

TOEIC READING MOCK TEST

READING COMPREHENSION

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.

PART 5

Directions: A word or phrase is missing in each of the sentences below. Four answer choices (A), (B), (C), or (D) are given below each sentence. Select the best answer to complete the sentence.

101. Mr. Pritchard called the bank to ask about the savings account _____ had opened last month. (A) he (B) him (C) his (D) himself	105. The small business loan from Renata Bank is what helped _____ café make some much-needed refurbishments. (A) our (B) ours (C) we (D) us
102. Most people in the office choose to _____ the bus to work because there is limited parking near the building. (A) travel (B) cross (C) ride (D) run	106. The negotiator position requires a _____ understanding of the internal conflicts in the organization. (A) sole (B) deep (C) private (D) severe
103. For safety reasons, the kitchen _____ on display in the showroom are not kept plugged in. (A) utensils (B) appliances (C) tiles (D) counters	107. As the two products were _____ identical, the manager ordered the one with the lower price. (A) nearer (B) nearly (C) nearest (D) nearness
104. Surprisingly, the cost of repairing the vehicle after the accident was _____ than purchasing a new one. (A) greatly (B) great (C) greater (D) greatness	108. Customers using the laundry facility for the _____ time may need assistance in operating the machines. (A) first (B) each (C) single (D) once

<p>109. Langley Software _____ its user agreement later this year to make the terms easier for customers to understand.</p> <p>(A) modified (B) modifying (C) will modify (D) having modified</p>	<p>115. Cottage Farms specializes in _____ produce organically, without harmful fertilizers or pesticides</p> <p>(A) cultivates (B) cultivating (C) cultivation (D) cultivate</p>
<p>110. The spokesperson seemed to respond to reporters' inquiries _____ though he were unfamiliar with the company's history.</p> <p>(A) if (B) so (C) as (D) when</p>	<p>116. The weekday lunch special at Paradise Café is served _____ a choice of side salad or the soup of the day.</p> <p>(A) by (B) with (C) to (D) until</p>
<p>111. Everyone who completes the customer _____ within the time frame will be entered into a prize drawing.</p> <p>(A) demand (B) questionnaire (C) loyalty (D) service</p>	<p>117. When responding to the invitation, please indicate your meal _____ if you will be in attendance.</p> <p>(A) preference (B) preferred (C) preferable (D) preferably</p>
<p>112. Small bags can be placed in the overhead compartments or _____ the seat in front of you.</p> <p>(A) under (B) between (C) toward (D) among</p>	<p>118. _____ safer than other cutting machines on the market, it's no wonder that the Y-881 is a top-selling product.</p> <p>(A) Demonstration (B) Demonstrate (C) Demonstrably (D) Demonstrable</p>
<p>113. Guests who do not want to leave _____ items in their rooms can use the hotel's safe while they're away.</p> <p>(A) fluent (B) attentive (C) prompt (D) valuable</p>	<p>119. _____ Rochester Boulevard has been expanded, traffic jams are rarely seen in the area.</p> <p>(A) Whenever (B) Only if (C) Once (D) Now that</p>
<p>114. The report had to be rewritten because a piece of _____ information about the budget had been omitted.</p> <p>(A) critics (B) critically (C) criticize</p>	<p>120. To prevent cross-contamination of the food, raw meat and fresh vegetables should be kept _____ at all times.</p> <p>(A) separate (B) further (C) nearby</p>

<p>(D) critical</p>	<p>(D) opposite</p>
<p>121. _____ wishes to upgrade a standard class ticket to first class may do so at the station or on board.</p> <p>(A) Anything (B) Every (C) Whoever (D) Those</p>	<p>126. The team led by Ms. Gibbons _____ a memorable slogan to use in the Westbury Beverages commercial.</p> <p>(A) came up with (B) took off (C) ran out of (D) relied on</p>
<p>122. _____ made from plated copper are becoming more popular in the fashion world these days.</p> <p>(A) Accessorized (B) Accessorizes (C) Accessorize (D) Accessories</p>	<p>127. During the lecture, biologist Joanne Marquez outlined _____ that this songbird has made to adjust to living near highly populated areas.</p> <p>(A) adaptations (B) adapting (C) adapt (D) adapted</p>
<p>123. Dr. Madison was unable to complete the experiment _____ some of the necessary equipment was malfunctioning.</p> <p>(A) through (B) since (C) neither (D) although</p>	<p>128. Ms. Richards performs the majority of her writing in the _____ garage that she uses as a home office.</p> <p>(A) convert (B) converting (C) converts (D) converted</p>
<p>124. The airline's ticketing agent should _____ your luggage on the scale at the time of check-in.</p> <p>(A) weighing (B) have weighed (C) be weighed (D) have been weighed</p>	<p>129. Most of the city council members nodded their heads _____ as Mr. Vidalia spoke about the need to reduce taxes.</p> <p>(A) agreeable (B) agreement (C) agree (D) agreeably</p>
<p>125. Some of the items sold by Henrietta Gifts are more fragile than others, so they should be packaged _____.</p> <p>(A) absolutely (B) flexibly (C) accordingly (D) mutually</p>	<p>130. Because the new employee information is so complicated, Mr. Conley _____ it down into four training sessions.</p> <p>(A) withdrew (B) ensured (C) broke (D) shared</p>

PART 6

Directions: Read the texts that follow. A word, phrase, or sentence is missing in parts of each text. Four answer choices (A), (B), (C), or (D) for each question are given below the text. Select the best answer to complete the text.

Questions 131-134 refer to the following article.

Ector Foods, one of the country's largest food processing companies, has announced (131.) _____ plans to meet 100% of its energy needs from renewable sources within five years. The move (132.) _____ the first of the company's three-step environmental initiatives. Experts working in the field are not surprised that Ector Foods is the first of its kind to take such measures. (133.) _____.

"We have a responsibility to produce our goods responsibly," said CEO Morgan Parker in a press conference yesterday. "(134.) _____ should not be taken lightly." Ector Foods will make use of on-site solar power as well as purchase electricity from wind farms in the area.

131. (A) altered
(B) similar
(C) ambitious
(D) motivated

132. (A) marks
(B) marking
(C) to mark
(D) will have marked

133. (A) The company has always led the industry in innovation.

(B) Investors want to branch out into other markets.
(C) A great deal of knowledge is needed for the change.
(D) The grand opening ceremony is set for later this month.

134. (A) What
(B) He
(C) These
(D) It

Questions 135-138 refer to the following email.

To: Asher Larson <a.larson@larsonflowers.com>

From: Emily Eilers <emily@lilacvalleydeals.com>

Date: October 10

Subject: Promote your business!

Dear Mr. Larson,

The number of tourists to the area has (135.) _____ increased over the past few years. *Lilac Valley Deals* can help your business stand out! Our magazine has a (136.) _____ of 20,000, and we reach hotels, tourist information centers, and public transportation facilities. You can advertise a special offer for your business on a quarter, half, or full page. (137.) _____. Please note that (138.) _____ you do not have an ad prepared, you can still advertise with us, as our in-house graphics team can create something for you. Please e-mail me back if you are interested.

Sincerely,

Emily Eilers

135. (A) steady
(B) steadied
(C) steadily
(D) steadiness

136. (A) deposit
(B) circulation
(C) wage
(D) turnout

137. (A) I enjoyed learning about your business.

(B) The largest size is the best value.
(C) This is the majority of seasonal tourists.
(D) Simply present this coupon for a discount.

138. (A) owing to
(B) whether
(C) before
(D) even if

Questions 139-142 refer to the following letter.

Nicole Hudson
Cupcake Express
312 Capital Avenue
New Castle, IN 47362

Dear Ms. Hudson,

I'd like to invite you to the New Castle Baking Festival. (139.) _____. However, if we reach the level of participation that we are expecting, we can make it an annual tradition. This is an excellent way to promote your business because visitors will try your (140.) _____. To find out more about the event, please watch our (141.) _____ video online at www.newcastlebaking.org. Just a few minutes of your time will teach you everything you need to know. We also plan to post a list of businesses that (142.) _____ the festival.

We hope to add you to that list!

Sincerely,
Maya Fische

139. (A) Last year's festival was an enormous success.

(B) Please respond with your intention to enter.

(C) This is our first time organizing such an event.

(D) Each booth features a different kind of food.

140. (A) competitions

(B) recipes

(C) routines

(D) methods

141. (A) brief
(B) live

(C) minor
(D) similar

142. (A) will be attended

(B) attends

(C) will be attending

(D) is attending

Questions 143-146 refer to the following notice.

New Members Welcome at Glendale Support

Glendale Support is currently seeking new members. (143.) _____. However, attendance at all meetings is not required. Our organization (144.) _____ community members to work together toward improving public sites in Glendale. This (145.) _____ approach can maximize our impact on schools, libraries, parks, and more. To become a part of our group, please attend our next meeting, which will be held on June 18 at 7 P.M. at the Filbert Center, room 104. You can also e-mail our Membership Director, Kyle Thompson, at k.thompson@glendalesupport.org. To read more about projects (146.) _____ our group has carried out in the past, please visit our website at www.glendalesupport.org.

143. (A) Each project receives public as well as private funding.
(B) Your membership fee can be waived in some cases.
(C) We get together on the first and third Monday of every month.
(D) This service has been growing in popularity.

144. (A) is urged
(B) to urge
(C) urges
(D) urge

145. (A) cooperative
(B) reversible
(C) occasional
(D) imaginary

146. (A) what
(B) who
(C) that
(D) where

PART 7

Directions: In this part you will read a selection of texts, such as magazines and newspaper articles, e-mails, and instant messages. Each text or set of texts is followed by several questions. Select the best answer for each question.

Questions 147-148 refer to the following receipt.

— Customer Receipt —
Crawton Hall
1265 Rosetti Lane ◊ 555-0188

Date: August 12

Purchase Location: Box Office, In-Person, Agent #081

Customer Name: Tessa Fortney

Payment Type: Credit card XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-0734

Description

Buenos Aires Theatre Orchestra, Aug. 31	Seat C51	£28.00
Buenos Aires Theatre Orchestra, Aug. 31	Seat C52	£28.00
Handling Charge		£1.50
Theatre Restoration and Construction*		£5.00
	TOTAL	£62.50

* Thank you for your optional contribution! Your support will help us to carry out essential renovations and build an extension to our existing structure.

147. For what kind of event did Ms. Fortney purchase tickets?

- (A) An academic lecture
- (B) A musical performance
- (C) A film screening
- (D) A comedy show

148. What is indicated about Ms. Fortney on the receipt?

- (A) She was charged £1.50 in city taxes.
- (B) She made a donation to a building project.
- (C) She placed her order one month in advance.
- (D) She bought the tickets over the phone.

Questions 149-150 refer to the following text-message chain.

Luciano Garcia [10:23 A.M.]

Hello, this is Luciano from Southfield Incorporated. We are scheduled to make a delivery to your home today between 12:30 P.M. and 1:30 P.M.

Melanie Walters [10:26 A.M.]

I'll be home to accept the delivery. It's the queen-sized mattress, right?

Luciano Garcia [10:27 A.M.]

That's correct. It is from order #95871.

Melanie Walters [10:28 A.M.]

There might be one problem, though. My apartment is on the fourth floor, and there's no elevator in this building.

Luciano Garcia [10:29 A.M.]

Oh, there are two of us.

Melanie Walters [10:30 A.M.]

That should be fine, then. See you later today. Thanks!

149. What most likely is Southfield Incorporated?

- (A) A car rental company
- (B) An electronics repair service
- (C) A real estate agency
- (D) A furniture store

150. At 10:29 A.M., what does Mr. Garcia most likely mean when he writes, "there are two of us"?

- (A) There is competition to provide a service.
- (B) An item can be moved without difficulty.
- (C) An administrative error has been made.
- (D) Some goods will arrive separately.

Questions 151-152 refer to the following letter.

Brian Silva
403 Liberty Street
Fort Worth, TX 76111

Dear Mr. Silva,

We have received your application to renew your driver's license by mail. Unfortunately, we are unable to process your request because it does not meet our renewal criteria. Drivers are only allowed two consecutive renewals by mail, after which they must visit a Motor Vehicles Authority Office in person to have a new photograph taken. Please be sure to complete this task before your license expires. Otherwise, you could be subject to a penalty charge. A list of sites that issue state driver's licenses is printed on the back of this letter.

Sincerely,

Robert Nelson
Robert Nelson
Renewals Department

151. Why was Mr Silva's request refused?

- (A) He has already renewed his license by mail twice.
- (B) He sent a photograph that was the wrong size.
- (C) He did not include the necessary payment.
- (D) He no longer lives at the same address.

152. What might happen if Mr. Silva allows his current license to expire?

- (A) A driving exam may become required.
- (B) An application may be rejected.
- (C) A fine may be imposed.
- (D) A deadline may be extended.

Questions 153-154 refer to the following information.

Thank you for joining the Home-Meals team! Our deliveries of daily hot meals to the elderly prevent isolation and allow them to maintain their independence. On the days that you are assigned a shift, you should report to our commercial kitchen in Reston at 8 A.M. You may assist

with meal preparation there or be asked to transport goods from our storage facility at the head office in Calverton. Once the meals are prepared, you will be assigned a delivery route of between 10 and 15 stops. These routes cover the neighborhoods of Reston, Calverton, Fairfax, and Landover. Should you have any questions, please speak to the manager on duty, or contact Audrey Vogel at the head office at 555-0176.

153. For whom is the information most likely intended? (A) New workers (B) Potential volunteers (C) Charity donors (D) Elderly people	154. Where does Ms. Vogel most likely work? (A) In Reston (B) In Calverton (C) In Fairfax (D) In Landover
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Questions 155-157 refer to the following advertisement.

Bike Tour Guides Needed!

Spend your summer in the great outdoors by becoming a bike tour guide at Wiedl Parks Plus. As a guide, you will conduct tours in and around Utica National Park and work with a wide range of group sizes and abilities. Housing in our modern dormitory is provided for the entire summer season; depending on the tour and location, you may also be housed at hotels or lodges near the park at no cost to you. Bike tour guides are paid \$95 dollars per day on tour days, and all meals are provided. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about compensation at the initial interview. All guides must be physically fit and knowledgeable about bicycle maintenance and repair. To apply, send an e-mail to Human Resources Director Philip Norris at pnorris@wiedl-pp.com. Please note that those who accept the position must purchase a travel insurance policy before the first day of employment.

155. What is indicated about the accommodations offered to bike tour guides? (A) They are situated within a national park. (B) The buildings sites may vary by tour. (C) They are only available for free on tour days. (D) The rooms must be shared with other guides.	156. What should candidates with payment questions do? (A) Include them in an e-mail to Mr. Norris (B) Download a sample contract (C) Watch a recruitment video (D) Ask them during an interview	157. According to the advertisement, what must new employees do before starting work? (A) Pass a physical fitness test (B) Review the company's safety policy (C) Show proof of relevant experience (D) Buy some travel insurance
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Questions 158-160 refer to the following advertisement.

BCP - Your Parcel, Your way

You can rely on BCP to make sure your parcel gets there on time and in good condition. We have the lowest rate of lost or damaged items in the industry, and we've recently changed to a flat fee based on box size so that the price is clear from the beginning. At our service points, envelopes, boxes, and tape are freely available so that you can get your package ready without any hassle. After your items are sent, you can track the shipment in real time on our Web site. Remember, certain things cannot be transported through the mail due to safety issues or restrictions set by international law. To find out what is and is not allowed, visit www.bcp-mail.com/before_sending. We are always searching for ways to improve our services. Customers who have sent a package through BCP anytime in the past month may complete a short questionnaire in May to receive a voucher for 15% off their next transaction. To do so, call 1-800-555-0144.

158. What is NOT mentioned as available to BCP customers?

- (A) Compensation for lost packages
- (B) An online tracking system
- (C) Complimentary packing supplies
- (D) A simplified pricing structure

159. According to the advertisement, what can be found on the Web page mentioned?

- (A) A map of service points
- (B) A pick-up scheduling form
- (C) A list of prohibited items
- (D) An estimate of transportation times

160. How can customers get a discount coupon?

- (A) By referring friend
- (B) By using a service frequently
- (C) By joining for a mailing list
- (D) By filling out a survey

Questions 161-163 refer to the following e-mail.

To:	Carrie Keaton <ckeaton@drilbyskiresort.com>
From:	Evan Barnett <ebarnett@drilbyskiresort.com>
Date:	September 4
Subject:	Magazine advertisement
Attachment:	 maxfuntravelsubmissions.doc

Dear Carrie,

Thanks for agreeing to design the advertisement for our resort that will appear in the October issue of *Max Fun Travel* magazine. -----[1]----- We want the advertisement to inform both new and existing customers of changes that will affect this season—namely, that our dining hall has reopened after renovations throughout the summer, and that a complimentary session with a ski instructor will now be included with every lift ticket.

I have contacted the submissions department of Max Fun Travel to request the latest guidelines and have attached a copy for your reference. -----[2]----- Please feel free to use any of the images in our company database. The file sent to *Max Fun Travel* must be completely ready for publication and in the correct format when it is submitted.

-----[3]----- We only have enough room in the budget for a half-page advertisement. It can be in full color, but the magazine only offers horizontal half-page ads, so the design must be wider than it is tall. -----[4]----- If you run into any obstacles, don't hesitate to e-mail me.

Thank you,

Evan

161. What is Drilby Ski Resort about to offer for the first time?

- (A) Free skiing lessons
- (B) On-site dining
- (C) Summer tours
- (D) Overnight lodging

162. What does Mr. Barnett mention about the advertisement?

- (A) It should feature several images.
- (B) It must be submitted by the end of the month.
- (C) It should have a limited number of colors.
- (D) It must have a specific shape.

163. In which of the following positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

"The magazine charges a significant fee to make changes after that point."

- (A) [1]
- (B) [2]
- (C) [3]
- (D) [4]

Questions 164-167 refer to the following article.

Jimenez-Wright Enterprises to Expand Its Horizons

July 29—In a press briefing held yesterday, activewear manufacturer Jimenez-Wright Enterprises confirmed that it will add a new line of clothing in order to branch into the children's clothing market, an idea pushed by recently appointed CEO Jesse Stegman. Jimenez-Wright Enterprises is the parent company of the popular retailers Chaskell and Krismore, whose clothing is produced domestically for men and women, respectively. Based on feedback from loyal customers who attended Jimenez-Wright's first-ever beach volleyball competition at Daytona Beach last year, the company began developing clothing suitable for children.

"There has been an increase in obesity rates among children over the past few years, as they have few opportunities for exercise while being in school all day" said pediatrician Jordan Downey, a consultant for the company. "Fortunately, parents are starting to wake up to this problem and take action, adopting a healthy lifestyle for the whole family."

Jimenez-Wright Enterprises hopes to capitalize on this trend by introducing Marilou, a line of activewear for children ages 5 to 13. The apparel will be manufactured in Jimenez-Wright Enterprises' existing factories, with up to 40% of the fabrics made from reprocessed plastic bottles. While many of the items in the adult stores must be hand-washed to maintain the performance of the fabric, all items in the Marilou line will be machine-washable and resistant to staining. Initially, the line will be rolled out in stores with the company's women's clothing to test consumers' interest, but the long-term plan is to have retail stores that sell Marilou exclusively.

164. What is true about Jimenez-Wright Enterprises?

- (A) It recently acquired a rival manufacturer.
- (B) It is developing some exercise equipment.
- (C) It hosted a sports competition last year.
- (D) It will create a sports organization for

166. What is NOT suggested about Marilou products?

- (A) They will be too delicate for machine washing.
- (B) They will be produced domestically.
- (C) They will be partially made from recycled materials.

<p>children.</p> <p>165. Who most likely is Ms. Downey?</p> <p>(A) A financial consultant (B) A medical professional (C) The principal of a school (D) The CFO of a company</p>	<p>(D) They will be made of stain resistant fabrics.</p> <p>167. Where will the Marilou line first be sold?</p> <p>(A) On a special Web site (B) In a seasonal catalog (C) In Chaskell stores (D) In Krismore stores</p>
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Questions 168-171 refer to the following notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ROADWORK

On Monday, October 7, work will begin on nearly 2,000 feet of water pipes under Cecil Boulevard. -----[1]----. Aging concrete pipes that date back several decades will be swapped for those made of galvanized steel. The \$750,000 project was approved by the city council earlier this year, and it will be funded in part by a federal grant for infrastructure development.

During the project, the water supply to certain neighborhoods must be turned off. In those areas, a temporary water supply will be provided via a series of rubber hoses, and individual households will be affected for approximately 48 hours at most. -----[2]----.

Sections of Cecil Boulevard will be torn up, resulting in partial road closures with single-lane use. Crews will work from 6:30 P.M. to 6:30 A.M. to minimize interruptions to the flow of traffic. Still, motorists in the area should expect delays, as alternative routes will be busier than usual, and they should watch for notices and signage in the area indicating detours. -----[3]----. They are also reminded that fines for speeding are doubled in a construction zone. The work is expected to take six weeks, though adverse weather could delay some tasks. Updates of closures, progress, and alternative route recommendations can be found on the Department of Transportation's Web site. -----[4]----.

<p>168. What is being announced in the notice?</p> <p>(A) The addition of railings to a roadway (B) The widening of Cecil Boulevard (C) The replacement of outdated pipes (D) The installation of water purification filters</p>	<p>170. According to the notice, what should drivers do within the construction zone?</p> <p>(A) Look out for informational signs (B) Keep their windows closed (C) Report speeding violations (D) Avoid parking near detours</p>
<p>169. What is indicated about the work crews?</p> <p>(A) They will complete the work within one month. (B) They will post pictures of the progress</p>	<p>171. In which of the following positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?</p>