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. The plant is running at full _____ now that the machinery on the assembly lines has been repaired.

(A) availability
(B) capacity
(C) appearance
(D) resemblance

102. _____ guarantee the timely delivery of the product, it should be paid for at the time it is purchased.

(A) With respect to
(B) In tune with
(C) Regarding
(D) In order to

103. Wilson Florists extended its operating hours during February for the purpose of _____ the increase in customers.

(A) accommodate
(B) accommodation
(C) accommodating
(D) accommodatingly

104. Ms. Wellman, one of the members of the board of directors, _____ given an update regarding progress on the newest line of products.

(A) has
(B) was
(C) be
(D) have

105. George Thacker applied for a job with Ellison Construction but was _____ due to a lack of experience.

(A) hired
(B) considered
(C) rejected
(D) interviewed

106. The passengers _____ offered to assist the bus driver in changing the deflated tire.

(A) they
(B) themselves
(C) their
(D) them

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107. _____ fined the owner of the meat plant on account of the unsanitary conditions inside the facility.

(A) Inspectors
(B) Reporters
(C) Assemblers
(D) Politicians

108. Mr. Hamilton was supposed to attend the conference in Boise but was unable to make it there due to a scheduling _____.

(A) conflict
(B) confliction
(C) conflicted
(D) conflictive

109. Of all the customers who were polled, only a _____ of them thought the prices at Shop Right were too high.

(A) proportion
(B) variable
(C) fraction
(D) piece

110. Many diners had to wait to be seated for more than an hour _____ the establishment was so busy on its opening night.

(A) therefore
(B) since
(C) where
(D) if

111. It appears as though the machine suffered a major _____ and cannot be repaired at all.

(A) malfunction
(B) malfunctioned
(C) malfunctions
(D) malfunctioning

112. The customer _____ for more than an hour before someone at the store offered to assist her.

(A) will wait
(B) are waiting
(C) had been waiting
(D) have waited

113. Although she _____ her application in July, Erica still has not heard anything back from the firm.

(A) received
(B) approved
(C) submitted
(D) responded

114. Library _____ are permitted to borrow up to six books at a time for no longer than two weeks.

(A) donors
(B) patrons
(C) shoppers
(D) diners

115. _____ complaints from customers is one of the duties that the new intern was given.

(A) Handle
(B) Handled
(C) Handles
(D) Handling

116. When the deliveryman arrived with the package, there was nobody in the office able to _____ for it.

(A) pack
(B) open
(C) receive
(D) sign

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117. At the awards ceremony, Ms.Trellis thanked her entire staff for the assistance they had provided _____.

(A) she
(B) her
(C) they
(D) them

118. It appears that the negotiations between the two sides _____ their completion.

(A) are neared
(B) will have neared
(C) are nearing
(D) nears

119. _____ the weather starts to clear up in the next few hours, the company's annual outing will be moved indoors.

(A) Unless
(B) Despite
(C) Although
(D) Consequently

120. Taking the vehicle for a _____ drive is a common action for a person looking to purchase a new car.

(A) test
(B) testing
(C) tester
(D) tested

121. There was a water leak on the top floor that caused a great amount of _____ to the electronic items in one office.

(A) injury
(B) wound
(C) damage
(D) impairment

122. The exhibition of modern art at the Leo Gallery is going to _____ from August 2 to September 14.

(A) hold
(B) holding
(C) be held
(D) have been holding

123. As a result of the rainy weather, the summer fruit harvest in the area is expected to be _____ poorer than usual.

(A) some
(B) very
(C) much
(D) so

124. The museum is going to host an _____ of relics from ancient China starting in September.

(A) exhibits
(B) exhibition
(C) exhibiting
(D) exhibited

125. The owners of the building made it more handicapped _____ by adding ramps and other facilities on each floor.

(A) approachable
(B) apparent
(C) accessible
(D) available

126. All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply for the position _____ of their age, gender, or race.

(A) regarding
(B) regardless
(C) regarded
(D) regards

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127. Because there were so many problems with the project, a new manager was _____ to run everything.

(A) revealed
(B) conceived
(C) invested
(D) appointed

128. Even though the country was suffering _____, sales at Vertigo, Inc. had never been better.

(A) economics
(B) economical
(C) economists
(D) economically

129. The outdoor performance by the Centerville Orchestra has been postponed _____ next week due to the rain.

(A) by
(B) until
(C) for
(D) still

130. The city council intends to vote on whether or not to _____ the company to build some apartments downtown.

(A) permit
(B) grant
(C) consent
(D) agree

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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 announcement.

The Delmont Paper Mill has been in business since 1878. During that time, we have made all kinds of paper products that have been sold around the country. We are in the process of _____ **131.** our facilities so that we can increase our production of paper approximately 25% by the end of the year. When the process is complete, we will require more raw materials, especially wood pulp, for our mill. We are now accepting bids from suppliers. For a list of the materials that we need as well as the required amounts, please visit our website at www.delmontpaper.com/supplies. _____ **132.** Those interested in bidding to become a supplier can then contact Mr. Peter Hopkins at 850-3043. All bids must be submitted no later than October 1. _____ **133.** parties will be contacted on or around October 10. Those companies selected to become new suppliers _____ **134.** providing shipments of supplies by the middle of December.

131. (A) designing
(B) expanding
(C) planning
(D) financing

132. (A) Please do not contact us by phone to get more information.
(B) All the information that is necessary to know may be found there.
(C) Suppliers can learn about the needed materials by calling us.
(D) The bidding process will be closed in the month of November.

133. (A) Win
(B) Winner
(C) Winning
(D) Winners

134. (A) began
(B) have begun
(C) are beginning
(D) must begin

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Questions 135–138 refer to the following letter.

December 10

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for opening a checking account at Savers' Bank. We have been providing our customers with high-quality services for more than 35 years, and we _____ to do the same thing for you.
135.

We are currently printing your checks. You should receive them no later _____ December 15. Please note that most places in the city require you to present a form of picture ID when paying for goods or services with a check. _____ In addition, we charge a $40 fee if you write a check on an overdrawn account.
136. 137.

You may feel free to contact one of our customer service representatives at 808-4243 at any time should you have any questions or comments regarding your account. We look forward to having a long and mutually _____ relationship with you.
138.

Sincerely,

Carla Hampton
Vice President
Savers' Bank

135. (A) respect
(B) require
(C) await
(D) intend

136. (A) from
(B) within
(C) than
(D) by

137. (A) For instance, an electricity bill with your name on it is acceptable.
(B) To make payments to these businesses, simply call us for more information.
(C) In order to get paid, be sure that you have the proper identification on you.
(D) In most cases, a driver's license is considered acceptable by vendors.

138. (A) beneficial
(B) apparent
(C) respective
(D) suspicious

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Questions 139–142 refer to the following advertisement.

Volunteers Needed

The Greenbrier Community Center is looking for volunteers to work during the summer months. We require people to teach some of the classes we hope to offer, and we could also use people to work at the information desk. _____ (139.) with the time and ability to teach classes on painting, arts and crafts, needlepoint, and sewing are highly desired. _____ (140.) Please call Mary Ashford at 382-8594 for more information.

While volunteers at the Greenbrier Community Center will not receive any _____ (141.) compensation for their time, they will be rewarded in other ways. Anyone volunteering up to ten hours a week will receive 50% off the price of a yearly membership. And anyone who volunteers 20 hours or more each week will receive a free annual membership.

Become a volunteer at the Greenbrier Community Center. Help the residents of our community _____ (142.) their lives by giving a bit of time from yours.

139. (A) They
(B) Them
(C) These
(D) Those

140. (A) You will be paid well for the time that you spend with us.
(B) So are people who would like to coach sports teams or act as referees.
(C) We would also like someone to replace Ms. Ashford, who recently resigned.
(D) There will not be any arts and crafts classes taught this summer.

141. (A) finance
(B) financial
(C) financing
(D) financier

142. (A) improve
(B) donate
(C) dedicate
(D) approach

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Questions 143–146 refer to the following memo.

To: All Staff Members, Accounting Department

From: Darren Smith, Director, Accounting Department

Subject: Restructuring

Date: November 4

In the past two weeks, three of the employees in the Accounting Department have _____ (143.) their positions to work at other companies. Unfortunately, HR has decided that only one of those positions _____ (144.) with a new worker. As a result, all of us are going to take on additional duties to do the work that Jeb Marconi and Jenna Wilkins used to do.

We're going to have a staff meeting to discuss this matter on Friday, November 6. It's going to start at 9 in the morning and will end when we cover everything. _____ (145.) Attendance at the meeting is mandatory, so please cancel all other plans or appointments you may have scheduled for that time. If you have any suggestions regarding this matter, please feel free to mention them at the meeting. I am interested in hearing everyone's ideas on how we can assume extra duties without making our _____ (146.) too heavy.

143. (A) transferred
(B) altered
(C) suspended
(D) resigned

144. (A) is filling
(B) will fill
(C) has been filled
(D) will be filled

145. (A) I anticipate that it will last for at least 2 hours.
(B) The agenda for the meeting has not yet been set.
(C) Please try to make it to the meeting if you have the time.
(D) I will be the only one who will be speaking at the meeting.

146. (A) schedules
(B) workloads
(C) appointments
(D) jobs

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