. _____
133. _____
134. _____

131. (A) each
(B) some
(C) either
(D) both

132. (A) and
(B) nor
(C) thus
(D) which

133. (A) knowledge
(B) knowing
(C) knowable
(D) will know

134. (A) Wouldn't you agree that everything I did worked out well?
(B) Don't you think that everyone approves of the changes we made?
(C) How about providing feedback on this idea when you have some time?
(D) When will you two have some time to start moving the desks around?

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Questions 135–138 refer to the following notice.

Electricity to Be Disconnected

_____ The area that is going to be covered by the blackout will be on Carter Street between
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Eastern Avenue and Kenmore Road. Work crews from Alameda Power are going to be working on some high-powered lines on Carter Street, so electricity there must be turned off to let them do their jobs _____. Electricity will be disconnected at 9 A.M. and should be turned back on around
136.
11:30 A.M. Residents who will be _____ ought to take precautions so that they will be prepared
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during this time. If the work is not complete by 11:30, the electricity will remain off. City employees will make _____ by loudspeaker in the area so that residents can be updated on the work crews'
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progress. Please visit the Alameda Power website at www.alamedapower.com/carterstreet to learn more about which areas will be covered by the blackout. Questions or complaints can be e-mailed to info@alamedapower.com and will be responded to within 4 hours of being received.

135. (A) Work crews are going to be repairing the street this Friday, October 10.
(B) On Wednesday, July 25, a water pipe is going to be repaired on Carter Street.
(C) Some parts of the city will not have electricity on Thursday, September 14.
(D) This Saturday, August 11, the gas will be shut off in the Freemont neighborhood.

136. (A) safer
(B) the safest
(C) safely
(D) safety

137. (A) affected
(B) upset
(C) absent
(D) reported

138. (A) decisions
(B) announcements
(C) repairs
(D) upgrades

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

TO: Mary Lewis <m_lewis@dmmt.com>

FROM: Eloise Purcell <eloisep@dmmt.com>

SUBJECT: Meeting

DATE: October 3

Mary,

I know we are supposed to meet today right after lunch, but I'm afraid I'm not going to be able to get together with you then. Mr. Colter, my supervisor, requested that I give a presentation for the delegation from Spain _____ arrived last night. I need to discuss the benefits of our latest line of software with them at 2:30 this afternoon. _____ I therefore need to spend every minute until then working on what I intend to say.

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How does your schedule look tomorrow morning? I've got _____ time between 9 and noon, so I can meet you then. If that doesn't work for you, I'm also available between the hours of 4 and 6. Why don't you let me know what the best time for you to meet is? I apologize for canceling our meeting on such _____ notice, but this is a matter that is out of my control. I hope you understand.

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142.

Regards,

Eloise

139. (A) what
(B) when
(C) where
(D) that

140. (A) However, I haven't prepared any of my remarks yet.
(B) In case you don't know, I was the lead designer on the software.
(C) Unfortunately, the software still has some big problems.
(D) Consequently, I'll be leaving for Spain as soon as possible.

141. (A) a variety of
(B) very little
(C) no type of
(D) plenty of

142. (A) apparent
(B) short
(C) surprising
(D) tight

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Questions 143–146 refer to the following article.

Bixby Bank to Open New Branch Downtown

Hampton City (January 17) – Yesterday, a spokeswoman for Bixby Bank announced that the bank _____ a new branch in the downtown part of Hampton City. The office will be located on the second floor of the Silverwood Shopping Center. _____ Headquartered in Montgomery, the bank has been opening branch offices at a swift pace during the past two years. This year, it plans to open more than 30 branch offices across the entire state. The office in the mall will be Hampton City's fourth Bixby Bank. The bank has been growing so much thanks to its _____ on customer relations and quality service. In a recent survey, Bixby Bank ranked much higher than all of its competitors regarding how well it _____ its customers and which services it provides for them. Bixby Bank recorded more than $25 million in profits last year, and analysts believe it will more than double that number this year.

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146.

143. (A) opened
(B) has opened
(C) is opening
(D) to open

144. (A) The shopping center recently closed due to poor sales.
(B) Experts believe Bixby Bank must improve its services.
(C) Bixby Bank is the state's fastest growing bank.
(D) This will be the first branch that the bank has opened.

145. (A) emphasis
(B) impression
(C) consideration
(D) dedication

146. (A) considers
(B) treats
(C) appoints
(D) behaves

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