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. I need you to finish those reports _____ next Thursday.
(A) then
(B) by
(C) until
(D) till

102. Nowadays, _____ households in the developed world have at least one computer.
(A) most
(B) every
(C) each
(D) much

103. The company hadn't experienced _____ high call volumes before and were ill-equipped to handle them all.
(A) so
(B) a lot
(C) such
(D) as

104. The Hoverton Commercial Committee _____ advertising and marketing methods in the region.
(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
(C) very
(D) much

106. When the manager arrived at the office, she was relieved to see that the technician _____ her computer.
(A) fix
(B) fixes
(C) fixing
(D) was fixing

107. Many of the product samples brought for demonstration at the convention _____ on the plane ride.
(A) lose
(B) lost
(C) are losing
(D) were lost

108. Even after the terrible fiscal year they had, there was still $1.5 million in _____.
(A) profitably
(B) profitable
(C) profits
(D) profiting

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109. _____ this problem before, the maintenance technician knew exactly which tool to use to fix the appliance.

(A) Seen
(B) Seeing
(C) Having seen
(D) Having been seen

110. In addition to English, the vice-president can _____ fluently in both French and Spanish.

(A) convene
(B) convey
(C) converse
(D) convert

111. Though at first glance the products seem very much alike, they are _____ in many ways.

(A) different
(B) difficult
(C) differed
(D) differentiated

112. The law firm is looking for a new office building that is neither old _____ located outside of town.

(A) or
(B) nor
(C) and
(D) but

113. Please do not cross the yellow line on the platform _____ the train has come to a complete stop.

(A) by
(B) until
(C) so
(D) therefore

114. Although Janet and Sam are both excellent managers, there are slight _____ in the way they do their jobs.

(A) variations
(B) varieties
(C) various
(D) varies

115. _____ business successfully internationally, we must learn the importance of respecting cultural differences.

(A) To do
(B) Does
(C) Doing
(D) Done

116. If you require further _____, please feel free to contact us at 555-3333.

(A) informational
(B) informed
(C) informative
(D) information

117. It has not rained for weeks, _____ my boss brings an umbrella to work every day.

(A) yet
(B) so
(C) because
(D) since

118. The customer was not satisfied with the service and asked to talk to the manager _____.

(A) instantly
(B) internally
(C) immediately
(D) indirectly

119. Most people who are elected to government positions come from _____ families.

(A) respect
(B) respecting
(C) respectable
(D) respective

120. This is the third time this week that each photocopier _____ broken down.

(A) are
(B) has
(C) have
(D) were

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121. The electrical wires _____ by the terrible windstorm last night, leaving hundreds of customers without power.

(A) are damaged
(B) were damaged
(C) damaged
(D) damages

122. This was his fourth time taking his accounting certification exam, and he wanted _____ this time.

(A) to not fail
(B) not to fail
(C) failing to not
(D) failing not to

123. _____ the research uncovered some problems, the company decided to stop the project.

(A) Since
(B) Therefore
(C) Despite
(D) Even though

124. We need greater cooperation from everyone involved in order to meet the _____.

(A) deadline
(B) termination
(C) boundary
(D) limitations

125. With just a little more work, he _____ well-prepared for his sales presentation on Friday.

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

126. Every time I need to use the photocopier, I find it needs _____.

(A) to fix
(B) fixes
(C) fixing
(D) to be fixing

127. Because of the partnership, Bob and Miles phone _____ several times a day.

(A) theirs
(B) them
(C) each other
(D) every other

128. Let's take another _____ at the sales figures.

(A) view
(B) scene
(C) glance
(D) vision

129. It is reported that the boat _____ about 60 miles off the coast of South Africa last week.

(A) disappeared
(B) was disappeared
(C) disappears
(D) has been disappeared

130. Since this is our slow season, I am considering _____ on vacation next month.

(A) to go
(B) going
(C) go
(D) gone

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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 of the sentences are given below. 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 letter.

Independent Television Broadcasting
120 Manor Estate, Broadgate
Tel: 090-889-9999
www.itb.tv.com

Dear Mrs. Edwards,

We want to thank you for your recent e-mail _____ last week's airing of our documentary on Moroccan
131.

street markets. We are glad that you enjoyed it and plan to watch our series more.

We looked into your claim of an error in translation during one of the interviews of the street vendors. We consulted with our in-office translators, and he confirmed that there was indeed an error in the translation of the vendor's comments. He currently _____ to correct this, and the documentary will be uploaded
132.

online with the correct translation.

_____. As such, we will be sending you a station tote bag along with a water bottle. Please accept these
133.

gifts of our _____. It is viewers like you that inspire us to work harder and put forth better programs.
134.

Thank you again.

Michael A. Jameson
Broadcasting Manager

131. (A) regarded
(B) regards
(C) regarding
(D) to regard

132. (A) worked
(B) is working
(C) will be working
(D) has worked

133. (A) Not everyone enjoyed the show.
(B) Do you speak Arabic?
(C) We appreciate your help in fixing this error.
(D) We are accepting applications now.

134. (A) gratitude
(B) gratification
(C) gratis
(D) gratifying

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Questions 135 – 138 refer to the following notice.

Whitby Annual Carnival: Raffle Winners

Please check the list below to see if you are one of the lucky winners of the Whitby Annual Carnival raffle. _____ the weeklong carnival, the town of Whitby held various competitions, from raffles to trivia
135.
contests. _____ resident of Whitby was automatically entered into the main raffle contest.
136.

The following residents have been selected as winners:

Best Garden: Mrs. Gladys O'Brian
Best Pet: Fido (Dog), owned by Wendy Hillier
Most Helpful Neighbor: Sarah Higgins
Friendliest Neighbor: Antonio Lopez

_____. But we also want to take a moment to mention a special winner. Ms. Higgins has won the
137.
award four years in a row for her dedication to the town and weekly volunteer work at the town's various community centers.

All winners will receive a $100 gift voucher from Whitby Supermarket. _____ your prize, please call
138.
the Town Hall Social Services office at 555-8389.

Congratulations again to all our winners.

135. (A) While
(B) On
(C) During
(D) Along

136. (A) Each
(B) Most
(C) Almost
(D) All

137. (A) We were surprised by the results.
(B) The carnival is open from 9 to 5.
(C) We would like to congratulate all of our winners.
(D) If you do not accept your award, it will be given to the runner-up.

138. (A) Claim
(B) Having claimed
(C) Claiming
(D) To claim

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

To: bgoldberg@colford.ca
From: shansen@readfuture.org
Subject: Charity Gala

Dear Ms. Goldberg,

It is with great _____ that we invite you to the Read for the Future Charity Gala at the Hillside Manor.
139.

This event is in celebration of the one-year anniversary of our organization and its impact on the community. We are happy to have been able to serve our community and accomplish so much in the year that we have been here.

The event _____ live entertainment and a three-course meal. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m., and
140.

dress is formal attire. _____. The proceeds from this will go toward the library expansion project.
141.

Please send the RSVP by January 15th. If you are unable to attend, you will be sorely missed. However, you are still able to make a donation through our special donor website at www.readfuture.org. We look forward to having an _____ evening with you.
142.

Sandara Hansen
President
Read for the Future Organization

139. (A) fun
(B) hope
(C) pleasure
(D) sense

140. (A) will feature
(B) featuring
(C) was featured
(D) featured

141. (A) We ask that each person who attends the dinner give a donation of $50 or more to the organization.
(B) Families with children under the age of 10 are asked to leave their children at home.
(C) Those with special dietary restrictions are asked to mention their preference on their RSVP.
(D) Dinner will be held in the outdoor terrace beginning at 8 p.m.

142. (A) unfortunate
(B) ecstatic
(C) unforgettable
(D) optimistic

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Questions 143 – 146 refer to the following advertisement.

Super Savers Weekly Specials

At Save Mart, you know you can always find quality foods at bargain prices. This week, we have some great offers for all of _____ customers, no matter what your tastes are.
143.

Dairy

- Save 50¢ on two liters of milk (whole or low-fat).
- Buy three fruit yogurts and get a fourth FREE! (This offer is _____ valid for the Banone brand.)
144.

Meat

- Skinless chicken is just $1.99 a pound. A five-pound pack will cost you less than $10!

Bakery

- All fresh bread is 50% off until Friday (limited to five loaves per customer).
- Buy one slice of fresh cream cake, and we'll give you another for free. Treat yourself to delicious chocolate cream or tasty vanilla cream!

You know our prices are _____ better than the other stores'! Hurry over now! Come to Save Mart for
145.
everything you need to feed your family without breaking the bank.

Offers valid June 2nd to 9th. _____. Due to conditions beyond our control, items advertised may
146.
not be available. As a result, rain checks are not available.

143. (A) yours
(B) ours
(C) your
(D) our

144. (A) none
(B) not
(C) no
(D) nothing

145. (A) more
(B) much
(C) some
(D) any

146. (A) The more you buy, the more you save.
(B) All bakery items are non-refundable.
(C) Selections may vary from store to store.
(D) Please see the manager to sign up for our membership program.

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PART 7

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 letters (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

Questions 147 – 148 refer to the following article.

Ventura Toys Announces CEO Retirement and New Appointee

Ventura Toys Corporation announced Monday that Paolo Lucas will retire as chief executive officer on October 30. However, Lucas will continue to serve as chairman of the board. The board of directors elected Manuel Garza as Lucas's successor, effective on October 31. Garza currently serves as president and chief operating officer.

Lucas has played a variety of roles at the company, including senior attorney, product manager, and treasurer. He has served on the board of directors since 2004. Lucas was appointed president of Ventura Toys in 2008 and CEO in 2009. Under Lucas's leadership, the company has grown through strategic acquisitions and a strong emphasis on new product development.

Lucas said of his successor, "I'm confident that Ventura will continue its growth under Manuel's leadership." Manuel Garza is a 20-year veteran of the company who has served as COO since 2012. In that role, he led all of Ventura's global operations.

147. What is NOT stated about the retiring CEO?

(A) He will remain on the board of directors.
(B) He has held several jobs at the company.
(C) He has been with Ventura for 20 years.
(D) He focused on creating new products as CEO.

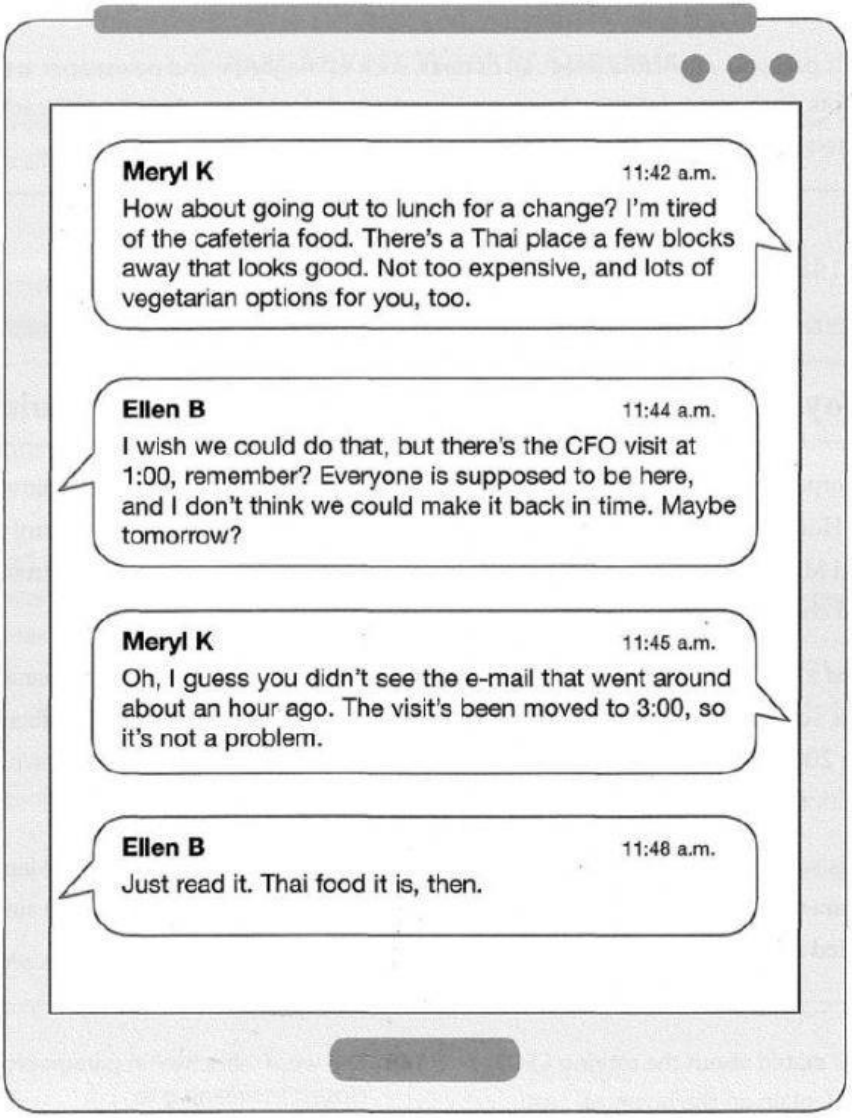
148. The word "effective" in paragraph 1, line 3, is closest in meaning to

(A) successful
(B) operative
(C) intentional
(D) sufficient

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



149. What is suggested about Ellen B?

(A) She is willing to miss the CFO visit.
(B) She prefers the cafeteria food.
(C) She did not receive an e-mail.
(D) She does not eat meat.

150. At 11:48, what does Ellen B mean when she writes, "Thai food it is, then"?

(A) She wants to try the restaurant another time.
(B) She will go to the restaurant for lunch.
(C) She wants to know more about Thai food.
(D) She especially enjoys Thai food.

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