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. Edith Stanley says she has ------- regretted switching her university major from finance to engineering.

(A) never
(B) enough
(C) very
(D) less

102. Users should avoid closing the copy machine's lid more ------- than necessary.

(A) forceful
(B) forcefully
(C) forcing
(D) force

103. Mr. Hawkins hoped that hiring the career coach would enable ------- to pursue certain goals.

(A) himself
(B) him
(C) his
(D) he

104. Quezada Grill offers free delivery to locations ------- five miles of its store but charges relatively high fees for longer trips.

(A) about
(B) on
(C) within
(D) up to

105. Seasonal sporting equipment and other infrequently used items ------- in the apartment complex's basement.

(A) can be stored
(B) should store
(C) are storing
(D) stored

106. Just a few weeks after ------- responsibility for factory operations, Ms. Jennings began making changes to increase efficiency.

(A) assumes
(B) assuming
(C) assumed
(D) assume

107. With the exception of morning rush hour, the study found that city buses are ------- on time throughout the day.

(A) general
(B) generalized
(C) generally
(D) generalizing

108. Though this cannot be proven conclusively, archaeologists believe it is ------- that the object was used in preparing food.

(A) actual
(B) functional
(C) usual
(D) probable

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109. Modern fans of Mr. Montano's books may be surprised to learn that few of ------- were popular with critics upon release.
(A) theirs
(B) their
(C) them
(D) themselves

110. In spite of the recent failure of her juice bar franchise, Ms. Diaz remains ------- among investors for her early success with Diaz Café.
(A) respectful
(B) respecting
(C) respectably
(D) respected

111. The Rostan Building has never been ------- popular before, though it has been considered a Hentville landmark for years.
(A) this
(B) high
(C) how
(D) much

112. The crew tasked with resurfacing Maple Street will begin at its intersection with Higgs Road and proceed in the ------- of Leskett Avenue.
(A) director
(B) most direct
(C) directing
(D) direction

113. ------- the Boyce Eagles have reached the final round of the Wicks Cup several times, they have not yet managed to win it.
(A) While
(B) Even
(C) Whenever
(D) Despite

114. Dr. Bak's article in *Organizational Psychology* explains how people ------- to strong leadership have difficulty in horizontally-structured workplaces.
(A) respond
(B) responsive
(C) responsively
(D) responded

115. Your signature will indicate your agreement ------- abide by the terms of this contract.
(A) with
(B) through
(C) regarding
(D) to

116. As of today, special bins for the disposal of used batteries ------- in front of all of the city's public libraries.
(A) have been placed
(B) placed
(C) will place
(D) is being placed

117. ------- the latest market report, the cosmetics industry will continue to expand thanks to growth in income levels.
(A) Except for
(B) Through
(C) In addition to
(D) According to

118. Our negotiator ------- Silmond Software to discount its services in exchange for a positive customer testimonial.
(A) argued
(B) persuaded
(C) assured
(D) settled

119. Jeralt, Inc., employees appreciate that telecommuting is ------- and very easy to arrange via an online scheduling system.
(A) permit
(B) permitting
(C) permission
(D) permitted

120. There is some evidence that regular tea drinkers have a reduced ------- of heart disease.
(A) treatment
(B) progress
(C) risk
(D) diagnosis

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121. When our employee complained about the issue, the hotel manager ------- offered to upgrade her to a better room.

(A) greatly
(B) collectively
(C) randomly
(D) readily

122. Air Primera will begin offering increased leg room on flights to ensure passenger -------.

(A) comforting
(B) comfortable
(C) comfort
(D) comfortably

123. The law requiring hospital fees to be published online is intended to make the medical industry's pricing more ------- to patients.

(A) transparent
(B) equivalent
(C) adequate
(D) knowledgeable

124. During the banquet, the recipient of the Reilter Prize will be introduced and given the opportunity to make remarks in ------- of the honor.

(A) reaction
(B) acceptance
(C) gratitude
(D) analysis

125. Our training courses are constantly updated to ensure that they ------- with the requirements of the workforce.

(A) collaborate
(B) implement
(C) equip
(D) align

126. Prost Agriculture's booth features a video screen ------- displays pictures taken by the trade show's attendees.

(A) whose
(B) just
(C) that
(D) of

127. Human resources staff must demonstrate ------- in handling the private information of their coworkers.

(A) prosperity
(B) discretion
(C) consensus
(D) aspiration

128. In preparation for their stay in Japan, the JFLT program provides its participants with 50 hours of Japanese language -------.

(A) instruction
(B) instructed
(C) instructive
(D) instructors

129. Goines Corporation will ------- construction of the building when all necessary approvals have been obtained.

(A) redeem
(B) exercise
(C) commence
(D) maneuver

130. The decrease in Sparont's revenues is the ------- effect of a drop in demand for digital cameras, its chief product.

(A) scarce
(B) inevitable
(C) competent
(D) cooperative

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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 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 article.

Groundswork to Hold 1,000th Weekly Garden Clean-up

Nonprofit organization Groundswork will hold its 1,000th Weekly Garden Clean-up this Saturday, September 8, at Schuler Park.

Since its -------- **131.** by a group of local conservationists, Groundswork has strived to promote a love of nature among Mellin County residents. The enthusiastic volunteers -------- **132.** to Schuler Park nearly every weekend are a major part of these efforts. Overseen by park staff, they have been picking up trash and helping with plant care tasks for over 19 years. The organization also holds regular hikes and classes on nature-related topics for all ages.

Groundswork plans to celebrate the -------- **133.** with a party after Saturday's clean-up. -------- **134.**. Those interested in attending should visit its Web site, www.groundswork.org, for more information.

131. (A) granting
(B) achieving
(C) founding
(D) joining

132. (A) have been sent
(B) it sends
(C) that send
(D) are sending

133. (A) milestone
(B) acquisition
(C) improvement
(D) decision

134. (A) Applications for membership are welcomed year-round.
(B) In fact, a clean-up plan must be submitted for all park events.
(C) It will feature music, family-friendly games, and refreshments.
(D) Mayor Chan even posted a congratulatory message on social media.

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Questions 135-138 refer to the following e-mail.

From: Imani Jackson
To: Toby Ortega
Subject: Receptionist job candidates
Date: April 2
Attachments: Candidate spreadsheet

Hi Toby,

As you may remember, the application period for the receptionist position ended last Friday. I'm happy to report that we received résumés from more than 50 people! -------. **135.**

Anyway, I've narrowed down the candidate pool in accordance with the requirements that you specified, and the top ten prospects ------- **136.** in the attached spreadsheet. Please ------- **137.** the file when you have time and choose the people you would like to interview. -------, **138.** we should follow the timetable stated in the ad and begin calling them this week.

Let me know if there's anything else you need.

Sincerely,

Imani

135. (A) Posting the ad on that job seeking Web site certainly made a difference.
(B) However, that is why we were unable to respond promptly to your application.
(C) It may not be so difficult to fill all ten openings by the end of April after all.
(D) It is lucky that Mark will have time next week to help me review each one.

136. (A) have described
(B) having described
(C) being described
(D) are described

137. (A) pass up
(B) call for
(C) look over
(D) turn around

138. (A) If possible
(B) Instead
(C) Therefore
(D) In particular

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Questions 139-142 refer to the following letter.

Lauryl County Toll Road Authority

430 Main Street, Carlson, VA 22432

April 10

Melba Graves

108 Franklin Lane

Carlson, VA 22433

Dear Ms. Graves,

You are receiving this letter because a vehicle registered to you used Knapp Toll Road on April 2. As the vehicle is not enrolled in Lauryl County's Electronic Toll Collection System (ETCS), this action was a violation of county law. Please see the enclosed -------. **139.** The amount requested on it must be paid by May 2. Note that if your payment has not been received by -------, **140.** you will be charged an additional fee.

Also, if you are likely to use a toll road again in the future, we strongly suggest that you enroll in the ETCS. -------. **141.** Enrollment is free and will prevent ------- **142.** issues of this sort.

If you believe you have received this notice in error, follow the instructions on the back of this page to dispute it.

Encl.

139. (A) invoice
(B) photograph
(C) manual
(D) license

140. (A) many
(B) then
(C) yourself
(D) tomorrow

141. (A) The money collected from tolls is used for road upkeep projects.
(B) It has eased traffic congestion in other neighborhoods as well.
(C) This can be done by visiting our office at the address above.
(D) A device in your vehicle transmits an electronic signal each time.

142. (A) total
(B) identical
(C) valuable
(D) further

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Questions 143-146 refer to the following information.

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143. (A) serious
(B) seriously
(C) seriousness
(D) more serious

144. (A) any
(B) either
(C) which
(D) another

145. (A) The latter kind of claim requires additional verification.
(B) Ideal examples are academic journal articles and textbooks.
(C) Otherwise, the quotation might violate publishing copyrights.
(D) This includes the title, author, publisher, and date of the work.

146. (A) highlighted
(B) reorganized
(C) condensed
(D) deleted

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