



READING

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 the 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. We need to reserve a restaurant ----- a celebration party in honor of a newly appointed personnel manager.
(A) for
(B) from
(C) onto
(D) off
102. ----- habitually answers incoming phone calls and signs for packages while in the office.
(A) She
(B) Her
(C) Hers
(D) Herself
103. A new shipment of popular bargain books has just ----- here in perfect condition and will be on display this afternoon.
(A) sent
(B) delayed
(C) arrived
(D) examined
104. The Catering & Event Department enjoys a solid reputation for extraordinary ----- provided to customers.
(A) server
(B) service
(C) servicing
(D) serve
105. It is anticipated that those ----- looking for employment will be successful in the coming months.
(A) currently
(B) significantly
(C) completely
(D) slightly
106. Hart House Inc. is widely recognized for ----- all its energy and resources to supporting social activities.
(A) earning
(B) valuing
(C) benefiting
(D) dedicating
107. According to a new study by Single Click, online shoppers search the Internet at least one week prior ----- actually purchasing their products.
(A) to
(B) after
(C) of
(D) about
108. Most stores ----- special discounts, coupons on gifts, and personalized gifts to retain their existing customers.
(A) offering
(B) be offered
(C) to offer
(D) are offering

109. ----- there are so many stores throughout the district, any type of bad publicity carries a lot of risk.

- (A) Since
- (B) If
- (C) So
- (D) Unless

110. HPR Press achieved the ----- overall rating from its customers in a recent independent survey of nearly 10,000 customers.

- (A) higher
- (B) highest
- (C) more highly
- (D) most highly

111. I would not like to recommend the Westin Orlando Hotel, ----- considering that it has poor quality room service.

- (A) greatly
- (B) especially
- (C) unusually
- (D) positively

112. Drivers are required to carry ----- liability insurance policy at all times in their cars in case of an accident.

- (A) their
- (B) theirs
- (C) they
- (D) themselves

113. ----- the two copy machines differ in a few of their functions, you will be soon accustomed to operating them.

- (A) Rather than
- (B) Despite
- (C) Although
- (D) In order that

114. Mr. Tanaka decided to resign, because a significant drop in customer satisfaction has had an adverse impact on sales -----.

- (A) grower
- (B) grow
- (C) grown
- (D) growth

115. Most of the automobile companies are likely to face ----- sales in midsize and large cars as a result of the continuing recession.

- (A) declining
- (B) declined
- (C) decline
- (D) to decline

116. Although some studies report different effects of overtime work, they are ----- with respect to productivity levels.

- (A) comparing
- (B) comparable
- (C) compare
- (D) compares

117. Your membership renewal will entitle you to a wide variety of benefits that ----- from innovative services to effective programs.

- (A) distinguish
- (B) range
- (C) refrain
- (D) prohibit

118. Applicants who possess interpersonal skills and strong analytical skills to gather and analyze information for reports will be especially -----.

- (A) prefer
- (B) preferred
- (C) preferable
- (D) preferring

119. Now that our site is currently ----- essential maintenance work, we apologize for the inconvenience and ask that you try again later on.

- (A) proceeding
- (B) facilitating
- (C) installing
- (D) undergoing

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120. You are cordially invited to attend a ----- party thrown in honor of employees who have served the company for more than thirty years.
(A) retirement
(B) retire
(C) retires
(D) retired
121. Questions concerning whether international trade is ----- more beneficial to lower income economies have been raised for years.
(A) much
(B) such
(C) very
(D) too
122. Fat-blocking weight loss pills ----- over the counter effective immediately.
(A) selling
(B) have been selling
(C) will be sold
(D) have been sold
123. Compact List Inc. appreciates the ----- you have made to this annual event.
(A) evaluations
(B) attempts
(C) medicines
(D) contributions
124. A group of established corporations will ----- carry out the downsizing program, which represents the biggest reduction in jobs since 2000.
(A) highly
(B) most likely
(C) slightly
(D) timely
125. ----- fulfilling the requirements and receiving unanimous approval from the committee, Ms. Norton was not accepted for the position.
(A) During
(B) Despite
(C) Besides
(D) Into
126. Please make sure that all the volts in overhead compartments are tightened -----.
(A) secure
(B) security
(C) securely
(D) more secure
127. Your salaries and earnings vary greatly, depending on several ----- such as your specialty area, degree, and sector of employment.
(A) factors
(B) sides
(C) senses
(D) portions
128. Although revised reports are better than they were last week, Mr. Dan Gum, the program director, suggested ----- them.
(A) to rewrite
(B) rewriting
(C) rewritten
(D) should rewrite
129. We are obligated to retain all the manuals, even for ----- appliances.
(A) conditional
(B) partial
(C) temporary
(D) discontinued
130. Drivers are asked to park their cars by ----- rather than using a valet parking system.
(A) they
(B) their
(C) them
(D) themselves
131. DTS has undergone drastic changes designed to better ----- its valued customers.
(A) offer
(B) provide
(C) serve
(D) reflect

132. Companies expanding into other regions prefer hiring workers ----- to the targeted region.
(A) according
(B) physical
(C) native
(D) approximate
133. The warranty attached to the product you purchased will be valid for two years from the date of -----.
(A) receipt
(B) admission
(C) ownership
(D) membership
134. The corporate monitoring committee ----- an inspection in any violation of security codes in a week.
(A) has been starting
(B) will be starting
(C) is started
(D) is being started
135. ----- of survey data revealed distinct differences between the two proposed projects.
(A) Analyst
(B) Analysis
(C) Analyze
(D) Analytical
136. ----- the first session has been successfully completed, the subsequent topics won't be difficult to understand.
(A) Once
(B) Nevertheless
(C) Despite
(D) Still
137. ----- you are here for corporate workshops or need to host a meeting, we can offer conference rooms, food services, and lodging.
(A) That
(B) Should
(C) Even
(D) Whether
138. After further research on breast cancer treatment, pharmaceutical companies are investing in medicine development areas that look more -----.
(A) promising
(B) completed
(C) favorite
(D) immature
139. The sales of new wireless electronic products have significantly increased and ----- customer satisfaction.
(A) so has
(B) even so
(C) whereas
(D) as to
140. The hygiene department will provide you with information ----- stringent safety criteria.
(A) up to
(B) while
(C) as of
(D) concerning

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Part 6

Directions: Read the texts on the following pages. A word or phrase is missing in some of the sentences. Four answer choices are given below each of these 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 statement.

With a growing number of account software programs available on the market, it is fairly difficult to decide which one will best ----- your needs.

141. (A) complete
(B) climb
(C) suit
(D) strengthen

The easiest and most cost-effective way to buy accounting software is to buy a product in accordance with your purposes.

They may differ greatly from company to company, even if most individuals rely on it to keep track of their family finances. In order to obtain the product that is the most ----- to your needs, you will

142. (A) worrying
(B) beneficial
(C) minor
(D) successful

need to take the time to evaluate your own needs in order to determine the purposes for ----- you

143. (A) what
(B) which
(C) whom
(D) where

will use the software.

Questions 144-146 refer to the following announcement.

Scientists ----- a regional conference this week agree climate change in the woods is real.

- 144.** (A) attend
(B) attending
(C) have attended
(D) will attend

The early arrival of spring means less time for foresters and loggers to spend in the woods. And less time means less money. As a result, the region's revenues have declined.

Scientists attribute the changing climate to an increase in carbon emissions, ----- in warmer

- 145.** (A) result
(B) resulted
(C) resulting
(D) will result

global temperatures.

The warming has already begun to change the Earth: glaciers are melting, more storms are occurring and animal species are disappearing.

The conference attendees discussed the ----- of the changes on the forest of the country.

- 146.** (A) effects
(B) creation
(C) progress
(D) contamination



Questions 147-149 refer to the following notice.

INTERWORLD accepts no liability for passengers who are not in ----- of valid travel documents.

- 147.** (A) process
(B) proceeds
(C) proceedings
(D) possession

The check-in closes 15 minutes before departure, so any passenger arriving later than that will ----- their right to such a ticket and the ticket will be made available to stand-by passengers on a

- 148.** (A) allow
(B) waive
(C) upgrade
(D) transport

first come and first served basis.

While all cancellations 24 hours prior to departure carry a 10% penalty, cancellations within 24 hours or after departure carry a 100% penalty.

INTERWORLD will make every effort possible to keep to the scheduled timetable. However, no liability can be accepted by INTERWORLD for any loss or damage ----- by any passenger or

- 149.** (A) incur
(B) incurred
(C) incurring
(D) to incur

inconvenience experienced due to a delay for whatsoever reason.

Questions 150-152 refer to the following letter.

I didn't know when your hotel was last renovated, but like some other reviewers, I agree to the fact that there is more ----- for improvement, especially with respect to cleaning.

150. (A) room
(B) value
(C) terms
(D) gap

There were a number of things in the carpet that appeared to have come in on the bottom of some visitors' shoes. It is a situation that I think could easily have been avoided if a housekeeper ----- a

151. (A) passed
(B) has passed
(C) had passed
(D) would pass

vacuum around the room before my arrival.

On the plus side, however, the staff members were all friendly and courteous and seemed eager to do all they could to make my stay as ----- as possible.

152. (A) comfort
(B) comfortable
(C) comfortably
(D) comforted

I don't think this hotel offers good value for the money but as I was charging my stay to my company, it was not an issue for me, and all in all I had a pleasant stay.



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Part 7

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 153-154 refer to the following brochure.

Trentwood Casino Grand Opening

The Atlantic City branch of the Trentwood Casino is a superb piece of architecture featuring twenty floors and an underground shopping mall. It is located near the center of Boardwalk Avenue, the fastest growing entertainment district in Atlantic City.

Atlantic City's Boardwalk Avenue has experienced rapid growth in the last six years, due to increased foreign investment. The Trentwood Casino is particularly proud of its luxurious setting and world-renowned hospitality. To showcase its facilities, it will be hosting a Grand Opening Fiesta on July 8, 2008.

The casino has many features, including a 5-star hotel, pampered spa, shopping mall, multi-cinema, Atlantis aquarium and children's game room. You will also find world-class restaurants like Bertoli's and Santa Antonia steak house.

- ☐ B3 - Employee-Only Parking
- ☐ B2 - Customer Parking
- ☐ B1 - Customer Services, Lost and Found, Baby Changing Area
- ☐ 1F - Snack Bars and Cafes
- ☐ 2F - Shopping mall
- ☐ 3F - Multi-Cinema
- ☐ 4F - Aquarium (Saturday and Sunday only)
- ☐ 5F - Game Room (adult supervision required for children under 10)
- ☐ 6F - Casino
- ☐ 7F - World-Class Restaurants (open 24 hours a day)
- ☐ 8F-19F - Trentwood Hotel
- ☐ 20F - Pampered Spa
- ☐ Tourist information services available on the first floor.

153. What is the reason for Boardwalk Avenue's quick growth?

- (A) The city has increased taxes to renovate the entire area.
- (B) Local contractors have invested more money in building new hotels.
- (C) Foreign businessmen have become more interested in the area.
- (D) The new amusement park has attracted more tourists.

154. Where should someone go if they lose a personal item?

- (A) B2
- (B) B1
- (C) 7F
- (D) 8F

Questions 155-156 refer to the following notice.

Speakers for 15th SBSA Meeting Wanted

Date: June 22nd, 2007 (Saturday) - June 23rd, 2007 (Sunday)

Place: Watson Conference Center, Sacramento, California

The Small Business Support Association (SBSA) invites guest speakers to contribute to this year's meeting, which will discuss the current regulations for starting a small business.

We need five qualified individuals to attend the meeting as guest speakers. Candidates must run their own small business, and be recognized leaders in the business world. Advanced degrees are not necessary. Interested applicants are asked to provide a cover letter, a current résumé, and two letters of recommendation. In the cover letter, please be sure to include your educational background and any awards you have received. Documents should be sent to our offices no later than May 15, 2007. Successful applicants will be notified by telephone.

If you are interested in attending the event as a spectator, please remember to register for the event by June 15, 2007. The \$75 entrance fee can be paid by cash or check. Payment must be received by June 19th. (*Guest speakers do not need to pay the fee.)

155. What is the main purpose of the notice?

- (A) To request sponsors for a charity event
- (B) To ask for speakers for the upcoming business function
- (C) To notify employees about a mandatory conference
- (D) To inform residents of the annual town meeting

156. What is required of people interested in being a guest speaker?

- (A) Speech scripts must be submitted for review.
- (B) The required paperwork must be submitted by May 15th.
- (C) The registration fee must be paid by June 19th.
- (D) Reference letters must be handed in by June 15th.

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Questions 157-160 refer to the following advertisement.

Barker Realty presents the hottest apartments in Dalesville:

Barker Realty is the most successful real estate company in the area and this year it is proud to announce the opening of its very own apartment complexes: Barker Suites. In conjunction with Unlimited Construction, Barker Realty is constructing ten new housing communities in Dalesville. Here's a list of just a few of the features you will find in these state-of-the-art suites:

Free Unlimited Parking

Don't pay extra to park in your own building! As part of your lease agreement with Barker Suites, you will receive two free parking spaces and 24-hour valet parking.

Luxury Fitness Center, Spa, and Swimming Pool*

We bring the best in hotel service directly to your doorstep. You won't want to leave on vacation, thanks to the Massage Center and Swimming Pool on the top floor.

Weekly Cleaning

While living in Barker Suites, you'll never have to worry about cleaning. We provide a free maid service once a week, according to your convenience!

All apartments will also come with modern bathrooms, fully equipped kitchens, and Wireless Internet service. Come to the first Barker Suites Open House on May 22nd and check out the future in community living. If you like what you see, contact our corporate office at 1-800-Suites and reserve a spot.

*(Residents: \$10/visit, non-residents: \$50)

157. Where might this advertisement be found?

- (A) Real estate magazine
- (B) Travel agency
- (C) Hotel reception
- (D) Building supply store

158. Which free service is NOT included in the lease agreement?

- (A) Internet
- (B) Valet parking
- (C) Cleaning service
- (D) Gym membership

159. What is TRUE about all apartments?

- (A) It took more than a decade to complete them.
- (B) Barker Suites are for business people only.
- (C) The residents can get free cleaning service every two days.
- (D) Non-residents of the apartments can use the gym facility.

160. What should someone who is interested in the suites do?

- (A) Attend the auction
- (B) Transfer the deposit money
- (C) Call the company
- (D) Complete the membership form

Questions 161-163 refer to the following letter.

At Melvin's Department Store, we pride ourselves on customer service and quality products. Because you have recently passed our \$2,500 yearly service bill requirement, you are now a preferred customer eligible to apply for our Platinum Membership Card. With this card, you will receive the following great benefits:

- You will be provided with a Personal Service Assistant who can help you with any problem whenever it might occur. Our assistants are eight-year veterans of the company and are extremely knowledgeable and friendly.
- You will receive Platinum Member discounts at hotels, restaurants, select stores, and travel agencies nationwide.
- You will be able to apply for an annual 10 percent discount on all purchases made with your Platinum Card.*

These benefits and more are available to you as long as you fill the following requirements:

- Your annual purchases equal or exceed \$1,000.
- Your monthly payments are made on time.
- Your credit history meets the terms and conditions of Melvin's Department Store.

* Customer must apply for the discount by submitting an online application form.

If you are interested in applying for this card, please fill out the enclosed application form and mail it to our corporate offices no later than September 1, 2007.

161. Who is eligible to apply for the Platinum Membership Card?

- (A) Customers who spend more than \$1,000 on a single purchase
- (B) Customers who have shopped at the store for more than two years
- (C) Customers who have paid their service bills on time for one year
- (D) Customers whose total annual purchases exceed a certain amount

163. How could a customer receive a discount on yearly purchases?

- (A) By contacting a Personal Service Assistant
- (B) By filling out an electronic form
- (C) By printing out the voucher from the website
- (D) By making a purchase once a week for a month

162. According to the letter, which of the following is a benefit of having a Platinum Membership Card?

- (A) Free subscription to the store catalogue
- (B) Ability to access accounts and pay bills online
- (C) Discounts on travel services around the country
- (D) Advance notice of upcoming sales and promotions

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Questions 164-166 refer to the following article.

UUTS Announces Major Changes

The Urban Underground Transportation System (UUTS) is the most popular form of transportation in Divine City. Nearly 2.3 million citizens use the subway system to commute to work every day.

After repeated complaints by an overwhelming number of commuters from the Applewood District, UUTS executives declared that they would be building a new subway line that will directly link Applewood to the main financial and business districts in Divine. The decision was made during a board meeting held on September 20th.

Construction will begin in November 2007 and is expected to finish in March 2008. The new subway line will feature an express train that runs every 2 minutes, as well as a regular service that makes more stops but only runs every 10 minutes.

The new line will be the fastest, most technologically advanced, and most comfortable UUTS service to date. To help raise money for construction costs, however, the company will be increasing the price of tickets for this route.

164. According to the article, what is UUTS?

- (A) A steel company
- (B) A famous business district
- (C) A computer
- (D) A public transit service

165. What will happen in November 2007?

- (A) A company will change locations.
- (B) An office tower will be demolished.
- (C) An additional subway route will be built.
- (D) A park will open in the financial district.

166. What is NOT true about the new UUTS service?

- (A) It is cheaper.
- (B) It is extremely efficient.
- (C) It is comfortable.
- (D) It is very modern.

Questions 167-169 refer to the following advertisement.

Mega Mart Going out of Business Sale!

Get down to Mega Mart before it's too late! On March 28, the store will be moving to a bigger location and we want to celebrate our success. That's why we've decided to hold the biggest sale in Mega Mart history. From March 15th to March 25th we're slashing our prices.

EVERYTHING in the store will be discounted: electronics, home furnishings, clothes, children's toys, automotive supplies and more!*

The Mega Mart Guarantee promises a greater variety of products at lower prices than any other store in the area, and for one week only we'll be offering prices that are even lower than normal.

No matter what you buy, you'll still receive the Mega Mart Money Back Guarantee. If you're not satisfied with your purchase, you'll have 6 months to bring it back to the store for a full refund, if we decide it's justifiable.

* Discounts may vary. All items less than a year old will only be discounted a maximum of 20 percent. The Mega Mart Club Card 10 percent discount off total purchase cost will not apply to sale items.

167. What is planned for March 15th to March 25th?

- (A) Sales event
- (B) Store renovation
- (C) Advertising campaign
- (D) Management change

169. How long do people have to return any defective products?

- (A) 5 months
- (B) 6 months
- (C) 9 months
- (D) 10 months

168. Which of the following is part of the Mega Mart Guarantee?

- (A) Supply only the highest quality products
- (B) Notify customers of faulty electronic equipment
- (C) Offer a lot of different items at lower than average cost
- (D) Provide free shipping and handling on all orders

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Questions 170-172 refer to the following letter.

Hooper Publishers
1257 Booking Drive
San Francisco, CA 69878

Mr. Ian Ross
52 Willow Ave.
New York, NY

July 15, 2007

Dear Mr. Ross,

Congratulations! Your book, "10 Ways to Save Money," was one of ten documents chosen to be published in hardcover form this year.

In order for the book to be published, however, you must fill out the enclosed Writer's Guidelines Form, which describes the terms and conditions of publishing a book with our company, and sign the contract agreement form. We ask that you submit both of these items to the Publishing Department no later than July 23rd. The book is scheduled to be published by September and Book Buyer's Bookstore has offered to purchase 1 million copies to distribute at chains around the country.

At Hooper Publishers, we have a very strict compensation policy that we offer all of our authors. For every book that we publish, you will receive 65 percent of the earnings, before tax. This means that the profit you make on each book will not be affected by differences in sales tax from one state to another. However, Hooper Publishers does not provide a set price for any book it publishes, which gives bookstores more freedom to determine their own individual prices. We also don't have any control over consumer tastes, but it does look like self-help guides to making more money are selling 10 percent more copies per month than other titles.

Again, we congratulate you on your success. If you have any questions or would like to meet with someone personally, please contact our Author Communication Department at 1-880-958-9874.

Sincerely,

Kevin Spark
Director, Hooper Publishers

170. What is the purpose of the letter?

- (A) To renew the publication
- (B) To cancel a contract
- (C) To ask for the unpaid payment
- (D) To process the publishing agreement

171. What did Book Buyer's propose to do?

- (A) Open a new store in the city
- (B) Donate unsold books to charity
- (C) Purchase a certain number of new books
- (D) Reduce the cost of hardcover books

172. What factor does NOT affect how much money authors make selling books?

- (A) The tax rates in different locations
- (B) The price at which a bookstore chooses to sell the book
- (C) The percentage of the earnings taken by the publishing company
- (D) The current market conditions and what consumers are buying



Questions 173-177 refer to the following notice.

As a leader in the business community, Intelligent Consulting feels it is always important to present a professional image. We spend most of our day meeting with CEOs of large companies that trust us to manage their most important financial matters. If we can't maintain our personal hygiene, then how can we expect our clients to seek our services? The following guidelines will help both male and female workers dress appropriately for all business occasions. Please notice the amendments made to the last policy.

- All employees are expected to keep a tidy appearance: no unusual hairstyles or obvious body piercings are permitted. Tattoos must be covered at all times.
- If employees choose to use the company gym on their lunch break, they are required to shower before they return to work.
- The dress code will be strictly enforced during all work hours.*

* To help raise money for the new children's ward at St. Andrew's Hospital, we have introduced Casual Friday. Employees can pay \$5 and choose to wear jeans. Employees should contact Tricia Rowen in HR by Thursday of every week to make their contributions and receive their 'I Helped!' button. Buttons are mandatory.

173. What is the topic of this notice?

- (A) To explain company policies
- (B) To inform employees about a meeting
- (C) To give directions to a conference
- (D) To introduce a new fashion trend

174. Who might seek the services of Intelligent Consulting?

- (A) Government workers
- (B) Graduate students
- (C) Corporate executives
- (D) Fashion professionals

175. The word "appropriately" in paragraph 1, line 5 is closest in meaning to

- (A) unsuitably
- (B) properly
- (C) hesitantly
- (D) longingly

176. Which of the following is TRUE about the company?

- (A) It has offices around the world.
- (B) It pays its employees well.
- (C) It has a fitness center.
- (D) It is the biggest in the city.

177. How will the money raised by Intelligent Consulting be used to help St. Andrew's Hospital?

- (A) By subsidizing the cost of medical care for its patients
- (B) By increasing the number of staff in the hospital
- (C) By expanding the food services area
- (D) By adding a section to the hospital

Questions 178-180 refer to the following invitation.

We cordially invite you to attend the 3rd annual Bentley Art Museum Auction.

Date: April 16, 2007

Time: 7 p.m.-11p.m.

Location: 12 Duval Ave., Chicago, Illinois

Dress: Formal

For nearly fifty years, the Bentley Art Museum has been devoted to the world of modern art. From exhibits featuring the work of local artists such as Charles Rowling to monthly seminars on popular art and society, we have tried to bring a little culture to the local community.

Three years ago, Bob Sweeny, Curator of the Museum, suggested we find a way to raise money to fund art programs in Chicago public schools, and the idea for the Bentley Art Museum Auction was born. In 2006, proceeds from the auction went towards buying new art supplies for the children of Dunbar Elementary School. This year we hope to raise enough money to provide scholarships for local public school students to study at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design (RISD).

The auction will feature the works of art from around the world.

We sincerely hope that you will attend the event this year, as you are one of the largest private contributors to our Museum. We are open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Warmest Wishes,

Andrew McDougal
Museum Director

178. What can be inferred about the Bentley Art Museum?

- (A) Charles Rowling is the curator of Bentley Art Museum.
- (B) It tries to promote the works of local artists.
- (C) It is funded by a local university.
- (D) It is open on the weekends.

180. Who received the benefits from the auction last year?

- (A) An art supply store
- (B) An elementary school
- (C) An art exhibition
- (D) RISD

179. What did Bob Sweeny recommend?

- (A) Organizing a fundraiser for public schools
- (B) Hosting a monthly seminar on modern art
- (C) Featuring pieces by unknown artists
- (D) Opening a new wing for photography

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Questions 181-185 refer to the following memorandum and article.

Dear Research and Development Team,

As part of our seminar series this month, we have invited a few lecturers to come and speak at our company. The seminars will take place on Friday, June 23, and include the following individuals, all of which are experts in their field and have been published numerous times in professional journals like “Science Weekly” and “Technology Now.” It is my hope that these lectures will improve our team’s productivity as we look to develop Verion Communications’ latest SD 20 cell phone line. I have also included each expert’s most recently published article.

Robert Kurt ‘Creating New Technology’ - The Journal of American Science

Jang Lee ‘A Cellular World: The hottest phones in Asia’ - Gadget World Monthly

Francois Levine ‘Maintaining Efficiency When Developing New Products’ - Smart Technology Times

If he can make it, Bob Winner from SS Tech will also speak. I must also remind everyone that the lectures start at 8 a.m. sharp. An employee breakfast will be held beforehand in the company cafeteria. Lunch and dinner will be provided by Hanson’s Deli. Your HR coordinators will be passing around an order sheet for sandwich and main meal preferences.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Denis Muller
Project Manager
Research and Development, Verion Communications

According to our market research, the latest trend in cellular phones is without a doubt the built-in video game. Tatsuaki Electronics has surpassed its competition by introducing another advance in hand-held gadgets: the option to download video games from the internet directly onto your phone. The VG 204 Cell Phone was introduced six months after the Tatsuaki’s television phones began losing sales. The new product boosted the company’s quarterly earnings by 20 percent. This increase demonstrates how quickly customers lose interest in new products, and, therefore, how important it is for technology companies to stay ahead of the game when it comes to product development. On June 15th, Tatsuaki also announced that it was working on an even more advanced prototype; technology fans in Japan are waiting patiently to see what’s in store for them next. Even though Tatsuaki has been successful in the hand-held electronics market, other companies can still excel and reach the top by introducing innovative products to the technology sector. Verion Communications is a strong competitor in the cell phone industry, while New Media Inc. shows promise in the computer and television sectors.

181. What is the purpose of the memorandum?

- (A) To recommend resources for future study
- (B) To introduce speakers for a lecture series
- (C) To introduce a new technology perspective
- (D) To organize a brainstorming session for new employees

182. What is Verion Communications?

- (A) A publishing company
- (B) A computer company
- (C) A cell phone company
- (D) A video game company

183. What can be inferred from the article?

- (A) Companies should constantly change products to maintain customers' interest.
- (B) Companies should create new technology without sacrificing productivity.
- (C) Companies should choose a specific audience to advertise new products to.
- (D) Companies should invest more money in development research than market research.

184. In the article, the word "boosted" in line 5 is closest in meaning to

- (A) eliminated
- (B) prevented
- (C) increased
- (D) undermined

185. Which lecturer might discuss Tatsuaki Electronics' new product in their lecture?

- (A) Bob Winner
- (B) Robert Kurt
- (C) Jang Lee
- (D) Francois Levine



Questions 186-190 refer to the following letter and information.

To all customers of Efficient Office Suppliers,

For twenty years, we have been bringing customers the best office supplies products at wholesale costs. Our company's mission has always been to keep the customer happy by offering excellent and unbeatable service.

To keep up with new technology standards and offer our customers the latest office products, we have recently upgraded some of our products. We have also discontinued a few of our products, since they no longer enhance the efficiency of office environments. Also, to promote our new paper products, we will offer an automatic 10 percent discount on the total purchase.

If you require post-purchase service for items that are no longer in production, please bring the item to any of our branch offices and we will cover 100 percent of the repair costs. If the product's post-purchase period (P/P) has expired, the customer will be responsible for paying 50 percent of the repair cost, including reimbursement for new parts.

Please read the enclosed information thoroughly and contact our Customer Relations Department at 1-800-985-6235 with any questions.

Regards,

John Monroe
Director, Efficient Office Suppliers

Production Terminated	Replacement Product	Repair Cost	Expiration of P/P Agreement
Peson 53 printer	Peson 54-1 printer	\$50	Dec. 21, 2008
T6 calculator	T8-2 calculator	\$10	Jan. 15, 2009
SF-420 copier	SF-520 copier	\$60	Jan. 20, 2009
TX-H4 TV	TX-H8 TV	\$100	March 1, 2009

- T6 and T8-2 are the same size, but have different storage capacities.
- SF-520 is \$175 more than SF-420, but operates at twice the speed.
- TX-H8 will be introduced in January 2009, increasing the pixel ratio of the TX-H4.
- P6 Printer Friendly paper color #32-1 will be replaced by P6 Printer Friendly paper color #42-2, and will be sold at \$2 more per carton.
- Easy Roll pens will now be offered in purple, orange, green, pink, and yellow. A new All-Color 12 Pack will replace the Black and Blue 12 Pack, at \$1 less per package of 12.

186. Why did John Monroe write the letter?

- (A) To encourage customers to place orders early
- (B) To introduce changes to certain product lines
- (C) To outline a policy regarding overdue payment
- (D) To announce a new sales campaign to clients

187. In the letter, the word "unbeatable" in paragraph 1, line 3 is closest in meaning to

- (A) unavailable
- (B) underrated
- (C) unsurpassable
- (D) understandable

188. What benefit does the customer get by buying new paper products?

- (A) They can receive a price reduction.
- (B) They can get a free gift.
- (C) They can use a 50% coupon.
- (D) They can apply for the store drawing.

189. How much does the customer have to pay to repair the SF-520 copier after Jan. 20, 2009?

- (A) \$10
- (B) \$30
- (C) \$50
- (D) \$100

190. What alteration was made to the T6 calculator?

- (A) Size
- (B) Storage capacity
- (C) Color
- (D) Repair cost



Questions 191-195 refer to the following minutes and schedule.

Everville Department of Transportation (EDT)

Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 21

Everville Town Hall

Opening

President Chris Devonshire conducted the meeting. He announced the opening of the new Everville City Rapid Trolley (ECRT), which will provide direct service to all major financial and shopping districts downtown. The project will involve closing Bus lines 7 and 8 from July 15 to September 25. The exact date of initial operations will be decided in next month's meeting.

Minutes

Minutes from May's meeting were approved and will be published in the Sunday edition of the Everville Times.

Coordination Committee

The proposal outlining alternative routes for commuters on Bus lines 7 and 8 was submitted by Ross Watts, Coordination Director. The committee voted and the proposal was approved 10 -1. Accordingly, actions will be taken to notify residents that Bus lines 5 and 6 will now offer extended service to areas normally covered by lines 7 and 8. Due to the changes, the frequency of the buses will vary depending on the time of day. A new schedule will be produced and distributed by the Public Relations Department.

Financial Report

EDT's weekly income is projected to decrease by 25 percent with the proposed construction project. However, Trent Kennel, Chief Financial Officer, reports that the new ECRT is projected to increase total company sales by 30 percent.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, at 6 p.m. in the Everville Public Library.

Meeting Finished: 5:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted,
Martha Bates
Martha Bates

New Everville Bus Schedule for Lines 7 and 8

(This schedule is valid from July - September)

Line 7

07:00-11:00
11:00-15:00
15:00-19:00
19:00-23:00

Frequency

every 2 minutes
every 4 minutes
every 2 minutes
every 20 minutes

- This line will be serviced by buses from Line 3.
- This line will not stop at Everville Mall or Everville District Court.

Line 8	Frequency
07:00-11:00	every 2 minutes
11:00-15:00	every 6 minutes
15:00-19:00	every 2 minutes
19:00-23:00	every 25 minutes

- This line will be serviced by buses from Line 4.
- This line will not stop at Capital Financial or Everville Botanical Gardens.

- Lines 1,2,9, and 10 will service the following additional stops:

Line 1 → Everville Mall
 Line 2 → Everville District Court
 Line 9 → Capital Financial
 Line 10 → Everville Botanical Gardens

191. Who was responsible for conducting the meeting?

- (A) Ross Watts
- (B) Chris Devonshire
- (C) Trent Kennel
- (D) Martha Bates

192. What will be published in the town newspaper?

- (A) Minutes from the EDT's May meeting
- (B) A schedule for ECRT operations in July
- (C) An article on the changing means of transportation
- (D) A letter from the EDT's Coordination Committee

193. According to the minutes, which of the following is TRUE about ECRT?

- (A) It will replace service for Lines 5 and 6.
- (B) It will close for repairs from July to September.
- (C) It will lay off 20% of its workforce.
- (D) It will increase company profits by 30 percent.

194. Which line should someone take to get to the Botanical Gardens?

- (A) Line 1
- (B) Line 2
- (C) Line 8
- (D) Line 10

195. What information in the schedule is different from the minutes?

- (A) Buses run more often during the day than at night.
- (B) Lines 7 and 8 are temporarily out of service.
- (C) Lines 3 and 4 will mainly cover the closed bus lines.
- (D) The changes are effective in July.



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Questions 196-200 refer to the following e-mails.

To: All sales associates
From: Deven Wilt <dwilt@advancedadvertising.com>
Subject: Director of Sales position

Hi, everyone. I'd like to tell you about what the management has decided concerning the former Director of Sales, Macy Fitz's replacement. The board members prefer to give it to a qualified staffer with at least 4 years' experience at Advanced Advertising rather than hire a candidate fresh off the street. HR will be conducting interviews starting May 22, and all sales associates who have been with the company for 4 years or more are encouraged to apply. Please send me printed copies of your cover letter and résumé, along with a brief 500-word essay outlining why you think you are ideal for this position, by May 15. Only applications submitted in this form will be accepted.

Good Luck!

Deven Wilt,
HR Director

To: Deven Wilt
From: John Barker <jbarker@advancedadvertising.com>
RE: Director of Sales position

Dear Mr. Wilt,

I was extremely excited to receive your e-mail regarding the Director of Sales position. I have worked at Advanced Advertising for 5 years, and in this time have developed strong critical thinking and communication skills. I feel my experience and track record of excellence make me an ideal candidate for this position.

I am currently the most successful employee in the department, and in the last six months alone have secured contracts with three major corporations. As captain of the company baseball team, I have developed strong leadership skills and consistently demonstrated my ability to organize and execute new plans. I have applied these leadership skills to the office environment by initiating company-sponsored lectures from experts around the world. I believe education is an important asset to any company and feel strongly that the 10 percent increase in total advertising sales in April was directly related to the attendance of these talks.

The résumé and essay attached to my e-mail further outline my skills and personal qualities. I would welcome an opportunity to interview for this position.

Sincerely,

John Barker

196. What is the main purpose of the first e-mail?

- (A) To announce the retirement of a company employee
- (B) To inform employees of a job opening
- (C) To outline a new company policy on corporate sales
- (D) To introduce an advertising campaign for new products

197. What can be inferred about the board members at Advanced Advertising?

- (A) They like to promote people within the company.
- (B) They all have at least 4 years of sales experience.
- (C) They plan to announce a merger with a larger company.
- (D) They prefer to communicate with managers through e-mail.

198. Which skill is NOT mentioned by John Barker?

- (A) Organization
- (B) Communication
- (C) Critical thinking
- (D) Knowledge of accounting

199. According to John Barker, how did the company increase sales in April?

- (A) Employees worked longer hours.
- (B) Employees went to educational seminars.
- (C) The company implemented a new incentive policy.
- (D) The company hired a business consulting firm.

200. Why might John Barker's application not be accepted?

- (A) He has been working for less than a year.
- (B) He didn't follow the requested form of submission.
- (C) He didn't major in the related field.
- (D) His sales performance is not that good.

