

117. Winning the first prize in the competition seemed to bolster her confidence.

- A. decrease B. increase C. remain D. impact

118. The ponderous reporting style makes the evening news dull viewing.

- A. simple B. complicated C. boring D. slow

119. Straus established employee amenities such as restrooms, medical care, and a lunchroom.

- A. expenses B. friends C. sports D. conveniences

120. It is relatively easy for newcomers to pick off the most lucrative business and ignore the rest.

- A. understandable B. losing
C. impoverished D. profitable

121. Because of his recent poor performance, David was omitted from the basketball team.

- A. recruited B. affected C. excluded D. imagined

122. The prices are exorbitant, so I don't think I'll recommend this botanic garden to my friends.

- A. expensive B. affordable
C. ensured D. effective

123. The country's great influence in the world is disproportionate to its relatively small size.

- A. absolutely B. relevantly
C. interestingly D. comparatively

124. The decision by the European Court will have far-reaching consequences.

- A. refined B. extensive
C. prevalent D. tentative

125. It's important for children to be taught the fundamentals of life.

- A. basics B. understandings
C. needs D. points

