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. Ms. Walters .......... to another branch, so your new financial advisor will be Mr. Merenda.
(A) transfer
(B) transferring
(C) has transferred
(D) transferable

102. The restaurant on Main Street offers a wide selection of gourmet desserts .......... several regions of the world.
(A) with
(B) by
(C) from
(D) until

103. .......... interested in viewing an apartment should contact the property manager to arrange an appointment.
(A) These
(B) Those
(C) This
(D) That

104. A growing .......... in the cosmetics industry is the use of natural and organic ingredients.
(A) product
(B) scent
(C) sale
(D) trend

105. Because of its .......... melodies and upbeat rhythms, Toby Nathan’s music has broad appeal.
(A) simple
(B) patient
(C) kind
(D) blank

106. The park service asks visitors to behave .......... and show respect for wildlife.
(A) responsibly
(B) responsible
(C) responsibility
(D) responsibilities
107. It is not the company’s policy to grant sick leave ___________ overtime pay to part-time employees.
(A) yet
(B) if
(C) but
(D) or

108. The ___________ of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday.
(A) election
(B) elected
(C) elects
(D) electable

109. Last year, the number of new university-level textbooks ___________ by American publishers dropped for the second year in a row.
(A) priced
(B) sold
(C) marked
(D) instructed

110. Traffic congestion is ___________ than usual because of road construction, so it will take us at least an hour to get to the meeting.
(A) badly
(B) bad
(C) worst
(D) worse

111. Investors who lose faith in a company ___________ sell off their stocks and invest elsewhere.
(A) exactly
(B) greatly
(C) approximately
(D) typically

112. CTC announced on Monday that a European media group is expected to ___________ its online music store.
(A) buy
(B) buying
(C) bought
(D) has bought

113. The Tourist Board of Western Quebec is developing a marketing ___________ to help them increase tourism to the region.
(A) proposal
(B) permission
(C) appliance
(D) employment

114. Negotiators should be aware that the Prime Minister has a very ___________ manner of speaking.
(A) mutual
(B) direct
(C) adjacent
(D) existing

115. Jean Mallet has been selected to replace Henri Valois, ___________ is retiring as president and executive officer of Marteux Pharmaceutical Corporation.
(A) that
(B) it
(C) which
(D) who

116. In order to suppress harmful insects and weeds, garden maintenance companies must choose the right products and apply them ___________.
(A) correction
(B) corrected
(C) correctly
(D) correcting

117. McGrath Publications has not published a best seller ___________ Simon Porter’s book The Point was released eight years ago.
(A) since
(B) under
(C) between
(D) during

118. The CEO will use her ___________ in determining how the reorganization of the company will be conducted.
(A) discretionary
(B) discrete
(C) discretely
(D) discretion
119. For more than three decades, Beecham
Construction has helped clients .......... their
ideas into beautifully executed projects.
(A) prevail
(B) transform
(C) inspire
(D) involve

120. .......... by the audience's positive reaction to
its music, the Gary Jones Band played well past
midnight.
(A) Delighted
(B) Delightedly
(C) Delightful
(D) Delight

121. .......... you are buying or selling a house, be
sure to use a real estate agent whose knowledge
of the local market is comprehensive.
(A) Until
(B) Mainly
(C) Whether
(D) Only

122. The application process for loans from Inhouse
Financing is easier than .......... , eliminating most
of the typical paperwork.
(A) once
(B) never
(C) not
(D) ever

123. Income from online advertising has been
growing, but is still a .......... small part of overall
newspaper revenue.
(A) nearly
(B) closely
(C) precisely
(D) relatively

124. Companies that care more about customers than
investors often achieve .......... growth and high
rates of long-term financial gain.
(A) chief
(B) prior
(C) significant
(D) official

125. The .......... from most of our readers was
positive, though many wondered why we
wanted to transform a layout that was already so
appealing.
(A) inquiry
(B) feedback
(C) intention
(D) hesitation

126. The houses on the street are fairly close to
.......... ; however, the fences that surround each
property help to ensure privacy.
(A) one another
(B) another
(C) the other
(D) other

127. The young fashion designer wanted to create
dress styles .......... different from those of her
contemporaries.
(A) recognize
(B) recognizing
(C) recognizable
(D) recognizably

128. The Action Shot X52 underwater camera is
recommended .......... depths of up to two
hundred feet.
(A) as
(B) but
(C) for
(D) out

129. Monthly reports from all divisions of the company
must be delivered to the human resources office
.......... by 5 P.M. today.
(A) recently
(B) promptly
(C) formerly
(D) briefly

130. Many environmental analysts recommend that
nations reduce their .......... on non-renewable
energy sources.
(A) dependently
(B) dependence
(C) dependent
(D) depend
131. The firm's notable achievements this past year was the opening of a new research and development center in Seoul.
(A) Into  
(B) Among  
(C) Despite  
(D) Around

132. The revival of the ferry service to Seawise Island was initially viewed as a ________ notion by many, but it turned out to be profitable.
(A) mobile  
(B) talkative  
(C) dedicated  
(D) foolish

133. According to a survey ________ by the Fielding Institute, advertising on the Internet accounted for 10% of total advertising.
(A) conducted  
(B) conductor  
(C) conducting  
(D) conducts

134. Public speaking experts agree that it is better to express simple ideas ________ than to use complex structures with no persuasive point.
(A) comprehend  
(B) comprehensible  
(C) comprehensibly  
(D) comprehensibility

135. Work in excess of 8 hours per day, ________ authorized by the client, will be invoiced at 1.3 times the regular hourly rate.
(A) when  
(B) as if  
(C) so that  
(D) than

136. A particularly ________ drawback of this book is the almost complete lack of useful illustrations or tables.
(A) frustrating  
(B) frustratingly  
(C) frustrated  
(D) frustration

137. From the first measurement to the last stitch, the Sagamore brothers have been ________ custom-made shirts for fifty years in their New Haven workshop.
(A) assigning  
(B) calculating  
(C) creating  
(D) describing

138. Researcher Clement Chappelle was awarded £11,000 by the Ogden County Council to analyze the ________ of removing dams along the River Bourne.
(A) uncertainty  
(B) feasibility  
(C) quantity  
(D) flexibility

139. In spite of the rainy weather, last evening's holiday reception was ________ attended by staff researchers and administrators.
(A) well  
(B) quite  
(C) many  
(D) some

140. The Web-based marketplace is drawing thousands of customers away from leading companies, despite an ________ inflated market.
(A) even  
(B) else  
(C) urgently  
(D) already
PART 6

Directions: Read the texts that follow. A word or phrase is missing in some of the sentences. Four answer choices are given below each of the sentences. Select the best answer to complete the text. Then mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

Questions 141–143 refer to the following memo.

To: Susan Olivieri
From: Ray Chen, Accounts Manager
Subject: Speedy Cars
Date: July 11

Enclosed please find your quarterly invoice for taxi services from April through June. Please be reminded that our rates for all trips .......... 141. (A) are to increase
(B) would have increased
(C) will increase
(D) have increased

The change in prices, which took effect on May 1, is reflected on the enclosed invoice.

All checks must be made payable to Speedy Cars, Inc. Payment must be received by 5 p.m. on the indicated due date. Please mail your payment at least seven business days before the due date to ensure that it arrives on time. For all billing inquiries please call 1-800-555-5807. There is no .......... 142. (A) complaint
(B) record
(C) charge
(D) value

Thank you for trusting Speedy Cars with your business. We strive to provide quick, .......... service that takes 143. (A) courtesy
(B) courteous
(C) courteously
(D) courteousness

you wherever you need to go.
Questions 147-149 refer to the following memo.

To: Residents of Prairie Green Apartments
From: Joan Sakamoto, property manager
Date: April 8
Subject: Painting of buildings

On April 16 our building services contractors will begin repainting Prairie Green's apartment buildings. Most of their work will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Please remove all objects from your windows and balconies _________ April 16 and avoid touching the buildings' outside walls while the painting is being done.

You should _________ be cautious when leaving and entering your apartment during this time as the painters' ladders might block access to doorways and steps.

We apologize for this temporary inconvenience, but we trust that you will be _________ with the results!

147. (A) after  
(B) before  
(C) until  
(D) since

148. (A) also  
(B) once  
(C) nearly  
(D) soon

149. (A) pleased  
(B) pleasing  
(C) pleasant  
(D) pleasantly
Questions 144–146 refer to the following article.

DOCTOR NAMED TO "NOTABLE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS" LIST

Veronica Lew, M.D., of First Community Medical Center, was recently featured in a list of "Fifty Notable Young Professionals" in City News Magazine. She and the 49 others listed .......... from a list of

144. (A) will choose
(B) are choosing
(C) were chosen
(D) been chosen

500 candidates.

The 500 candidates had been nominated for .......... contributions to the fields of business, science and

145. (A) themselves
(B) their
(C) theirs
(D) them

medicine, scholarship, sports, and the arts.

Dr. Lew, a Professor of Internal Medicine, is the third physician from First Community Medical Center to be given this .......... . She is a frequent speaker at medical conferences around the world.

146. (A) honor
(B) amount
(C) salary
(D) pride

Her textbook, Practicing Internal Medicine, has just been published by Medical Publications, Inc.
Questions 150–152 refer to the following letter.

Ms. Una Vali
Director of Community Relations
Technology Systems, Inc.
Littleton, NY 11708

Dear Ms. Vali:

The New York State Department of Commerce is pleased to inform you that your organization's grant application has been accepted. Technology Systems, Inc., has been awarded $2 million to establish three technology instruction centers to provide computer facilities and classes to communities in the state. The centers will 150. more than 20,000 residents.

(A) conduct
(B) determine
(C) house
(D) serve

As agreed, each center will have its own full-time 151. , receiving a salary still to be determined.

(A) direct
(B) directed
(C) director
(D) direction

Congratulations on your 152. application.

(A) successful
(B) pending
(C) conditional
(D) revised

Sincerely,

Robert Morales