

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.

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| 101. I like tea, ----- my wife doesn't.
(A) and
(B) or
(C) but
(D) so | 107. We'll read a report ----- the new business.
(A) explain
(B) explained
(C) explains
(D) explaining |
| 102. Is Jean Michel Basquiat known ----- young people in Korea?
(A) by
(B) to
(C) as
(D) for | 108. It is necessary ----- of the problem.
(A) think
(B) to think
(C) thought
(D) thinks |
| 103. The subject is ----- discussed by the students.
(A) been
(B) be
(C) being
(D) to be | 109. I heard the bell -----.
(A) rings
(B) to ring
(C) rung
(D) ringing |
| 104. ----- the economy is booming, our sales are going up.
(A) Though
(B) Because
(C) That
(D) Or | 110. The computer solves problems by ----- data.
(A) processes
(B) to process
(C) processing
(D) process |
| 105. We have met before, -----?
(A) don't we
(B) have we
(C) haven't we
(D) aren't we | 111. We told Jack ----- with us.
(A) to come
(B) come
(C) came
(D) coming |
| 106. The report must ----- in English.
(A) type
(B) typed
(C) be typed
(D) typing | 112. ----- say such a thing again.
(A) Not
(B) Don't
(C) No
(D) None |

113. When he ----- the classroom, we were studying.

- (A) entered
- (B) entered in
- (C) entered into
- (D) entered to

114. The plane leaves from Chicago at nine, ----- in New York at eleven.

- (A) arrive
- (B) arriving
- (C) to arrive
- (D) arrives

115. The agreement was concluded ----- precisely 11:03 p.m. on November 27th.

- (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 Al 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) repotes
- (B) reputed
- (C) reputing
- (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. What will become ----- the child now that his parents are gone?

- (A) with
- (B) at
- (C) of
- (D) to

132. The instructor told us ----- to find the book.

- (A) whom

(B) which

(C) where

(D) what

133. There are few mothers ----- don't love their own children.

- (A) who
- (B) which
- (C) but
- (D) except

134. More and more overseas visitors are coming to this city to ----- clothes.

- (A) bought
- (B) with buy
- (C) after buying
- (D) buy

135. Who is that man ----- black?

- (A) wears
- (B) is wearing
- (C) wear
- (D) wearing

136. ----- in a lake is very different from swimming in an ocean.

- (A) To swim
- (B) Swimming
- (C) To be swimming
- (D) Swim

137. There are no ----- between the brothers.

- (A) same
- (B) difference
- (C) similarities
- (D) variation

138. In addition to English, my daughter can ----- French.

- (A) talk
- (B) say
- (C) speak
- (D) tell

139. On my trip to Italy, not only ----- a suitcase, but I broke my glasses.

- (A) I lost
- (B) I lose
- (C) lost I
- (D) did I lose

140. Since the early 1990s, the demand for personal computers -----.

- (A) steadily increases
- (B) steadily increase
- (C) has been steadily increasing
- (D) are steadily increasing

141. Who does she ----- to take care of her?

- (A) want
- (B) wants
- (C) to want
- (D) will want

142. They are considering ----- to Atlanta.

- (A) move
- (B) to move
- (C) moving
- (D) will move

143. I would like ----- by your office on my way home.

- (A) drop
- (B) to drop
- (C) dropping
- (D) will drop

144. They politely asked me ----- in another place.

- (A) stand
- (B) to stand
- (C) standing
- (D) stood

145. Since we live by an airport, we can easily watch the airplanes ----- off.

- (A) take
- (B) to take

(C) be taking

(D) will take

146. My son is not very good at ----- yet.

- (A) drive
- (B) to drive
- (C) driving
- (D) will drive

147. Now we are going to ----- about our plans for next year.

- (A) discuss
- (B) tell
- (C) talk
- (D) say

148. Please keep me ----- as to his whereabouts.

- (A) interred
- (B) informed
- (C) deformed
- (D) reformed

149. I'm looking forward to ----- from you soon.

- (A) hear
- (B) hearing
- (C) heard
- (D) have heard

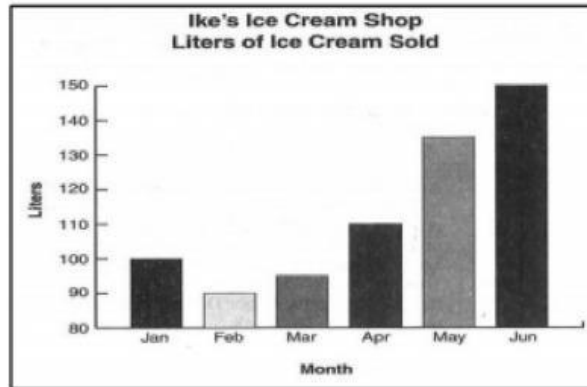
150. Mother ----- me clean the floor with a mop.

- (A) got
- (B) made
- (C) forced
- (D) told

PART 2

Directions: In this part you will read a selection of texts, such as magazine and newspaper articles, letters, and advertisements. Each text is followed by several questions. Select the best answer for each question and mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

Questions 151-153 refer to the following advertisement.



151. How many liters of ice cream did Ike sell in

January?

- (A) 90
- (B) 95
- (C) 100
- (D) 110

152. When did Ike sell the least amount of ice cream?

- (A) January
- (B) February
- (C) March
- (D) April

153. How much time does this graph cover?

- (A) One month
- (B) Six weeks
- (C) Half a year
- (D) One year

Questions 154-155 refer to the following telephone message.

For: Terence

Date: November 4th

Time: 3:55 PM

Taken by: Brenda

Mr. Bradley called about the seminar being held at the Roy Thompson Hall this Friday. He said he is looking forward to it very much. He asked me to tell you to make sure to pick him up at 6 o'clock at the North York branch office since he will be spending his day there to attend a meeting. He also wants you to call him at home this evening after 7 o'clock.

154. Why did Mr. Bradley call?

- (A) To send an invitation to a seminar
- (B) To remind Terence of a trip to the North York branch office
- (C) To offer a ride to the sales seminar
- (D) To request to be picked up at another location

155. What will Mr. Bradley do before heading

over to the seminar?

- (A) Pick up Terence
- (B) Attend a meeting
- (C) Call the Roy Thompson Hall
- (D) Move around the house

Questions 156-157 refer to the following sign

NOTICE

Because of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the library will be closed December 24th-25th and December 31st- January 1st. In addition, our operating hours will be shortened to allow our staff more time with their families. Starting December 13th, we will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from Monday to Friday. On Saturdays and Sundays, we will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Our regular hours of operation will begin again on January 2nd.

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| 156. On which day is the library open? | 157. Why will the library be closed? |
| A. December 24th | A. Because of the weather |
| B. December 31st | B. Because the librarian is sick |
| C. December 26th | C. Because of the new library |
| D. January 1st | D. Because of the holidays |

Questions 158-159 refer to the following notice

Notice to All Employees

As we enter the cold and flu season, the management wants to remind all employees to wash their hands after using the restroom and before returning to work. This is especially important for cooks, waiters and waitresses. As most of you are aware, germs, viruses, and bacteria are passed on mainly through hand contact. Here at The Happy Sandwich restaurant, hygiene and cleanliness are our number one priority. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

The Management

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| 158. Which season is approaching? | 159. What is the restaurant's main priority? |
| (A) Spring | (A) Serving delicious food |
| (B) Fall | (B) Having the lowest prices in town |
| (C) Winter | (C) Having the most polite staff |
| (D) Summer | (D) Hygiene and cleanliness |

Questions 160-161 refer to the following advertisement.

Green Grass All Year Round

Having nice green grass all year long is easy with regular use of "Winterize." Remember to "Winterize" your lawn this fall. This special fertilizer keeps the roots of your lawn alive during the winter. By strengthening the roots of your lawn, it leads to better growth in the spring. This product is also ideal for all outdoor plants, shrubs, and trees, keeping them strong and healthy during the coming cold months. Available at all good gardening centers.

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| 160. When will this product show results? | 161. Which of the following is this product NOT suitable for? |
| (A) Winter | (A) House plants |
| (B) Spring | (B) Shrubs |
| (C) Fall | (C) Lawns |
| (D) Summer | (D) Trees |

Questions 162-163 refer to the following reading.

Crazy Sam's End of the Year Computer Sale!

Is your old computer just not good enough any more? No problem. Crazy Sam's has just the

solution for you! Stop into our store on the corner of Fourth and Central and you'll find desktop PCs for \$599—\$1099 (monitor included). On the go? Need a laptop? Laptops range from \$799 up to \$1299. And remember, all of Crazy Sam's computers come with a full range of office software like word processing programs and spreadsheets to get you started. So what are you waiting for? Come into Crazy Sam's today and kiss your old computer goodbye!

162. How much does the most expensive desktop computer cost?

- (A) \$599
- (B) \$799
- (C) \$1099
- (D) \$1299

163. What kind of program is a spreadsheet?

- (A) Mathematics program
- (B) Office software
- (C) Game
- (D) Communications program

Question 164-165 refer to the following advertisement.

**Open House presented by
Vaughan Company Realtors**
Saturday, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Welcome to 1906 Saturn Court!

This four-bedroom, two-bathroom home is ready for your family. Features include a new roof, a new hot water heater, a new air conditioning unit, a landscaped patio, and a newly remodeled dining room.

Local schools are Madson Elementary, Eisenhower Middle School, and Lexington High School.

List price: \$120,000

164. Which of the following is NOT new?

- (A) Water heater
- (B) Dining room
- (C) Patio
- (D) Air conditioning

165. What is the name of the school for young children?

- (A) Madson
- (B) Eisenhower
- (C) Lexington
- (D) Saturn Court

Questions 164-167 refer to the following instructions.

Thank you for buying a product from the Office Ware mail-order catalog. We hope you are satisfied with your purchase of our quality merchandise. Please examine the contents of this package immediately to make sure that your order has arrived complete and in undamaged **condition**. In the event that you are not totally satisfied with your purchase for any reason, you can return it to us within thirty days for a full refund, no questions asked. Just repack it in the same box you received it in, and apply the enclosed return shipping label to the out- side of the box. Return postage will be paid by the customer. If you wish to return a product after thirty days from the purchase date, please call the customer service office at 800-555-1002 and ask to speak with a purchase order representative.

166. What should you do to return a product the day after receiving it?

- (A) Repack it and mail it back
- (B) Wait for thirty days
- (C) Call the customer service office
- (D) Order a new catalog

167. What will happen if you return a product before thirty days have passed?

- (A) The company will ask you some questions.
- (B) A customer service representative will call you.
- (C) You will get all your money back.
- (D) You will have to send in a new purchase order.

Questions 168-170 refer to the following notice.

**Miami-Dade County Transit Authority
LANE CLOSURES**

Due to continued construction on Interstate 95, the two left lanes on the north side will be closed from NE 79th St. to NE 135th St. between the hours of midnight and 6:00 A.M., Monday to Friday, and 10:00 P.M. to 7 A.M. weekends.

Lane closures are scheduled to begin on October 16 and continue until November 6.

We regret any inconvenience to motorists.

168. Which part of the highway will have lane closures?

- (A) All north side lanes
- (B) One lane on each side
- (C) The two left lanes on each side
- (D) The two left lanes on the north side

169. Who is authorizing the lane closures?

- (A) The city
- (B) The county
- (C) The state
- (D) The district

170. Which of the following exits will NOT be in the affected area?

- (A) NE 125th Street
- (B) NE 95th Street
- (C) NE 151st Street
- (D) NE 82nd Street

Questions 171-172 refer to the following letter.

Northeast Electrical Services 120 Bayview Boulevard Upton, ME 00121	
May 30, 20 _	
Customer Jones and Smith, PC 49 River Road Upton, ME 00122	
For:	
Rewiring of offices at 49 River Road	\$1500
Replacement of outlets	\$ 125
Installation of water heater	\$750
Amount due payable in full within fifteen days of the date of this invoice. Ten percent of total charged as late fee after that date.	
Thank you for being a Northeast customer. We value your business.	

171. How much is owed to Northeast Electrical Services?

- (A) \$125
- (B) \$750
- (C) \$1500
- (D) \$2375

172. When is it due?

- (A) May 15
- (B) May 30
- (C) June 15
- (D) June 30

Questions 175-176 refer to the following memorandum.

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Atlantis Corporation Employees
FROM: Myrtle Sternbridge, Chief Financial Officer
RE: Two-day unpaid leave
DATE: June 3

It is my unhappy duty to inform you that the Board of Directors has voted to impose a two-day layoff for all employees in order to avoid an operating budget shortfall. The company is facing a serious crisis due to poor profits over the past two quarters. The budget is short by about \$13 million and, according to our bylaws, the budget must be balanced by June 30, the end of this fiscal year.

It is necessary for all employees to give up two days' pay in order to put an end to the budget crisis. Employees are to speak to their supervisors regarding scheduling the two days that they are not to report to work.

According to the agreement reached between Atlantis Corp. and the Union, employees will be reimbursed for the days they lose during the first six months of the next fiscal year if profits improve.

I sincerely regret the need to take such drastic measures to end the current budget crisis, but with your cooperation, we can see this through.

175. What is causing this budget crisis?
(A) There is a surplus of \$13 million.
(B) There is a shortage of \$13 million.
(C) The CFO did not plan out the operating budget properly.
(D) Nobody can pinpoint the reasons for this budget crisis.

176. How will the days be taken off?
(A) Employees will arrange days off with their supervisors.
(B) All employees are to stay home starting June 30.
(C) A specific plan has not been worked out yet.
(D) Employees can arrange to take two days off this or next fiscal year.

Questions 177-181 refer to the following advertisement and email.

FOR SALE

A used living room set (sofa and two armchair) made of the finest Corinthian leather. Only one year old and in perfect condition (no scratches or stains).

I'm selling them because I'm moving overseas and can't take them with me. \$100 for the sofa and \$50 for each chair, or \$150 for the 3-piece set.

Call Michael Clemons at 555-3871 or send a message to sofa4sale@yahoo.com

To: Sofasale@yahoo.com

From: amburton@mynet.com

Subject: Furniture for sale

Date: May 22nd

I am interested in buying the sofa you advertised in the Daily Times yesterday. I have my own truck, so I could pick it up very easily. Could I come to see the sofa tomorrow evening, at around 7: 30 pm?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Alex Burton

177. How much will it cost to buy the sofa and two chairs together?
- A. 50 dollars
 - B. 100 dollars
 - C. 150 dollars
 - D. 200 dollars
178. How can you contact the seller?
- A. Only by telephone
 - B. Only by email
 - C. By email and telephone
 - D. By telephone and fax
179. Where did Michael Clemons place this advertisement?
- A. On the Internet
 - B. In a daily newspaper
 - C. In a weekly magazine
 - D. On TV
180. What does Alex Burton want to buy?
- A. All of the items
 - B. One chair
 - C. Two chairs
 - D. Just the sofa
181. How will Alex Burton get his furniture home?
- A. Michael Clemons will deliver them.
 - B. He will use his truck.
 - C. He will use a delivery company.
 - D. He can't take them home, so he decides to buy nothing.

Questions 182-186 refer to the following emails.

Date: Wed, 27 August, 18:41:50
From: Brittany Clark <brclark@abcmail.com>
Subject: English Class

Jennifer,

I couldn't make it to English class yesterday because I had a very bad stomachache. I think I ate some bad food on Sunday! I'm feeling much better now, though. Could you please tell me what the homework for tomorrow is? I read the next three acts in Hamlet, but I'm not sure if Mrs. Smart gave us more work or not. Thanks!

Your friend,
Brittany

To: brclark@abcmail.com
From: jennie@mailynet.com
Re: English class

Hi Brittany,

I hope you are feeling better. We didn't have any homework, so you don't have to worry. We didn't finish discussing the three acts last time. We are going to talk about them in the morning.

See you tomorrow.

Jennifer

182. Why did Brittany miss English class yesterday?
- A. She was busy.
 - B. She was sick.
 - C. She forgot.
 - D. She didn't do her homework.
183. What will Brittany and Jennifer do in English class tomorrow?
- A. Homework
 - B. Read a play
 - C. Discuss a play
 - D. Write an essay
184. Who is Jennifer?
- A. A student in Brittany's English class
 - B. Brittany's mother
 - C. Brittany's sister
 - D. Brittany's teacher
185. Who is Mrs. Smart?
- A. Brittany's mother
 - B. Jennifer's mother
 - C. Brittany and Jennifer's homeroom teacher
 - D. Brittany and Jennifer's English teacher
186. Which of the following is NOT true?
- A. Brittany was absent yesterday.
 - B. Jennifer attended the English class yesterday.
 - C. There is a lot of homework for the next class.
 - D. Brittany ate something bad.

Questions 187-190 refer to the following poster and email.

JOIN OUR CLUB!

Do you like to act, sing, and dance? Would you like to meet a new group of friends as dramatic as you are? If so, then please join our performers' club. We meet every Wednesday evening from seven o'clock to nine o'clock at the Clark City Community Center. We can promise you a great night! Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!
Email us at perform club @ stagenet.com.

To: performclub@stagenet.com

From: MGreen@happnet.net

Subject: Performers' Club

Date: September 13th

I would like to join the performers' club because I love singing, acting, and dancing. However, I am worried that my singing and dancing are not good enough. Is it OK to join even if I am not very good? Please let me know.

Thank you,

Mary Green

187. Who can join the performers' club?

- A. Anyone
- B. Only men
- C. Only women
- D. No one

188. How long do club meetings last?

- A. Once a week
- B. Two hours
- C. At seven o'clock
- D. On Wednesday evening

189. How often do they meet?

- A. Every day
- B. Twice a week
- C. Three times a week
- D. Once a week

190. Why is Mary Green worried?

- A. She can't find the community center.
- B. She is not a good singer.
- C. She is very dramatic.
- D. She is not good at meeting new people.

Questions 191-195 refer to the following two e-mail messages.

To: M. Takubo
From: J. H. Choi
Subject: Office rental

Mr. Takubo,

As we discussed on the phone, I am interested in renting an office for my accounting firm. We are a small business, so the space doesn't need to be large, but a convenient location is important. We need to be downtown and close to subway and bus lines. I hope you can find something reasonably priced for us in that area. We hope to spend no more than \$2,000 a month. We have to leave our current office soon, so we need something that will be available by the end of the month. Thank you for your help.

Jung Choi

To: J. H. Choi
From: M. Takubo
Subject: Downtown office

Ms. Choi,

I have an office to show you that I think you'll like. It is right downtown on State Street. Since it is on the small side, the rent is somewhat lower than other offices in the area, although it's \$500 more than the price you mentioned. I don't think you'll find a better price in such a convenient location. The building is very clean, and the landlord keeps it well maintained. The office will be available by the time you need it. I would like to show it to you soon. Will tomorrow morning suit you? I can meet you at the office at 11:00. The address is 730 State Street, Suite 900. Please let me know if this works for you.

M. Takubo

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| 191. What is Mr. Takubo's job?
(A) Landlord
(B) Accountant
(C) Real estate agent
(D) Personal assistant | 194. When will the State Street office be available?
(A) Right now
(B) Tomorrow
(C) By the end of this month
(D) At the end of next month |
| 192. What kind of office does Ms. Choi want?
(A) Large
(B) Quiet
(C) Expensive
(D) Convenient | 195. What time does Mr. Takubo want to meet with Ms. Choi?
(A) 7:30
(B) 9:00
(C) 11:00
(D) 11:30 |
| 193. What is the rent on the State Street office?
(A) \$500
(B) \$1,500
(C) \$2,000
(D) \$2,500 | |

Questions 196-200 refer to the following two phone messages.

While you were out . . .

To: Harry Pak

Pamela Lopez of One World called.

Time: 11:15 A.M.

About: Your upcoming trip.

She can't get you a flight on Tuesday morning. There is a flight late Tuesday afternoon and one on Wednesday morning. Which do you prefer? Also, she can get you a room at the Grand Hotel, as you requested, but she can get you a better deal at the Marionette Hotel or the Riverside Hotel. Which hotel do you prefer? What day do you want to return? Please let her know before 3:00 this afternoon.

While you were out . . .

To: Pamela Lopez

Harry Pak of Pak and Associate called

Time: 12:30 P.M.

About: Flights and hotels.

About the flight, he'll take the second option, but he'll stay with his first choice for his hotel. He plans to stay the weekend and would like a flight back on Monday evening; arrive no later than 8:30, if possible. Also, he has a vacation next month and would like to go to the beach. Can you look into travel arrangement for him?

196. What is Pamela Lopez's job?

- (A) Travel agent
- (B) Hotel clerk
- (C) Secretary
- (D) Airline ticket agent

197. What time did Pamela Lopez call Harry Pak?

- (A) 3:00
- (B) 8:30
- (C) 11:15
- (D) 12:30

198. When does Harry Pak want to start his trip?

- (A) Monday evening
- (B) Tuesday morning
- (C) Tuesday afternoon
- (D) Wednesday morning

199. Which hotel does Harry Pak want to stay at?

- (A) The Riverside Hotel
- (B) The Marionette Hotel
- (C) The Grand Hotel
- (D) The One World Hotel

200. When will Mr. Pak take a vacation at the beach?

- (A) Next weekend
- (B) Next week
- (C) Next month
- (D) Next year