

## 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. Residents made an ----- to the city council to try to get the speed limit lowered in their neighborhood.  
(A) appealingly  
(B) appealed  
(C) appeal  
(D) appeals

102. All chemicals at the lab must be ----- in air-tight containers with clear labels on the front.  
(A) served  
(B) estimated  
(C) stored  
(D) resolved

103. To open a new account at Columbus Library, a photo ID ----- proof of address are required.  
(A) and  
(B) yet  
(C) so  
(D) through

104. Please double-check the inventory list carefully because ----- must be turned in to the manager today.  
(A) their  
(B) it  
(C) her  
(D) you

105. Employees need ----- three years' experience at their home branch before applying to transfer overseas.  
(A) even if  
(B) just as  
(C) so that  
(D) at least

106. ----- the chef arranges the food on the plate, one of the servers should bring it out to the person who ordered it.  
(A) For instance  
(B) Still  
(C) As soon as  
(D) Meanwhile

107. The HR team is having difficulty filling the security director ----- with a qualified applicant.  
(A) career  
(B) worker  
(C) background  
(D) position

108. The hospital administrator ----- the health services of the entire facility to provide patients with excellent care.  
(A) receives  
(B) looks  
(C) predicts  
(D) oversees

109. Reporters took photographs ----- the opening ceremony of the Maxwell Music Festival.

(A) except  
(B) while  
(C) besides  
(D) during

110. The supplies in the storage room are for everyone, so workers can take ----- they need.

(A) these  
(B) many  
(C) whatever  
(D) that

111. The responsibilities of each team member should be explained as ----- as possible.

(A) clearest  
(B) clarity  
(C) clearly  
(D) clearer

112. The senatorial race could be won by either major candidate, according to the most ----- poll.

(A) fragile  
(B) recent  
(C) entire  
(D) consecutive

113. Because checked bags are often stacked up, it is ----- for travelers to put fragile items in their carry-ons.

(A) advises  
(B) advice  
(C) advising  
(D) advisable

114. The laboratory's equipment is ----- cleaned thoroughly after use to avoid cross-contamination between projects.

(A) much  
(B) afterward  
(C) straight  
(D) always

115. The town's mayor made a generous donation to the fundraiser, ----- the total to over twenty-five thousand dollars.

(A) brings  
(B) bring  
(C) bringing  
(D) brought

116. The small business owner decided to use a stock photo database ----- hire a full-time photographer.

(A) for example  
(B) with regard to  
(C) in case  
(D) rather than

117. The new cooking classes at the Crestline Institute are aimed ----- at young adults living on their own for the first time.

(A) specify  
(B) specificity  
(C) specifically  
(D) specific

118. The journal article states that the research team's ----- are confirmation of the medication's effectiveness.

(A) finding  
(B) findings  
(C) find  
(D) found

119. The shopping center project was not as ----- to new investors as the planners had expected.

(A) attracts  
(B) attract  
(C) attractive  
(D) attractively

120. Ms. Ooshima went on a business trip to Singapore unexpectedly, so she had to ----- some of her tasks to her subordinates.

(A) delegate  
(B) complete  
(C) invest  
(D) reply

121. The security guard refused Mr. Dillon ----- because he could not provide a valid employee badge.

(A) admits  
(B) admittedly  
(C) admittance  
(D) admitting

122. ----- Top Gardening changed the checkout procedure on its Web site, its online sales have gone up dramatically.

(A) Why  
(B) Since  
(C) Whether  
(D) Still

123. ----- the bank transfer be made after 5 P.M., you can expect it to be processed the following working day.

(A) As much as  
(B) Should  
(C) Everything  
(D) Whenever

124. With the recent complaints of safety violations, Colbert Airlines will probably have ----- passengers than usual.

(A) fewer  
(B) longer  
(C) each  
(D) neither

125. The files will be deleted -----, so please confirm that you do not need them before selecting this action.

(A) favorably  
(B) substantially  
(C) permanently  
(D) forcefully

126. Marquee Couriers increased the hourly wage for delivery drivers ----- fill the positions more quickly.

(A) in order to  
(B) similarly  
(C) moreover  
(D) in any case

127. The airline representative apologized for the cancellation but explained that it was due to factors ----- the company's control.

(A) between  
(B) against  
(C) throughout  
(D) beyond

128. By the end of the year, the state's health department ----- over five thousand restaurants to check for food safety violations.

(A) has inspected  
(B) will have inspected  
(C) will be inspected  
(D) has been inspected

129. During his keynote speech, Dr. Grayson ----- the role of nonprofit organizations in reducing poverty worldwide.

(A) emphasized  
(B) assumed  
(C) hesitated  
(D) conserved

130. The Grand Villa neighborhood is known for having the city's largest ----- of high-end boutiques.

(A) mobilization  
(B) concentration  
(C) recipient  
(D) commodity

**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 letter.

November 16

Dear Ms. Charron,

It was a pleasure meeting you in person this morning to learn more about your desire to outsource Eastway Shipping's bookkeeping. ----- 131. I understand that you no longer wish to handle these types of tasks. I am confident that our dependable certified accountants can take on the ----- 132. I hope that your questions and concerns ----- 133. during our meeting. If not, please feel free to contact me at 555-7966 with further inquiries. In addition, I have enclosed a brochure of our services for you to ----- 134.

Warmest regards,

William Satterfield

131. (A) I will delete the error from the October

invoice right away.

(B) Please call my office if the items do not arrive on time.

(C) Your accounting needs can easily be handled by our experienced team.

(D) The business transports goods to distribution centers all over the world.

132. (A) incident

(B) role

(C) outcome

(D) progress

133. (A) addresses

(B) addressing

(C) were addressed

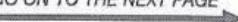
(D) had addressed

134. (A) translate

(B) review

(C) recommend

(D) oversee

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Questions 135-138 refer to the following press release.

Mercury Fashions Fall Line

Mercury Fashions offers luxurious apparel that fits your lifestyle. On September 1, we ----- our new line of fall fashions at a runway show at Sapphire Plaza. We closely follow the latest fashion trends, so we plan to have clothes dominated by the hottest colors to help you show your style. These cutting-edge designs are flattering to a wide range of body types. -----, we have new accessories like scarves, handbags, and hats that you can mix and match. -----, Visit [www.mercuryfashions.com](http://www.mercuryfashions.com) for a sneak peek. These beautiful items will be in ----- high-end department stores on the same day as the runway show.

135. (A) have revealed  
(B) have been revealing  
(C) are going to reveal  
(D) revealed

136. (A) Even  
(B) Also  
(C) Rather  
(D) Merely

137. (A) Our design team is always standing by you to meet your custom requests.  
(B) The tags should be removed before wearing them.  
(C) Create dozens of your own looks as you want.  
(D) Our headquarters will relocate in the city of New York.

138. (A) most  
(B) which  
(C) their  
(D) soon

Questions 139-142 refer to the following letter.

October 9

Ralph Benton  
874 Everette Way  
Coral Springs, FL 33065

Dear Mr. Benton,

Thanks to the collaborative <sup>139.</sup> of you and your team, Otis Rentals has become the number one car rental agency in Florida. Our market share has grown from 15% to 41% in just three years under your leadership.

<sup>140.</sup>

On behalf of Otis Rentals, I would like to invite you to transfer to our Texas branch, where you would take on the role of regional manager. This region <sup>141.</sup> the most competitive one in the country, but I believe that you are up to the challenge. The preferred start date is November 15. <sup>142.</sup>, we can be somewhat flexible if more time to make arrangements is needed.

Sincerely,

Lucille Walsh, Chief Operations Officer  
Otis Rentals

139. (A) efforts  
(B) reports  
(C) panels  
(D) visits

141. (A) considers  
(B) was considered  
(C) is considered  
(D) considering

140. (A) I will take a trip to Florida for the first time.  
(B) Such an accomplishment is rarely seen in our field.  
(C) Please confirm which job candidate you prefer.  
(D) It had four doors and a spacious trunk in the back.

142. (A) Consequently  
(B) Besides  
(C) For example  
(D) However

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Questions 143-146 refer to the following article.

(October 12)—Rapid Insurance, one of the nation's largest providers of homeowners insurance, has announced a change at the executive level. Lillian Howes has been selected by the Rapid Insurance board as the company's new CEO. She ----- James Loftin, who held the position for thirteen years.

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"Mr. Loftin will leave the company to work in the charity sector, and we wish him all the best in his ----- 144. endeavors," said Rapid Insurance spokesperson Anna Gilley. Investors are pleased with the change, as Ms. Howes is no stranger to Rapid Insurance's operations. "Ms. Howes ----- 145. worked as the managing director of the company before becoming the chief operating officer three years ago," commented Ms. Gilley.

"-----"  
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143. (A) has been succeeded  
(B) succeeds  
(C) would have succeeded  
(D) was succeeding

144. (A) constant  
(B) accurate  
(C) future  
(D) distant

145. (A) authentically  
(B) suddenly  
(C) regrettably  
(D) previously

146. (A) We plan to look into the matter carefully.  
(B) We believe the transition will be a smooth one.  
(C) The new insurance package has become popular.  
(D) The board will make the final decision soon.