

## 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 two 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 1

**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 room was ----- noisy that no one was able to hear the announcement.  
(A) so  
(B) such  
(C) as  
(D) very
102. There is construction going on outside today, so please ----- the windows closed.  
(A) stay  
(B) remain  
(C) let  
(D) keep
103. One of the requirements of this position is that you show up every day ----- of the weather.  
(A) despite  
(B) nonetheless  
(C) regardless  
(D) although
104. The house Mr. Eno is thinking about buying is located ----- Heritage Street.  
(A) to  
(B) on  
(C) from  
(D) of
105. The manager hinted that Janet Tate ----- for a promotion.  
(A) considers  
(B) has been considering  
(C) has considered  
(D) is being considered
106. If you do not find the accommodations here-----, be sure to let us know when you fill out your customer comment card.  
(A) satisfactory  
(B) satisfied  
(C) satisfaction  
(D) satisfactorily
107. Please inform Ms. Anne Hedoni that we suggest she ----- her appointment for at least a week.  
(A) postpone  
(B) is postponing  
(C) postpones  
(D) will postpone
108. Trying to force one's religious beliefs on someone else is futile, for no one can ----- another person believe anything.  
(A) let  
(B) impose  
(C) make  
(D) get
109. In an effort to reduce the amount of plastic they throw away, many people have stopped buying ----- razors.  
(A) unusable  
(B) disposable  
(C) temporary  
(D) impermanent
110. The suspect ----- the detective's accusation that he was involved with organized crime.  
(A) denied  
(B) declined  
(C) exclaimed  
(D) unclaimed
111. There is no need to bring anything to the exam; you will be provided ----- all required materials.  
(A) to  
(B) with  
(C) for  
(D) about

112. The restaurant manager was replaced because of her inability ----- discipline among her employees.  
 (A) maintaining  
 (B) maintained  
 (C) to maintain  
 (D) being maintained
113. ----- by the Union chief's argument that the cutbacks in overtime hours would cause great hardship for workers, company management refused to reconsider its decision.  
 (A) Moved  
 (B) Moving  
 (C) Unmoved  
 (D) Unmoving
114. In hiring decisions, it is important to consider not only the professional qualifications of a job candidate, but also his or her -----.  
 (A) character  
 (B) characters  
 (C) characteristic  
 (D) caricatures
115. The agreement was concluded ----- precisely 11:03 p.m. on November 27<sup>th</sup>.  
 (A) near  
 (B) on  
 (C) at  
 (D) to
116. Dr. Scobie is about to complete his research, the results of ----- he hopes to have published in a journal by the end of the year.  
 (A) whose  
 (B) it  
 (C) which  
 (D) that
117. Reverend AI Dulton may not be the most --- ----- speaker, but he always succeeds in getting his point across.  
 (A) elemental  
 (B) eloquent  
 (C) eclectic  
 (D) essential
118. Springfield has the ----- of being one of the nation's safest places to live.  
 (A) reposes  
 (B) reputed  
 (C) reputed  
 (D) reputation
119. Everyone ----- Ms. St. John has submitted an application.  
 (A) to  
 (B) but  
 (C) from  
 (D) for
120. Because he knew he was being observed, Curtis had trouble ----- on his work.  
 (A) concentrates  
 (B) concentrating  
 (C) concentrated  
 (D) concentration
121. The speech, ----- quite long, succeeded in holding the interest of the audience from beginning to end.  
 (A) though  
 (B) needless  
 (C) factually  
 (D) however
122. They probably -----dinner by the time we get there.  
 (A) had finished  
 (B) have finished  
 (C) will have finished  
 (D) will have been finishing
123. Miguel prefers working mornings, but this week he has been assigned to the night -----.  
 (A) crew  
 (B) clan  
 (C) cast  
 (D) call
124. It should be understood that the ----- of a solid customer base is not something that occurs overnight.  
 (A) creativity  
 (B) creation  
 (C) creature  
 (D) creator
125. Of course there have been negative consequences, but ----- the whole, the development of the automobile has been of tremendous benefit to humankind.  
 (A) at  
 (B) in  
 (C) to  
 (D) on

126. The department's mission is to inform employees of new regulations and ----- management of ways to ensure compliance with them.  
 (A) advice  
 (B) advise  
 (C) advisor  
 (D) advisory
127. For the most part, ----- in technology stocks have seen the value of their shares increase dramatically over the last five years.  
 (A) investing  
 (B) investment  
 (C) investors  
 (D) investiture
128. We regret ----- your office of the changes to the program earlier and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.  
 (A) to inform  
 (B) not having informed  
 (C) not to inform  
 (D) the informing of
129. Employees of Carbo Metallurgy Ltd. are strongly encouraged to make suggestions as ----- how workplace safety might be improved.  
 (A) to  
 (B) of  
 (C) if  
 (D) in
130. Representatives of this firm must never ---- -- to high-pressure or deceitful sales tactics, for these only succeed in alienating potential customers.  
 (A) succumb  
 (B) resolve  
 (C) submit  
 (D) resort
131. Hardly ----- surveyed expressed interest in either of the product offerings being considered.  
 (A) anyone  
 (B) no one  
 (C) those  
 (D) of those
132. COLAs, or Cost-of-Living Adjustments, exist to ensure that the value of pensions is not ----- by inflation.  
 (A) declassified  
 (B) defended  
 (C) decreased  
 (D) deceived
133. In this economic climate, it is difficult to cover expenses, ----- achieve a profit.  
 (A) evermore  
 (B) more or less  
 (C) much less  
 (D) as much as
134. The television advertisement was so effective that customer service representatives had a difficult time ----- with the sudden increase in incoming calls.  
 (A) holding down  
 (B) putting through  
 (C) keeping up  
 (D) taking over
135. News ----- of our financial difficulties has hurt our chances of completing the merger.  
 (A) uncovering  
 (B) coverage  
 (C) uncovers  
 (D) covering
136. There have been several production line injuries attributable to worker -----; thus, the decision has been made to increase the number and length of breaks allowed.  
 (A) diligence  
 (B) fatigue  
 (C) wages  
 (D) Insurance
137. Attendance at the workshop is ----- for all faculty members except those scheduled to teach while it is in session.  
 (A) mandatory  
 (B) laudatory  
 (C) exemplary  
 (D) disciplinary

138. Declines in absenteeism and increased -----  
- led the company to provide across-the-  
board pay raises.  
(A) productivity  
(B) produce  
(C) productions  
(D) producers
139. While I was sitting outside the head office  
yesterday, I overheard someone ----- that  
your application for transfer had been  
rejected, though I am not certain who it was  
I heard speaking.  
(A) say  
(B) said  
(C) to say  
(D) had said
140. Ms. Oliver wishes to express her concern ---  
---- the decision not to review the safety  
procedures.  
(A) regard  
(B) regarding  
(C) regards  
(D) regardless
141. The files were ----- alphabetically.  
(A) organization  
(B) organizer  
(C) organize  
(D) organized
142. The business consultant suggested a -----  
sales plan.  
(A) modify  
(B) modifies  
(C) modified  
(D) modifying
143. ----- there were so many customer  
complaints, we withdrew the item from the  
market.  
(A) Therefore  
(B) Because  
(C) Although  
(D) However
144. The ----- report will be published next  
Monday.  
(A) selling  
(B) sales  
(C) sell  
(D) sells
145. The architect must consider every detail  
of a floor -----.  
(A) planning  
(B) plan  
(C) plans  
(D) planned
146. Mr. Lafferty wants to meet ----- six  
o'clock sharp.  
(A) on  
(B) upon  
(C) at  
(D) during
147. The ----- of the office party must take  
responsibility for the cleanup.  
(A) plans  
(B) planning  
(C) planned  
(D) planners
148. ----- the new product didn't sell well,  
it's still on the market.  
(A) However  
(B) So that  
(C) Although  
(D) Nevertheless
149. The crew worked ----- to avoid  
problems in the future.  
(A) careful  
(B) carefully  
(C) care  
(D) more careful
150. Demand for the new line of cars is up; -  
-----, production will increase.  
(A) however  
(B) despite  
(C) therefore  
(D) regardless