

PRACTICE TEST 4

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 two 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 1

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. Can you finish your homework ----- next Thursday?
(A) then
(B) by
(C) until
(D) till
102. Nowadays, most ----- have four wheels.
(A) cars
(B) of the cars
(C) the cars
(D) among the cars
103. There are ----- more books that are beneficial to you.
(A) so
(B) many
(C) such
(D) much
104. He ----- that smoking indoors not be allowed under any circumstances.
(A) refuses
(B) insists
(C) conditions
(D) regulates
105. This program is ----- harder to get accustomed to than the old one.
(A) such
(B) so many
(C) very
(D) much
106. When he got home, his wife ----- dinner.
(A) fix
(B) fixes
(C) fixing
(D) was fixing
107. The Joneses must have left at least one week -----.
(A) since
(B) ago
(C) advanced
(D) during
108. There was ----- left in the safe.
(A) two-hundred dollar bills
(B) two-hundreds dollar bills
(C) two-hundred dollars
(D) two-hundreds dollars
109. ----- at a distance, it looks like a miniature city.
(A) Seen
(B) Seeing
(C) Having seen
(D) Having been seen
110. This math problem ----- solved in ten minutes.
(A) will able to be
(B) be able to is
(C) is ably
(D) can be
111. Though they look very much alike, the two brothers have ----- personalities.
(A) different
(B) difficult
(C) varied
(D) differentiated
112. The new employee is neither ambitious ----- hardworking.
(A) or
(B) nor
(C) and
(D) as well as

113. He wouldn't leave the platform ----- her train went out of sight.
 (A) so that
 (B) until
 (C) so
 (D) therefore
114. We had ----- stay out too late.
 (A) not rather
 (B) rather
 (C) not better
 (D) better not
115. Brian was seen ----- his car.
 (A) washing
 (B) wash
 (C) have washed
 (D) washed
116. For more -----, contact us at 721-3431.
 (A) informations
 (B) informed
 (C) further information
 (D) information
117. Carry an umbrella ----- in case it should rain.
 (A) with you
 (B) by you
 (C) with yourself
 (D) by yourself
118. A customer asked to see the manager -----.
 (A) in face
 (B) in front
 (C) in person
 (D) indirect
119. The woman in black comes from a ----- family.
 (A) respecting
 (B) respects
 (C) respectable
 (D) respective
120. This is the third time that the lenses of my glasses have ----- broken.
 (A) all
 (B) both
 (C) each
 (D) any
121. My umbrella ----- by that terrible wind this morning.
 (A) broke
 (B) was broken
 (C) break
 (D) had broken
122. He wanted ----- the exam.
 (A) to not fail
 (B) not to fail
 (C) to fail not
 (D) failing not
123. ----- the research uncovered some problems, the company decided to stop the project.
 (A) Since
 (B) Wherever
 (C) Despite
 (D) Even though
124. They say that the ----- has not yet been decided.
 (A) deadline
 (B) finishing line
 (C) clothes line
 (D) underline
125. With only one more week, he ----- better prepared for the concert last Saturday.
 (A) could have been
 (B) could be
 (C) could well have
 (D) could well be
126. The photocopier needs -----.
 (A) to fix
 (B) to be fix
 (C) fixing
 (D) to be fixing
127. Brian and Diana phone ----- almost every day.
 (A) themselves
 (B) himself
 (C) each other
 (D) the other
128. Let's take another ----- at the sales figure.
 (A) view
 (B) scene
 (C) glance
 (D) vision
129. It is reported that the boat ----- about 60 miles off the coast of South Africa.
 (A) disappeared
 (B) was disappeared
 (C) was being disappeared
 (D) has been disappeared

130. I am considering -----.
- (A) taking a new job
 - (B) to take a new job
 - (C) take a new job
 - (D) do take a new job
131. What will become ----- the child now that his parents are gone?
- (A) with
 - (B) at
 - (C) of
 - (D) to
132. The instructor told us ----- to find the book.
- (A) whom
 - (B) which
 - (C) where
 - (D) what
133. There are few mothers ----- don't love their own children.
- (A) who
 - (B) which
 - (C) but
 - (D) except
134. More and more overseas visitors are coming to this city to ----- clothes.
- (A) bought
 - (B) with buy
 - (C) after buying
 - (D) buy
135. Who is that man ----- black?
- (A) wears
 - (B) is wearing
 - (C) wear
 - (D) wearing
136. ----- in a lake is very different from swimming in an ocean.
- (A) To swim
 - (B) Swimming
 - (C) To be swimming
 - (D) Swim
137. There are no ----- between the brothers.
- (A) same
 - (B) difference
 - (C) similarities
 - (D) variation
138. In addition to English, my daughter can ---- French.
- (A) talk
 - (B) say
 - (C) speak
 - (D) tell
139. On my trip to Italy, not only ----- a suitcase, but I broke my glasses.
- (A) I lost
 - (B) I lose
 - (C) lost I
 - (D) did I lose
140. Since the early 1990s, the demand for personal computers -----.
- (A) steadily increases
 - (B) steadily increase
 - (C) has been steadily increasing
 - (D) are steadily increasing
141. Who does she ----- to take care of her?
- (A) want
 - (B) wants
 - (C) to want
 - (D) will want
142. They are considering ----- to Atlanta.
- (A) move
 - (B) to move
 - (C) moving
 - (D) will move
143. I would like ----- by your office on my way home.
- (A) drop
 - (B) to drop
 - (C) dropping
 - (D) will drop
144. They politely asked me ----- in another place.
- (A) stand
 - (B) to stand
 - (C) standing
 - (D) stood
145. Since we live by an airport, we can easily watch the airplanes ----- off.
- (A) take
 - (B) to take
 - (C) be taking
 - (D) will take
146. My son is not very good at ----- yet.
- (A) drive
 - (B) to drive
 - (C) driving
 - (D) will drive

147. Now we are going to ----- about our plans for next year.
(A) discuss
(B) tell
(C) talk
(D) say
148. Please keep me ----- as to his whereabouts.
(A) interred
(B) informed
(C) deformed
(D) reformed
149. I'm looking forward to ----- from you soon.
(A) hear
(B) hearing
(C) heard
(D) have heard
150. Mother ----- me clean the floor with a mop.
(A) got
(B) made
(C) forced
(D) told

PART 2

Directions: In this part you will read a selection of texts, such as magazine and newspaper articles, letters, and advertisements. Each text is followed by several questions. Select the best answer for each question and mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

Questions 151-153 refer to the following notice

Notice to All Employees

As we enter the cold and flu season, the management wants to remind all employees to wash their hands after using the restroom and before returning to work. This is especially important for cooks, waiters and waitresses. As most of you are aware, germs, viruses, and bacteria are passed on mainly through hand contact. Here at The Happy Sandwich restaurant, hygiene and cleanliness are our number one priority. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

The Management

151. What is the name of the restaurant?
(A) The Management
(B) The Happy Sandwich
(C) The Winter Season
(D) The Strict Policy
152. Which season is approaching?
(A) Spring
(B) Fall
(C) Winter
(D) Summer
153. What is the restaurant's main priority?
(A) Serving delicious food
(B) Having the lowest prices in town
(C) Having the most polite staff
(D) Hygiene and cleanliness

Questions 154-156 refer to the following memo

Notice to all teachers!

This memo is to inform you of the following situation. Last week, the office caught several students cheating on exams. They were using their cell phones to text message answers to other students. I want all teachers to collect their students' cell phones before every exam. Cheating will not be tolerated! If students are caught with cell phones during a test, it will automatically be considered cheating. The student will receive an F and a two-day suspension from school. Thank you for your assistance.
Principal McMathews

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| 154. Who is this memo directed at?
(A) Teachers
(B) Students
(C) Students' parents
(D) Principal McMathews | 156. What does the principal want the teachers to do?
(A) Stop giving exams
(B) Give more difficult exams
(C) Teach students about honesty
(D) Take away all cell phones before each exam |
| 155. What will the punishment be for cheating students?
(A) Go to the principal's office
(B) Take away their cell phones
(C) An F and a two-day suspension
(D) Be sent to another school | |

Questions 157-158 refer to the following advertisement.

Green Grass All Year Round

Having nice green grass all year long is easy with regular use of "Winterize." Remember to "Winterize" your lawn this fall. This special fertilizer keeps the roots of your lawn alive during the winter. By strengthening the roots of your lawn, it leads to better growth in the spring. This product is also ideal for all outdoor plants, shrubs, and trees, keeping them strong and healthy during the coming cold months. Available at all good gardening centers.

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| 157. When will this product show results?
(A) Winter
(B) Spring
(C) Fall
(D) Summer | 158. Which of the following is this product NOT suitable for?
(A) House plants
(B) Shrubs
(C) Lawns
(D) Trees |
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Questions 159-161 refer to the following information

Thank you for choosing this high quality office chair. It is made of the finest materials available to ensure many years of use and comfort. We are sure you will enjoy its many features for years to come. Remember that you can adjust the tilt of the chair using the knob underneath, and the height of the chair with the lever on the side. This chair also comes with a three-year warranty, which covers the full cost of replacement parts and labor in the unlikely event that you have any problems with your chair. If you have any questions about assembly or the warranty, please call our toll free number: 1-800-450-0000.

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| <p>159. What kind of product is this information for?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) A kitchen appliance(B) Furniture(C) Electronics(D) Sports equipment <p>160. How long is this product guaranteed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) Two months(B) Three months(C) Two years(D) Three years | <p>161. How can you adjust the height of this product?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) With a knob(B) By tilting it(C) With a lever(D) By calling the toll free number |
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Questions 162-163 refer to the following reading.

Crazy Sam's End of the Year Computer Sale!

Is your old computer just not good enough any more? No problem. Crazy Sam's has just the solution for you! Stop into our store on the corner of Fourth and Central and you'll find desktop PCs for \$599—\$1099 (monitor included). On the go? Need a laptop? Laptops range from \$799 up to \$1299. And remember, all of Crazy Sam's computers come with a full range of office software like word processing programs and spreadsheets to get you started. So what are you waiting for? Come into Crazy Sam's today and kiss your old computer goodbye!

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| <p>162. How much does the most expensive desktop computer cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) \$599(B) \$799(C) \$1099(D) \$1299 | <p>163. What kind of program is a spreadsheet?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) Mathematics program(B) Office software(C) Game(D) Communications program |
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Question 164-165 refer to the following advertisement.

**Open House presented by
Vaughan Company Realtors**

Saturday, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Welcome to 1906 Saturn Court!

This four-bedroom, two-bathroom home is ready for your family. Features include a new roof, a new hot water heater, a new air conditioning unit, a landscaped patio, and a newly remodeled dining room.

Local schools are Madson Elementary, Eisenhower Middle School, and Lexington High School.

List price: \$120,000

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| 164. Which of the following is NOT new?
(A) Water heater
(B) Dining room
(C) Patio
(D) Air conditioning | 165. What is the name of the school for young children?
(A) Madson
(B) Eisenhower
(C) Lexington
(D) Saturn Court |
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Questions 166-168 refer to the following letter.

Dear Mr. Daedalus,

Thank you for your interest in Caribbean Cruises. As you probably know, our cruise ships offer the ultimate in comfort and travel experience for every client. Our four-day package includes stops at three different Caribbean islands, full meal and drink service, and an optional dating service for single passengers. Learn more about the history and culture of each island as you explore each one with a knowledgeable tour guide. Once back aboard the ship, you will have the chance to make some of the handicrafts you saw on the island in our special crafts classes.

Please contact one of our friendly sales agents today to book your next cruise with Caribbean Cruises. We are sure we offer the best value for mid-size cruise liners.

Sincerely,

Jenna Robertson

Travel Consultant

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| 166. What kind of information is in this letter?
(A) Winter recreation information
(B) Historical information
(C) Tour information
(D) Ship information | 168. How many islands will the cruise visit?
(A) One
(B) Three
(C) Four
(D) Five |
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167. Who may be interested in the optional dating service?
(A) Travel consultants
(B) Tour guides
(C) Sales agents
(D) Single passengers

Questions 169-171 refer to the following coupon.

25% Discount Coupon

The Minton Corporation appreciates your recent purchase of office supplies through our Internet superstore. To show our appreciation, we would like to offer you this coupon for 25% off your next purchase. This covers all office supplies on our website/ including paper clips, paper, writing utensils, and staplers. To redeem this offer, simply enter the special offer code 3JX7781 at the time of your next purchase.

Note: this offer is only valid on purchases of \$50 or more.

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| 169. Where can this coupon be used? | 171. Which of the following materials is NOT mentioned? |
| (A) In stores | (A) Staplers |
| (B) Online | (B) Paper clips |
| (C) At the post office | (C) Computer supplies |
| (D) By catalog | (D) Writing supplies |
| 170. What is the minimum purchase required to redeem the coupon? | |
| (A) \$25 | |
| (B) \$50 | |
| (C) \$81 | |
| (D) \$100 | |

Questions 172-174 refer to the following letter.

Re: Printer Toner Cartridges

Date: December 8

Dear Mr. Barlow,

Although we have never formally met, I have been working in your company for over eight years in the printing department. I would like to call your attention to the fact that there is a new resource for printer toner cartridges. Currently, we are spending about \$15 for black toner cartridges and \$25 for color cartridges. This is because we are buying them directly from the manufacturer. However, I have recently found an Internet dealer who can supply us with unlimited black cartridges for only \$1.50 each and color cartridges for \$2.50 each. If you are interested, perhaps we could talk about this in more detail at your convenience.

Sincerely,

J. Mascis

Print Shop Manager

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| 172. What is the relationship between Mr. Barlow and Mr. Mascis? | 174. Who can supply the company with inexpensive supplies? |
| (A) They are family. | (A) The manufacturer |
| (B) They are good friends. | (B) An Internet store |
| (C) They work in different companies | (C) A friend of Mr. Mascis |
| (D) They work in the same company. | (D) A local store |
| 173. How much is the company currently spending on color toner cartridges? | |
| (A) \$15 | |
| (B) \$1.50 | |
| (C) \$25 | |
| (D) \$2.50 | |

Questions 175-176 refer to the following notice.

Returns Policy

Chafeton Camera Supplies welcomes the return of any of our products within thirty days of purchase. In order to receive a full refund, you must bring your receipt. Returns without a receipt can only be exchanged for store credit.

Important: All returns must be accompanied by the factory packaging and in perfect condition. Returns will not be accepted for any products that were damaged by the customer.

175. How quickly must customers bring products back to the store?
- (A) Within thirty days
 - (B) In perfect condition
 - (C) Without a receipt
 - (D) Thirty days before
176. What kinds of returns are NOT accepted?
- (A) Products damaged by the customer
 - (B) Camera products
 - (C) Items without an accompanying receipt
 - (D) Unused items

Questions 177-178 refer to on the following notice.

To: All library employees

From: Management

Subject: Elevators

Please note that elevators one and two will be out of service today due to monthly maintenance. Stairs on the east end of the building can be used for access to floors one-three. Elevators three and four, with access to the basement and parking garage, will still be in service. All elevators will be in regular working order tomorrow.

177. Which elevators are NOT working?
- (A) One and three
 - (B) One and two
 - (C) Three and four
 - (D) Two and three
178. What areas of the building do elevators three and four service?
- (A) Floors 1-3
 - (B) The east end of the building
 - (C) The cafeteria and break room
 - (D) The garage and basement

Questions 179-180 refer to the following article

Lynn Hurley is in the news again, but this time not for her acting. The 32-year-old movie star was caught shoplifting from a fancy downtown department store.

Security guards stopped Ms. Hurley at the doors of a well-known department store with over \$1,200 of jewelry in her purse. Officials are investigating the case and trying to decide if Ms. Hurley was only stealing for fun or if she really needed the jewelry for her next movie. Bail was set at \$2,500 for the release of Ms. Hurley, but so far her family has refused to pay. If convicted of the crime, the actress could be subject to a fine of \$10,000 or one month in jail.

179. What is Ms. Hurley's profession?
- (A) Reporter
 - (B) Police officer
 - (C) Homemaker
 - (D) Actress
180. How much is bail for the release of Ms. Hurley?
- (A) \$10,000
 - (B) \$2,500
 - (C) \$1,200
 - (D) \$100,000

Questions 181-185 refer to the following two e-mail.

To: Ronald Richards, Peter Kim, Hiro Sachimoto, Giovanna Bertini
From: Isabelle Santelli
Subject: Meeting reminder

This is a reminder that this month's department meeting will take place this Thursday at 12:00 in Conference Room 2. Please note location change. The meeting will NOT take place in my office. We will review progress on the Lockerman project and look at the budget for the rest of the year. This is a lunchtime meeting and sandwiches and coffee will be served. Please let me know by Wednesday if you won't be able to make the meeting. Thank you.

Isabelle Santelli

To: I. Santelli
From: R. Richards
Subject: Re: Meeting reminder

Isabelle,

I'm sorry I won't be able to make the meeting. I'm leaving for Sydney that morning and can't get a later flight. Before I go, I'll put on your desk the figures you'll need for the second item on the meeting agenda. I've prepared a thorough report, so you'll be able to have that part of the discussion without me. Also, Peter worked with me on this and can probably answer any questions.

I'll be meeting with Mr. Lockerman first thing Friday and will send you the particulars later that day, or by Saturday morning at the latest.

Ronald

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| 181. Who should attend the meeting on Thursday?
(A) Conference committee members
(B) All company personnel
(C) Department members
(D) Mr. Lockerman | 184. Who worked on a report with Mr. Richards?
(A) Mr. Sachimoto
(B) Ms. Santelli
(C) Ms. Bertini
(D) Mr. Kim |
| 182. Where will the meeting take place?
(A) In a conference room
(B) In a sandwich shop
(C) In a cafeteria
(D) In an office | 185. What will Mr. Richards leave for Ms. Santelli?
(A) Information for the meeting
(B) Mr. Lockerman's address
(C) An agenda
(D) His Sydney itinerary |
| 183. When will Mr. Richards go to Sydney?
(A) Wednesday
(B) Thursday
(C) Friday
(D) Saturday | |

Questions 186-190 refer to the following invitation and e-mail.

You're invited

What: farewell party
Where: Conference Room 2
When: Thursday, 4:30 P.M.

As you all know, Martha Cunningham and her family are moving to another city. Let's show her how much we appreciate all the hard work she's done for us.

Please bring a refreshment to share. Call Jed Jones in the accounting office by Tuesday to let him know if you'll attend and what food you'll bring. Also, we're taking up a collection to buy gift for Martha. If anyone contributes just \$15, we'll have \$300 to buy her something really special.

Thanks, Susan Billings.

To: Susan Billings
From: Tom Williamson
Subject: Farewell Party
Hi Susan,

I'm sorry I couldn't attend the party yesterday, as I'd planned, but I had a family emergency. Everything is OK now. I heard that everyone had a great time at the party and that you were able to raise \$75 more than you expected. Fantastic. I'm sure Martha loved her gift. I did get a chance to sign the card before I left the office. Did you get the cake I sent over? It was a chocolate one from the Paris Bakery, so I hope it arrived on time for everyone to enjoy. See you at the meeting this afternoon.

Tom

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| 186. Who was the party for?
(A) Tom
(B) Ted
(C) Susan
(D) Martha | 189. How much money was raised for the gift?
(A) \$15
(B) \$75
(C) \$300
(D) \$375 |
| 187. When did Tom write the e-mail?
(A) Tuesday
(B) Wednesday
(C) Thursday
(D) Friday | 190. What did Tom send to the party?
(A) Money
(B) A card
(C) Food
(D) A gift |
| 188. Why couldn't Tom attend the party?
(A) He had an emergency.
(B) He had made other plans.
(C) He had to attend a meeting.
(D) He had to work on the accounts | |

Questions 191-195 refer to the following two phone messages.

While you were out . . .

To: Harry Pak

Pamela Lopez of One World called.

Time: 11:15 A.M.

About: Your upcoming trip.

She can't get you a flight on Tuesday morning. There is a flight late Tuesday afternoon and one on Wednesday morning. Which do you prefer? Also, she can get you a room at the Grand Hotel, as you requested, but she can get you a better deal at the Marionette Hotel or the Riverside Hotel. Which hotel do you prefer? What day do you want to return? Please let her know before 3:00 this afternoon.

While you were out . . .

To: Pamela Lopez

Harry Pak of Pak and Associate called

Time: 12:30 P.M.

About: Flights and hotels.

About the flight, he'll take the second option, but he'll stay with his first choice for his hotel. He plans to stay the weekend and would like a flight back on Monday evening; arrive no later than 8:30, if possible. Also, he has a vacation next month and would like to go to the beach. Can you look into travel arrangement for him?

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| 191. What is Pamela Lopez's job? | 194. Which hotel does Harry Pak want to stay at? |
| (A) Secretary | (A) The Grand Hotel |
| (B) Hotel clerk | (B) The Marionette Hotel |
| (C) Travel agent | (C) The Riverside Hotel |
| (D) Airline ticket agent | (D) The One World Hotel |
| 192. What time did Pamela Lopez call Harry Pak? | 195. When will Mr. Pak take a vacation at the beach? |
| (A) 3:00 | (A) Next weekend |
| (B) 8:30 | (B) Next week |
| (C) 11:15 | (C) Next month |
| (D) 12:30 | (D) Next year |
| 193. When does Harry Pak want to start his trip? | |
| (A) Monday evening | |
| (B) Tuesday morning | |
| (C) Tuesday afternoon | |
| (D) Wednesday morning | |

Questions 195-200 refer to the following memo and e-mail.

To: All personnel
From: Luis Mora, Office Manager
Re: Conference room painting

We all know that the painting of both conference rooms is long overdue. We've been waiting months for this to happen, and now it will. Painting of Conference Room 1 will begin next Tuesday and should take no more than two days. Meetings that you have scheduled for next week can be held in the cafeteria. The painting of Conference Room 2 will be scheduled for a later date. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

To: Luis Mora
From: George Werner
Subject: Conference room

Luis,
I know we've all been waiting for the conference rooms to be painted, but it couldn't be more inconvenient for me. I have an important meeting planned for the day the painting begins. I can't have it in my office because only four or five people can sit there comfortably, and I need room for ten people. Conference Room 2 is already booked through Friday. The meeting place you suggest is too informal for an important meeting. Would it be possible to schedule the painting so that it begins on Wednesday or Thursday? Please let me know.
George

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| 196. What will be painted next week?
(A) One conference room
(B) Two conference rooms
(C) The cafeteria
(D) Some offices | 199. What day will George's meeting be?
(A) Tuesday
(B) Wednesday
(C) Thursday
(D) Friday |
| 197. How long will the painting probably take?
(A) Two days
(B) A week
(C) A month
(D) Several months | 200. According to George, which place is too informal for his meeting?
(A) His office
(B) Luis's office
(C) The cafeteria
(D) Conference Room 2 |
| 198. Why did George write the e-mail?
(A) To invite Luis to a meeting
(B) To ask for his office to be painted
(C) To find a different room for his meeting
(D) To ask for the painting schedule to be changed | |

Stop! This is the end of the test.