Reading Test

This Reading Test covers Parts 5, 6, and 7 of the TOEIC® test. Allow 75 minutes to complete this test. Mark all your answers on the separate Reading Test Answer Sheet provided on page 318.

Part 5

Directions: Read each sentence. You will notice that there is a word or phrase missing. Study the four answer choices and select the one answer: (A), (B), (C), or (D), that best completes the sentence. Then mark your answer on the Answer Sheet.

101. How did you get so much ..... in such a short time?
(A) do
(B) doing
(C) done
(D) having done

102. The green color of the water is a result ..... excessive fertilizer use on the crops in the field.
(A) from
(B) in
(C) of
(D) with

103. After a compromise had been reached, ... sides in the trade dispute agreed to drop their court actions.
(A) any
(B) both
(C) each
(D) every

104. I will e-mail my résumé, together with all the supporting documentation you requested, ... the hour.
(A) about
(B) until
(C) with
(D) within

105. The articles in each month's issue of *Business Weekly* ..... to represent the broad range of interests of our readership.
(A) are chosen
(B) have chosen
(C) has been chosen
(D) were choosing

106. The department's workload ..... a lot depending on the time of year.
(A) varies
(B) variable
(C) variety
(D) variation

107. Last year's annual conference was ..... for the first time in the Imperial Hotel, Kyoto.
(A) held
(B) invited
(C) participated
(D) placed

108. Lawyers are still discussing the policy review, but we should learn the outcome of ..... talks before the end of the week.
(A) their
(B) there
(C) they
(D) this

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109. If the current economic downturn continues, it seems unlikely that banks will ..... interest rates.
(A) rise
(B) arise
(C) raise
(D) rouse

110. Throughout the weekend, there will be a wide range of optional outdoor activities ..... place, which all delegates are welcome to participate in.
(A) take
(B) takes
(C) taken
(D) taking

111. Our medical students were recently in Seoul ..... robotic surgery at one of the foremost hospitals in the country.
(A) observe
(B) observing
(C) observed
(D) observation

112. When making a presentation, speaking clearly is very important ..... everyone can understand you.
(A) for
(B) in order
(C) lest
(D) so that

113. The report revealed that many electronics manufacturers are ..... up their spending on IT in order to keep up-to-date with technology.
(A) stopping
(B) stepping
(C) staying
(D) stocking

114. The fashion industry is growing faster than ..... other industry, according to leading retail analysts.
(A) all
(B) any
(C) each
(D) some

115. We offer our trainees plenty of support and ..... during their first year in the company.
(A) guide
(B) guidance
(C) guideline
(D) guiding

116. How about ..... our own staff members in the advertisements instead of professional actors, as a way of saving money?
(A) use
(B) to use
(C) using
(D) usage

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117. Biologists have ..... much of the decline in coral to rising seawater temperatures.
(A) attribute
(B) attributed
(C) attribution
(D) attributable

118. A spokesperson claimed the company had sold more than one million units ..... the five months since the product was launched.
(A) from
(B) in
(C) about
(D) with

119. After a brief two-week training period, Mr. Saunders was left to oversee the entire loading bay operation on ..... .
(A) himself
(B) his own
(C) him
(D) his

120. Most companies' profits have improved this quarter, but the job market is still ..... .
(A) depress
(B) depressed
(C) depressive
(D) depression

121. The country's car manufacturers fear the industry ..... collapse if the government does not step in with a rescue package.
(A) could
(B) should
(C) would
(D) did

122. Senior executives at the country's top firms have seen their salaries ..... by more than 30 percent in the past year.
(A) increase
(B) to increase
(C) been increased
(D) be increasing

123. The planning committee members argued for almost an hour before ..... a decision on the proposed housing development.
(A) concluding
(B) reaching
(C) resolving
(D) settling

124. This package needs to arrive tomorrow, so please ..... to mail it when you go out this afternoon.
(A) remind
(B) remand
(C) remark
(D) remember

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125. Please note that standard messaging charges ..... if you want to send or receive texts using this tariff.
(A) apply
(B) happen
(C) incur
(D) occur

126. The vice president ..... over from our main office in Washington last week specifically to attend the shareholder meeting.
(A) fly
(B) flies
(C) flew
(D) flown

127. There is little doubt that architectural styles in Europe today have been heavily ..... by the ancient Greeks.
(A) influence
(B) influenced
(C) influential
(D) influenza

128. All the fruit and vegetables we buy are stored ..... a special refrigeration unit at the back of the restaurant.
(A) with
(B) along
(C) in
(D) to

129. If we had ordered the merchandise just one week earlier, we ..... eligible for a 10 percent discount.
(A) had been
(B) were
(C) were being
(D) would have been

130. The managing director had ..... the trust of the workforce over many years, and they were sorry to see him leave.
(A) earned
(B) found
(C) paid
(D) taken

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Part 6

Directions: Read each text. You will notice that there are four blanks. These are places where a word, phrase, or sentence is missing. For each blank, study the four answer choices and select the one answer: (A), (B), (C), or (D), that best completes the text. Then mark your answer on the Answer Sheet.

Questions 131–133 refer to the following memo.

To: Sylva Nemcova
From: Jacqui Sergeant
Subject: Recruitment brochures

Sylva

I just got a call from Martin, ... 131 ..... is helping out on our stand at the biotech job fair in Birmingham. He said there is almost twice the number of people there this year, and the stand has been really busy. ..... 132 ..... . Could you contact the Recruitment Office and see if they have any spare ones? If so, the brochures will need ..... 133 ..... to Birmingham this afternoon. The mail room will deal with all the details. So we do not find ourselves in this position another time, we need to replenish our stock. Could you also contact a few printers and ask for a ..... 134 ..... for 5,000 eight-page full-color brochures?

Thanks,

Jacqui

131. (A) where
(B) whom
(C) whose
(D) who

132. (A) So, they need more recruitment brochures urgently.
(B) It's a really great fair for us!
(C) He feels exhausted and needs a break.
(D) This has been a surprise for everyone.

133. (A) courier
(B) to courier
(C) be couriered
(D) to be couriered

134. (A) receipt
(B) quote
(C) refund
(D) statement

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Questions 135–138 refer to the following letter.

May 17

Ms. Sue Harriman
Kinetics Inc.
1790 Fairview Road
San Francisco, CA 71920

Dear Ms. Harriman

I am writing in response to your recent request for a letter of recommendation for Dolores Garcia.

I was Dolores' personal instructor for the Business Administration course at Fairview College between 2007 and 2009. ____135____ this time, Dolores proved herself to be a self-motivated and conscientious student, who was popular with her classmates as well as members of staff. In fact, she was one of the best students we ____136____ had. Her written assignments were excellent, and she made thoughtful contributions in class. Since leaving the college in 2009, Dolores has kept me informed ____137____ her progress, and I am not surprised to see her doing so well. I can unreservedly recommend Dolores Garcia to you. ____138____

Sincerely
Doris Markham
Senior Instructor, Business Faculty

135. (A) Before
(B) Throughout
(C) Following
(D) Ahead of

136. (A) always
(B) ever
(C) forever
(D) seldom

137. (A) of
(B) in
(C) at
(D) on

138. (A) Thank you for your time and understanding.
(B) I wish you every success in your new enterprise.
(C) I am sure she will be an asset to your company.
(D) This concludes my thoughts on this matter.

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Questions 139–142 refer to the following notice.

NOTICE

Sandford Department of Public Works will soon be replacing and upgrading the street lighting in the district of Coldstream. LightTek and other private contractors will undertake the improvement program on our ____139____. This work is intended to improve road safety and increase energy efficiency. We apologize in advance for the ____140____ that this improvement program will inevitably cause. In order to minimize inconvenience on the days we are working on your street, please do not park close to street light poles.

Once we ____141____ the replacement and improvement work, we would appreciate your feedback and comments. Please fill in the enclosed survey and return it to us in the stamped, addressed envelope provided ____142____.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Riva Whitney, Director of District Operations

139. (A) assistance
(B) sake
(C) behalf
(D) own

140. (A) access
(B) upgrade
(C) renewal
(D) disruption

141. (A) will complete
(B) complete
(C) had completed
(D) will have completed

142. (A) We hope you are satisfied with your purchases.
(B) On-street parking will not be possible at this time.
(C) All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence.
(D) Postage costs will be refunded.

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Questions 143–146 refer to the following e-mail.

From: beth.chalmers@haversham.com
To: Jacqui Sergeant
Subject: Recruitment brochures

Hi Jacqui,

Just checking ____143____ you received my previous e-mail with the links to our new marketing materials. I didn't get any notification email that you have downloaded them yet. ____144____

You'll need to bring hard copies of the brochure and flyers to the board meeting tomorrow morning. I just heard these have been delivered now from the printer, so can you pick them up from Sue ____145____ ? There's no time to lose!

The meeting starts at 9 A.M. so try to get there early so you can set them out and make an ____146____ display.

See you there,

Beth

Bethany Chalmers, Office Manager

143. (A) so that
(B) whether
(C) in case that
(D) less

144. (A) There won't be another opportunity.
(B) The software program seems faulty.
(C) I hope you've had chance to look at them.
(D) I'm so glad you think they are suitable.

145. (A) at the same time
(B) as soon as possible
(C) all of a sudden
(D) all together

146. (A) impressionable
(B) impressing
(C) impressed
(D) impressive

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