650+ Lesson 8 – Reading Part 7

Reading part 5

1. The board decided to _____ the proposal after discovering several compliance issues during the audit.

A. call off
B. break down
C. carry out
D. set up

2. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the merger was put _____ until further legal clarification was obtained.

A. aside
B. off
C. away
D. down

3. The CEO strongly objected to the decision, arguing that it would run _____ the company's long-term strategic goals.

A. against
B. into
C. over
D. through

4. Employees are required to adhere _____ company policies at all times, regardless of their position.

A. with
B. for
C. to
D. on

5. The marketing campaign failed largely because it did not live _____ the expectations of senior management.

A. on
B. up to
C. out
D. over

6. The finance department is responsible for keeping _____ all transaction records in accordance with international standards.

A. up
B. in
C. on
D. down

7. Despite repeated warnings, the contractor continued to cut _____ safety procedures to meet the deadline.

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A. off
B. away
C. back
D. corners

8. The sudden resignation of the project manager brought the entire operation to a _____.

A. delay
B. pause
C. standstill
D. halt

9. Management is under increasing pressure to come up _____ a viable solution before the fiscal year ends.

A. with
B. against
C. for
D. over

10. The report casts serious doubt _____ the reliability of the data collected during the trial phase.

A. for
B. on
C. over
D. to

11. The company decided to _____ corrective action immediately after the compliance breach was identified.

A. make
B. take
C. do
D. perform

12. The auditor raised serious concerns, prompting management to _____ an internal investigation.

A. launch
B. open
C. start
D. operate

13. The delay was caused by a _____ shortage of skilled technicians in the regional office.

A. severe
B. heavy
C. strong
D. sharp

14. The board expressed _____ confidence in the firm's ability to recover from the financial setback.

A. deep
B. strong
C. high
D. great

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15. The legal team carefully reviewed the contract to ensure that all clauses were _____ enforced.

A. strictly
B. tightly
C. sharply
D. rigidly

16. Sales figures declined _____ following the unexpected increase in production costs.

A. severely
B. heavily
C. strongly
D. largely

17. The proposal was considered _____ unrealistic given the current budget constraints.

A. highly
B. strongly
C. deeply
D. heavily

18. The new policy is _____ consistent with international regulatory standards.

A. closely
B. narrowly
C. tightly
D. sharply

19. Failure to comply may _____ serious legal consequences for the organization.

A. result
B. bring
C. incur
D. cause

20. The company is facing _____ pressure from stakeholders to disclose the full financial report.

A. mounting
B. rising
C. growing
D. increasing

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Questions 1-2 refer to the following email.

TO: All company employees

FROM: Daniel Jacobs

RE: Changes in the requisition of supplies

Please note that the procedure for requesting office supplies has changed as of this morning. No longer do you need to endure the lengthy process of filling out numerous forms. Instead, you can do everything online. We have computerized our system in an effort to streamline the requisition process and make it more efficient. Simply type what you need on the computer, and it should tell you if the product is available or if it needs to be ordered. We have now moved all of our supplies to a central area. Rather than having each office order supplies individually, we will now order in bulk. This should save the company money and save you the hassle of ordering products. Please note that this new system only applies to common office supplies like pens, pencils, notebooks, staples, etc. For less common office supplies that we are unlikely to have in stock, you must still contact Kevin Parker in the Requisition Department. With the new online ordering system, Kevin will now only need to handle less frequent and more complex requests, which will make his job more efficient by reducing the volume of individual orders he needs to process. This streamlined process should allow Kevin to focus on more specialized requisitions, ensuring faster turnaround for uncommon items.

We hope this new system makes getting supplies easier. Please provide us with your feedback so that we can make the system as user-friendly as possible.

1. Why has the requisition process been changed?

(A) To make ordering supplies cheaper

(B) To update the software from the previous process

(C) To enable employees to order products individually

(D) To make the requisition process more efficient

2. The word "hassle" in line 5 is closest in meaning to

(A) situation

(B) trouble

(C) case

(D) difference

Questions 3-4 refer to the following notice.

NOTICE

All Ketron Green Condos residents are invited to gather in room 102 of the main building on March 26 at 7 p.m. for a special discussion on an upcoming construction project.

The complex's board of directors recently voted to remove the artificial waterfall near the west entrance for the purpose of reducing unnecessary water usage. After considering several options, the board decided that a sculpture of an important figure would be an attractive use of the vacant space. This also has the advantage of affordable long-term maintenance costs.

The purpose of the in-person discussion, therefore, is to come up with a shortlist of sculpture subjects that all complex residents will later be able to choose from. We **urge** attendees to research potential candidates in advance and prepare brief arguments in their favor.

Thank you.

3. What are some residents encouraged to do before March 26?

(A) Develop a proposal

(B) Sign a consent form

(C) Visit a complex representative

(D) Remove items from a common area

4. The word "urge" in paragraph 3, line 2, is closest in meaning to

(A) force

(B) help

(C) encourage

(D) make

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Questions 5-7 refer to the following notice.

Notice of Suspension of Bus Service

To all users of the buses serving this stop: As of March 30, city bus service on the following lines will be suspended:

34 to downtown

35 from downtown

56 to the airport

57 from the airport

Riders from this neighbourhood can access the downtown area on the 23 bus. The closest stop is on the corner of Maple Avenue, three blocks to the North.

Special airport shuttles leave from the Fruitlands Shopping Mall, five blocks west of here, every 30 minutes throughout the day. City bus passes are valid on the airport shuttles.

5. What will happen on March 30?

(A) Buses will be added to some routes.

(B) Some bus routes will stop running.

(C) The cost of bus passes will increase.

(D) A new bus stop will be built.

6. What can bus riders do at the shopping mall?

(A) Buy a bus pass

(B) Catch the 23 bus

(C) Get a ride to the airport

(D) Take the bus to Maple Avenue

7. The word "access" in line 8 is closet in meaning to

(A) view

(B) return

(C) depart

(D) reach

Questions 159-161 refer to the following e-mail.

To:	Nick Foster
From:	Natural Spring Garden Products Customer Support
Subject:	Follow-up
Date:	October 28

Dear Mr. Foster,

Thank you for your recent purchase of a Serene Bird Bath from Natural Spring Garden Products. Its steady, cascading flow of water down several levels will attract native birds to your garden and is sure to provide a cool, calming environment.

I see that your order was placed on October 21 and arrived on October 24. I hope that you have been pleased with the product thus far. Please remember that your purchase is covered by a three-year warranty. If you experience any issues with its operation, feel free to reach out to our customer service team at 1-800-555-0168.

Would you mind taking two minutes to complete a brief survey? Your responses will enable us to learn more about our customers so that we can more effectively market our products and services. To access the survey, please visit our Web site at www.naturalspringgardenproducts.com/review.

Sincerely,

Ken Iwata
Customer Support, Natural Spring Garden Products

159. What product did Mr. Foster most likely purchase?

(A) A water purifier
(B) A bird feeder
(C) A book about gardens
(D) An outdoor fountain

160. What is Mr. Foster asked to do?

(A) Write an online review
(B) Provide feedback
(C) Confirm a delivery date
(D) Update his address

161. The word "covered" in paragraph 2, line 3, is closest in meaning to

(A) described
(B) protected
(C) continued
(D) allowed

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Questions 165-167 refer to the following Web page.



165. What is indicated about Brandmark Products, Inc.?

(A) It has discontinued making some products.
(B) It offers discounts on large orders.
(C) It specializes in making athletic uniforms.
(D) It helps companies promote themselves.

166. The phrase "put aside" in paragraph 2, line 3, is closest in meaning to

(A) saved up
(B) classified
(C) ignored
(D) closed up

167. According to the Web page, why should someone contact customer service?

(A) To get assistance with an order
(B) To request a sample product
(C) To set up an appointment
(D) To finalize the design of a logo

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