

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. As Ms. Roy's parking space is far from the entrance, Mr. Ezra has kindly agreed to let her park in ----- until her injury heals.

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

102. The powerful ----- provided by the Yarov-A coat's fabric will make sure you stay warm in the world's coldest places.

(A) protected
(B) protects
(C) protectively
(D) protection

103. Designed to offer as much ----- as possible, the Lorene Convention Center is an ideal venue for a wide variety of events.

(A) flexibility
(B) enthusiasm
(C) financing
(D) accuracy

104. Pattison Bank has been providing entry-level career opportunities to recent university graduates ----- years.

(A) in
(B) following
(C) for
(D) during

105. Restaurant owners ----- face new challenges, especially in today's competitive business environment.

(A) heavily
(B) constantly
(C) diversely
(D) variably

106. When it runs updates, antivirus software may temporarily affect the ----- of your computer.

(A) innovation
(B) measurement
(C) performance
(D) representation

107. A market report indicated that social media marketing reaches young consumers ----- than television advertising.

(A) effective
(B) effectively
(C) more effectively
(D) effectiveness

108. At Klevaratix Supply, we aim to ----- the highest quality kitchen equipment for professional chefs.

(A) commit
(B) earn
(C) remain
(D) produce

109. ----- learning to play the guitar, practice with a durable model like the Franmawr-5.

(A) Whether
(B) Since
(C) From
(D) When

110. To prevent ----- of records, a notification appears if the same client number is entered in the database more than once.

(A) transportation
(B) duplication
(C) organization
(D) differentiation

111. Sales of signs and banners have continued to ----- decline as more businesses move online.

(A) steady
(B) steadied
(C) steadily
(D) steadyng

112. The safety consultant recommended treating the flooring ----- non-slip finish in order to prevent workplace accidents.

(A) with
(B) of
(C) to
(D) until

113. At the next Town Hall meeting, officials will give a progress report on the construction of the ----- community center.

(A) planned
(B) nominated
(C) acquainted
(D) relieved

114. Smart-Tekk, Inc. makes educational toys that help young children gain ----- with scientific concepts.

(A) familiarly
(B) familiarity
(C) familiarized
(D) more familiar

115. Though some managers may think -----, using off-site storage for old paper documents is a very affordable solution.

(A) particularly
(B) otherwise
(C) moreover
(D) formerly

116. Many entrepreneurs, ----- experience, may make the mistake of expanding their businesses too quickly.

(A) regardless of
(B) instead of
(C) nevertheless
(D) as much as

117. Next time that we buy office furniture, I propose selecting chairs and desks that can ----- to a variety of heights.

(A) raising
(B) raise
(C) be raised
(D) being raised

118. Sunara Food Market ----- all of its produce from local organic farms.

(A) proceeds
(B) succeeds
(C) intends
(D) obtains

119. Keeping your customers fully ----- depends largely on the ability to resolve complaints in a professional manner.

(A) satisfies
(B) satisfied
(C) satisfying
(D) satisfaction

120. Researchers at Novarraic Tech, Inc. have been developing a robot that can teach ----- basic new tasks.

(A) themselves
(B) yourself
(C) itself
(D) ourselves

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121. Digital videos ----- larger amounts of data than most other applications, especially when they are viewed in high definition.

(A) requiring
(B) to require
(C) having required
(D) require

122. The road improvement project has faced several delays, and sources say that the work may extend ----- June.

(A) along
(B) above
(C) plus
(D) past

123. The recent drop in the value of the dollar has made importing goods from the United States more ----- for us.

(A) profitable
(B) profitability
(C) profiting
(D) profit

124. The new Web site is expected to be launched ----- the developers complete usability testing.

(A) once
(B) ever
(C) whereas
(D) upon

125. The museum's staff and a team of IT experts will work ----- to design a virtual reality exhibit.

(A) relatively
(B) unusually
(C) collaboratively
(D) absently

126. Although the merger discussions have progressed slowly, company negotiators are ----- that a deal will be reached.

(A) ongoing
(B) probable
(C) dedicated
(D) optimistic

127. The new policy allows selected staff to work from home, ----- regular deadlines are met.

(A) as for
(B) provided that
(C) concerning
(D) in case of

128. Rosemary is one of the most commonly used herbs in Italian cooking because the plant ----- in the region's warm, dry climate.

(A) thrives
(B) flatters
(C) characterizes
(D) absorbs

129. If ----- incorrectly, the software program will display an error message on the start-up menu.

(A) installation
(B) installer
(C) installed
(D) installs

130. Ms. Cho has made a detailed transcript of ----- was discussed in the last department meeting.

(A) that
(B) what
(C) everything
(D) it

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 e-mail.

To: Don Chen <don-chen@mail.org>
From: Brundy Storage <brundy-storage@mail.com>
Date: January 30
Subject: Update on Space 1032

Dear Mr. Chen,

Please know that we at Brundy Storage appreciate your business and loyalty.

Recently, rental rates have increased due to greater **131.** for storage space in this area. Based on these market conditions, the new monthly rent for Space 1032 **132.** \$208 starting on Sunday, March 1.

This **133.** represents less than a 2% increase in your rental rate. **134.** Your new rate is still lower than the current rate for first-time customers renting a storage unit the same size as yours.

Again, we are grateful for your business as a longtime customer of Brundy Storage.

Regards,

The Management at Brundy Storage

131. (A) range
(B) sales
(C) demand
(D) renovation

132. (A) was to be
(B) will be
(C) has been
(D) would have been

133. (A) adjusts
(B) adjuster
(C) adjustable
(D) adjustment

134. (A) We would like to thank all of our customers for their input in this matter.
(B) We wish to emphasize that, with fewer tenants, we are now downsizing.
(C) Be aware that the terms and conditions of rental agreements can vary greatly.
(D) Rest assured that, even at that price, you are still receiving a good value.

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Questions 135-138 refer to the following Web page.

Petralla Publishing is a leading publisher of instructional books ----- to readers who enjoy 135. hands-on arts and crafts hobbies. Supporting fresh talent and ideas is a key part of our business. -----, we actively seek book proposals from people who would like to make a 136. useful addition to the body of writing in our field. ----- For many of our authors, writing a book 137. was only a ----- dream, something they had hoped to do someday. With our encouragement 138. and guidance, they went on to create a beautiful new work for publication. Please click [here](#) to see our submission guidelines.

135. (A) caters
(B) catering
(C) is to cater
(D) are catered

136. (A) For that reason
(B) By comparison
(C) Afterward
(D) Alternatively

137. (A) On certain days, educators may request copies of recent titles for review.
(B) We will set up a phone appointment to speak with you further about this.
(C) Our team of editors can make a promising concept for a book into a reality.
(D) Research shows that fairy tales still appeal more to younger readers.

138. (A) distant
(B) vacant
(C) subtle
(D) deep

Questions 139-142 refer to the following article.

DORTLUND (19 March)—The 25th annual Dortlund Folk Music Festival drew a record crowd of over 6,000 people last Saturday and Sunday. According to organizers, this impressive ^{139.} can be credited to the new features of this year's event. ^{140.} For the first time ever, the performance lineup included not only popular folk groups but also Cuban mambo bands, Polish dance ensembles, and ^{141.} jazz soloists. There were also chances for attendees to take part in hands-on workshops ^{142.} to show them techniques for playing various traditional instruments. Organizers say both of these popular changes will be carried over to next year's festival.

139. (A) prize
(B) funding
(C) turnout
(D) rating

141. (A) yet
(B) very
(C) even
(D) much

140. (A) They noted that traditional culture may continue to change in the future.
(B) All volunteers received free meals and specially-made festival T-shirts.
(C) In fact, a background in music is not necessary for greater appreciation.
(D) For example, a more diverse array of musical styles was represented.

142. (A) designer
(B) designed
(C) to design
(D) designs

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Questions 143-146 refer to the following information.

The HGA's annual Household Goods Trade Show in Dallas Texas – Why you should attend

For more than 60 years, the Household Goods Association (HGA) ----- the industry's largest 143. trade show featuring household goods from the world's leading manufacturers. Purchasing managers for retail stores attend every year to meet with wholesale suppliers and seize opportunities to form business partnerships. Are you looking for original merchandise to distinguish your business from competitors and gain a market advantage? ----- walk the trade 144. floor and explore the displays. You are certain to ----- innovative new household products. 145. -----. By attending the HGA trade show, you are assured of staying up to date on the latest 146. trends in household goods.

143. (A) has hosted
(B) was hosted
(C) is being hosted
(D) would have hosted

144. (A) Simply
(B) Lately
(C) Closely
(D) Shortly

145. (A) utilize
(B) navigate
(C) demonstrate
(D) discover

146. (A) There are several other important ways to care for a home.
(B) In addition, there are talks and workshops on current industry issues.
(C) A few of the vintage items on display are over 50 years old.
(D) When your business is finished, enjoy our complimentary lunch buffet.