

Actual Test

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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 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 Since Mr. Gordon was new at work, Ralph ----- him how to use the fax machine when his boss told him to send a copy of the cost estimation to the contractor.
 - (A) teaches
 - (B) taught
 - (C) is teaching
 - (D) has taught
- 102 ----- the annual conference, the guest speaker addressed the importance of thinking positively.
 - (A) At
 - (B) On
 - (C) Of
 - (D) To
- 103 All ----- to the University of Michigan were advised to apply as early as possible by their guidance counselors.
 - (A) applications
 - (B) applicants
 - (C) apply
 - (D) applied

- **104** The two companies were spying on each other in order to decide on a date to release ----- new products.
 - (A) they
 - (B) them
 - (C) theirs
 - (D) their
- **105** An organization's future depends on which direction the ----- of the organization is heading.
 - (A) position
 - (B) leader
 - (C) role
 - (D) pilot
- 106 The new bill that Congress just passed ----- smoking in any building in Miami and some other major cities in Florida.
 - (A) restrict
 - (B) restricts
 - (C) restricting
 - (D) was restricted





- 107 Without Kevin's -----, Mr. Park wouldn't have been able to have access to the laboratory to complete his work from yesterday.
 - (A) assist
 - (B) assists
 - (C) assisted
 - (D) assistance
- 108 After only three minutes I asked Ms. Miller to ----- her intention to fire the new employee, I had to carry out the task.
 - (A) confirm
 - (B) comply
 - (C) remind
 - (D) agree
- **109** As a perfectionist, Jack prefers to do everything ----- at work because he does not trust anyone.
 - (A) he
 - (B) his
 - (C) himself
 - (D) him
- 110 Because Isaac has ----- moved and hasn't reported it to the post office, he hasn't been able to receive any of his mail for a month.
 - (A) recently
 - (B) initially
 - (C) highly
 - (D) usually
- 111 Because the pipe system of the building is built right ----- the parking garage floor, it's very important to make sure that the weight limit is not exceeded.
 - (A) there
 - (B) open
 - (C) under
 - (D) away
- 112 When Sarah told her boss that she thinks they should change the direction of their new project and try to come up with a totally different technology, he was all -----it.
 - (A) as
 - (B) for
 - (C) about
 - (D) near

113 Although Mark wanted to attend the family meeting, he had to ----- tell them that he wouldn't be able to be there because he would be in China at the time.

- (A) respectfully
- (B) respected
- (C) respectful
- (D) respecting
- 114 Adam's boss taught him ----- when to be stubborn and when to step back and quietly observe the situation at meetings with partner companies.
 - (A) either
 - (B) not only
 - (C) whether
 - (D) both
- 115 Until the necessary parts -----, the factory wasn't able to operate at its full capacity, which resulted in a dispute with its partner company.
 - (A) were installing
 - (B) would be installing
 - (C) have been installed
 - (D) to be installed
- 116 The ----- of a company is measured by both the increase in the number of sales and the increase in the number of employees each year.
 - (A) grow
 - (B) growth
 - (C) grew
 - (D) growing
- 117 Mr. Hernandez is widely considered as quite reliable among clients and in addition, he has gained ------ trust from his colleagues.
 - (A) capable
 - (B) usable
 - (C) sturdy
 - (D) complete
- 118 The guest speaker was talking about his dream so ----- that everyone at the ceremony was inspired to achieve more.
 - (A) eagerly
 - (B) eager
 - (C) eagerness
 - (D) more eager



- 119 The operations manager ----- every part of the factory twice every day, at 11 AM and 5 PM, in order to make sure that there are no malfunctions.
 - (A) performs

- (B) inspects
- (C) functions
- (D) revises
- 120 The fact that consumers tend to save money ------ economic recessions is obvious to local businesses yet hard to accept.
 - (A) while
 - (B) during
 - (C) between
 - (D) still
- 121 The new handbag that the BI Design Company exhibited not only looked luxurious but also had enough room to hold belongings ------.
 - (A) heavily
 - (B) frequently
 - (C) conveniently
 - (D) consistently
- 122 The price of BIS's new product was not even ----- to that of LMK's old product because they used cheap labor in China.
 - (A) comparably
 - (B) comparable
 - (C) comparing
 - (D) comparison
- 123 All the members of Career Opportunity Organization were ------ to start writing their applications as early as possible because it would give them enough time to review it before submitting it.
 - (A) criticized
 - (B) excused
 - (C) monitored
 - (D) advised
- 124 While Jane thought that Irene was a -----worker, Irene was only a temporary employee.
 - (A) designed
 - (B) scheduled
 - (C) expressed
 - (D) committed

- 125 Because of free trade and open door policies, it's become a lot ----- for a country to recover from an economic recession because one country's economic situation affects the other's.
 - (A) harder
 - (B) harden
 - (C) hard
 - (D) hardly
- 126 ----- the presentation was good, the company declined the offer because the product itself didn't seem profitable.
 - (A) Although
 - (B) Despite
 - (C) Only if
 - (D) In case
- 127 The bonds issued by the government ------ fairly so that each citizen is given equal access to wealth.
 - (A) allocation
 - (B) allocated
 - (C) have been allocating
 - (D) are allocated
- 128 Only few know that the subway ticket vending machines near the entrance require exact ------.
 - (A) number
 - (B) coin
 - (C) amount
 - (D) change
- 129 At the annual Healthy Promotion conference, Dr. Drake said that most smokers smoke cigarettes ----- rather than because of the addiction itself.
 - (A) habit
 - (B) habits
 - (C) habitual
 - (D) habitually
- 130 ------ the journalist seemed very docile outside of work, he was actually a very cynical person inside.
 - (A) Even though
 - (B) When
 - (C) Until
 - (D) In order that







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- **131** Phone manufacturing companies are having a difficult time following the -----changing interests of consumers.
 - (A) impulsively
 - (B) rapidly
 - (C) intently
 - (D) patiently
- 132 The ----- work done by the two partner companies brought a massive profit to both companies at the same time.
 - (A) collaborate
 - (B) collaborative
 - (C) collaborates
 - (D) collaboratively
- 133 The industrial engineers came up with a way to bring about optimal ----- with the least input sources.
 - (A) qualification
 - (B) dispute
 - (C) entitlement
 - (D) efficiency
- 134 Among ------ proposals, the CEO chose Julie's because her proposal contained thorough research and sophisticated statistical analysis.
 - (A) another
 - (B) nothing
 - (C) anything
 - (D) several
- 135 Detectives always have to look for solid ----- instead of making decisions based on mere emotion.
 - (A) trends
 - (B) assent
 - (C) evidence
 - (D) foundation

136 The new employees are advised to work in a ------ manner in order to earn their boss's trust.

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- (A) time
- (B) timing
- (C) timer
- (D) timely
- 137 ----- its overwhelming debt load, the government decided to increase interest rates in order to discourage loans and promote savings.
 - (A) In response to
 - (B) As a result
 - (C) As opposed to
 - (D) In place of
- 138 Currently, there are no certain ----- for some diseases such as AIDS, whose victims are up to 50,000 a year.
 - (A) to remedy
 - (B) remedial
 - (C) remediable
 - (D) remedies
- 139 Being in the military is very challenging not only because of the ----- training, but also the unfair treatment.
 - (A) rigorous
 - (B) various
 - (C) spacious
 - (D) prosperous
- **140** Finding a(n) ----- in the cycle, John called customer service at once and filed an official complaint.
 - (A) inclination
 - (B) lapse
 - (C) occasion
 - (D) hint





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 letter.

Dear New Members of FMA.

Welcome to the Florida Mathematicians Association. Your ----- task is to thoroughly read the

141 (A) first

(B) last

(C) most

(D) ultimate

membership contract attached to the letter.

Once you finish reading the contract, please be aware of where the conference halls -----

142 (A) locate

(B) located

(C) are located

(D) have located

referring to the building map at the last page of it.

Throughout the year, you'll be asked to work on some challenging math problems and attend meetings at different conference halls. Anyone who has been a part of this association for less than a year is called as a ----- member.

143 (A) permanent

(B) proxy

(C) temporary

(D) spontaneous

One can become a permanent member of this association only by completing the assigned tasks and attending each meeting for one whole year.

We hope that you'll be able to complete the first task and discuss the problems at the next meeting.

Kevin Howard

Questions 144-146 refer to the following letter.

December 2nd

Dear Ms. Kim.

Thank you for your recommendation letters. I ----- your thoughtfulness and hope to be able to

144 (A) appreciated

- (B) have been appreciating
- (C) will be appreciating
- (D) was appreciated

pay you back for it sometime in the future.

If I hadn't had your recommendation letters, I wouldn't have been able to be hired at such a ------ company.

145 (A) reputing

- (B) reputable
- (C) reputably
- (D) reputation

Currently, our company's motto is to bring about a complete ----- to the computer industry.

- 146 (A) commercial
 - (B) restoration
 - (C) innovation
 - (D) rebel

Even though we're asked to work extra hours, it's been very rewarding because we've actually made much progress over the past three months.

I just wanted to let you know how grateful I was for your help, and hope to be able to see you once this project is over.

Best regards,

Andrew Osborne

Questions 147-149 refer to the following letter.

Dear Rachel.

Hey, Rachel, I hope your summer is going well. I heard that you ----- a biology course last

147 (A) took

- (B) are taking
- (C) will take
- (D) have been taking

year. How was it?

I took a chemistry class last year and I was pretty ----- with my grade. I thought I worked pretty

- 148 (A) inclined
 - (B) excited
 - (C) disappointed
 - (D) relaxed

hard, but my grade was lower than expected.

I'm now thinking about taking biology this year instead of any further chemistry classes. Do you think I can prepare for it ----- the two months left before school begins?

- 149 (A) within
 - (B) ever since
 - (C) until
 - (D) by

Please write me back as soon as possible and hope the rest of your summer goes well!

Thank you.

Elizabeth

Questions 150-152 refer to the following article.

Due to the ----- in oil prices, the development of alternative energy sources is gaining more

- 150 (A) decrease
 - (B) increase
 - (C) controversy
 - (D) dedication

and more attention.

For example, Korea used to run only five nuclear power plants, and now ----- a total of eight.

- 151 (A) serves
 - (B) carries
 - (C) operates

(D) helps

In other words, there has been an increase in the number of power plants within the last two years.

The increase in the number of nuclear power plants ----- the energy supply shortage, but

- 152 (A) will eliminate
 - (B) have been eliminated
 - (C) eliminate
 - (D) was eliminating

will certainly create a more dangerous environment and also possible protests against it by environmentalists.

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 advertisement.



Stav in the world's finest hotel!

We at the Eco Paradise Hotel have an offer you can't refuse!

Choose one of the following options that fit you best!

Sweet Lady Night

- 1-night stay in the Lady Deluxe Room with complimentary breakfast
- 2 free tickets to the Grand Opera House (an extra ticket is available at \$150)
- 15% discount on food & beverages in the hotel

Priced at \$300

(This promotion covers 2 guests per room, An extra charge of \$50 will be placed for each additional guest.)

Summer Getaway

- 1-night stay in the Grand Deluxe Room with complimentary breakfast
- Free access to the outside pool, gym, and sauna
- 10% discount on food & beverages in the hotel
- 20% discount at the Eco Beach Resort

Priced at \$400

(This promotion covers 2 guests per room. No extra guests are allowed.)

Please contact us for more information at 687-899-0007 or check our website at www. ecoparadisehotel.com.



- **153** What is the discount on food & beverages in the hotel if the Summer Getaway promotion is chosen?
 - (A) 10%
 - (B) 15%
 - (C) 20%
 - (D) 25%

- **154** What would be the price if three guests get three Opera tickets in Sweet Lady Night?
 - (A) \$300
 - (B) \$350
 - (C) \$450
 - (D) \$500

You are invited to the Famous College reception!

Please fill out the following sections to learn about our recently organized programs!				
Date: April 14th				
Time: 10:00-11:00 2:00-3:00	☐ 11:00-12:00 ☐ 3:00-4:00			
Location: Grand Ball Room, Famous College				
Dress Code: Casual				
Charge: \$20				
(Please print)				
Name:				
Address:				
How would you like to pay?				
☐ Check enclosed	☐ Online Payment			
At the Famous College reception, you will be introduced to all of our new professors and teaching staff as well as our newly organized education programs. Please be aware that seats are limited, and make sure to enclose your check for immediate reservation. If you need more information, please call 520-620-9918 or visit us at www.famouscollege.edu/				

- **155** What information is included in the card?
 - (A) The name of the program manager
 - (B) The phone numbers of the new professors
 - (C) The payment method

reception.

(D) The number of guests

- **156** What is one way to secure an immediate reservation?
 - (A) Enclose a check in the card
 - (B) Call the reception department
 - (C) Fill out a membership form
 - (D) Pay at the reception desk

Lux Arena Studio

We are proud to present Lux Arena Studio, which has enjoyed a five-star rating for three consecutive years! Steve Carlson, the lead photographer, is one of the most respected photographers in the area. Come and check out what our clients have said about our service!

"I always wanted the perfect wedding and perfect wedding photos. Lux Arena made my dream come true! Everything they did was perfect. Thank you!" - K.J.

"Basically, you get the most from the least. The prices are reasonable, yet the service is superb. You get three luxurious dresses and shoes to wear during the photo shots. Also, you will be surprised to see how much you actually enjoy the photo shoot!" - E.A.

"I've always been concerned about the price of doing a professional photo shoot. However, at Lux Arena Studio, I got pictures taken of my family at half the price of what other studios in town are charging! Not only that, I received a complimentary photo to go inside of wallet." -R.I.

"It's located in the center of the city. They make the entire process easy and convenient! What a deal!" - J.S.

- **157** What is NOT true about the studio?
 - (A) The studio is half the price of other studios.
 - (B) The studio only offers family photos.
 - (C) The studio provides three dresses and shoes for wedding photos.
 - (D) The studio photographer is well respected.

- 158 What is offered for free to clients who take family photos?
 - (A) Three dresses and shoes
 - (B) A half price coupon
 - (C) A wallet-sized photo
 - (D) An autograph from a famous photographer

Mr. Roy Johnson 267 Raven Street Baton Rouge Louisiana 70808

Dear Mr. Johnson,

We are sorry about the recent inconvenience with our Internet banking and ATM service. We have received numerous complaints in the Baton Rouge area. This was due to a cyber attack last week. We are doing everything we can to cope with the problem and expect to fix it by next Monday. Because we understand that some of our clients were not able to access our services, we have decided to compensate for the inconvenience. On your next bill, you will receive an additional 5% interest on your savings account balance.

Enclosed are our company's codes and regulations regarding compensation plans for cyber attacks. This regulation form includes our duty, clients' rights, and calculation method for the compensation. Finally, if you insist on receiving the compensation by check, please don't hesitate to call us at 255-769-4078.

Sincerely,

Ryan Devitt Ryan Devitt

Customer Service Department

- 159 What can be inferred in the letter?
 - (A) Mr. Johnson is pleased with his Internet service.
 - (B) Mr. Johnson suffered a loss from a hurricane.
 - (C) Mr. Johnson was unable to use his Internet banking service for a couple of days.
 - (D) Mr. Johnson is the manager of the Customer Service Department.
- 160 What is included in the letter?
 - (A) A coupon
 - (B) A billing report
 - (C) A complaint card
 - (D) A regulation form

- 161 What is needed to collect the compensation by check?
 - (A) To contact the Customer Service Department
 - (B) To inform Mr. Johnson
 - (C) To send another complaint note
 - (D) To register for a new service

Questions 162-165 refer to the following book review.

Barbarians in the Financial Market is a book about novices adventurously conquering financial giants. Jamie Huston, who dedicates most of his time to investing his clients' money, writes how new investors adapt to dangerous yet exciting financial markets. It was Mr. Huston's sense of humor that turned this thick, tedious book into an enjoyable one. He compared his novice characters to barbarians while he compared financial market giants to monkeys. By changing his characters to awkward figures, he successfully attracted a wide variety of readers. Also, readers will find it very useful because Mr. Huston wrote stories that actually matter to ordinary people.

- **162** The word "tedious" in line 4 is closest in meaning to
 - (A) boring

- (B) intriguing
- (C) exiting
- (D) sorrow
- **163** What is Mr. Huston's job?
 - (A) Analyst
 - (B) Publisher
 - (C) Financial company CEO
 - (D) Fund manager

- 164 What is NOT mentioned in the book review?
 - (A) The book is quite entertaining.
 - (B) The book is expensive.
 - (C) The book is long.
 - (D) The book contains comparison techniques.
- **165** What does the book reviewer believe?
 - (A) Financial markets are exciting.
 - (B) Financial giants are barbarians.
 - (C) The book is very practical.
 - (D) The book offers job opportunities.

Questions 166-169 refer to the following letter.

January 9

Mr. Jay Gregory

Contract consultant

Multinational Consulting Firms

527 15th Blvd. Austin, Texas 80009

Dear Mr. Gregory,

I can't fully express my gratitude for your superb work for our company. My managers told me how you displayed not only exceptional expertise but also true dedication to the work.

Your strategic plans to minimize costs for our printers far exceeded our initial goal of 20%, and as our firm plans to expand over the next decade, I would very much like to offer you a job at Jacobson Printers upon the completion of the consulting project.

Would you like to join our company as the Chief of the Strategy Department? As the title implies, your primary job responsibilities would be to provide strategic advice on our quarterly plans, managing and training employees, and offering an expansion strategy to the board of directors. I am more than certain that you will succeed and foster a rewarding career with our company.

I understand that you might have different career goals. If you are hesitant about this job offer, I can assure you that we offer a very competitive compensation package and benefits. Please know that we will not make this offer public to protect your privacy.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the project, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Eric Wonderson

Eric Wonderson Vice President Jacobson Printers

- 166 What is Mr. Gregory working on?
 - (A) Introducing new printer technology
 - (B) Replacing Mr. Eric Wonderson
 - (C) Providing strategic plans to the company
 - (D) Establishing a Strategic Department
- **167** The word "exceptional" in paragraph 1, line 2 is closest in meaning to
 - (A) lame
 - (B) minimal
 - (C) outstanding
 - (D) eligible

- 168 What can be inferred about Mr. Wonderson?
 - (A) He is against the company's expansion plans.
 - (B) He is a leader in the printer industry.
 - (C) He knows how to reduce costs in the manufacturing process.
 - (D) He is looking for a qualified employee.
- **169** What is NOT true about Mr. Gregory?
 - (A) He is seeking a job at the company.
 - (B) He performed the job effectively.
 - (C) He is a contractual worker for Jacobson Printers.
 - (D) He reduced costs more than the set goal.

Questions 170-171 refer to the following article.

Because high salt intake causes high blood pressure and cancer, advisers at Health for America have recently published a book to inform people of a few tips to lower salt intake. There are a few easy ways to reduce salt consumption while maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

- Always look out for hidden salt. Many canned and instant food goods contain invisible salt not listed in the nutritional facts.
- Eat at home. Most restaurants use artificial ingredients to add flavor to their food. Artificial ingredients include synthetic salt and other harmful things.
- Drink at least 7 cups of water a day. Drinking water dilutes salt in the body and can help to reduce blood pressure.
- **170** What is the purpose of this article?
 - (A) To encourage eating out
 - (B) To maintain high levels of water consumption
 - (C) To promote cooking at home
 - (D) To warn of high salt intake

- 171 What is NOT mentioned as a way to reduce high blood pressure and cancer?
 - (A) Drinking a sufficient amount of water
 - (B) Consuming synthetic salt
 - (C) Limiting the consumption of hidden salt
 - (D) Avoiding the use of restaurants

Questions 172-175 refer to the following information.

All Travel

Refunds or changes are available for all customers if a travel product is purchased from our website or from an agent. Travel products provided by a third party or by family members are not eligible for a refund or change.

Customers must first contact an agent to request a refund or change even if the customer purchased the product through the Internet. You can reach an agent from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

In order to request a full refund, customers must do so at least two weeks prior to their departure date. Customers will then receive a refund by the following business day. The last day to request a refund is one week before the departure date. However, in this case, 10% of the total charge will be added.

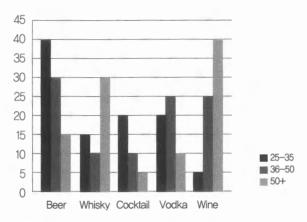
Also, the change of itinerary should be made at least 10 days prior to the departure date. Doing so will not cost you anything extra. However, if a customer wishes to make changes in their schedule 5-9 days before the departure date, they will be charged 10% of the original cost. Customers must pay 15% of the total charge when making changes 3-4 days prior to the departure date. No changes can be made three days prior to the departure date or later. The responsibility of making any changes falls completely on the purchaser. After a refund or change is made, customers will receive a call from one of our agents to confirm the request.

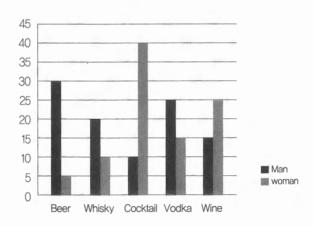
- **172** What is NOT true about the information?
 - (A) Any refunds or changes are made through local agents.
 - (B) Travel agents confirm change requests.
 - (C) Travel products can be purchased online or through an agent.
 - (D) Travel products received from a family member are refundable.
- 173 When should customers request a refund if they do not want to pay 10% of the total charge?
 - (A) 14 days prior to departure date
 - (B) 10 days prior to departure date
 - (C) 5 days prior to departure date
 - (D) 3 days prior to departure date

- **174** What is required to request a change?
 - (A) Customers must call at least 7 days prior to departure date.
 - (B) Customers must call an agent first.
 - (C) Family members should verify the changes.
 - (D) Customers must fill out a lengthy form.
- 175 What percentage of the total charge will customers have to pay if they make a change 6 days prior to departure?
 - (A) 100%
 - (B) 15%
 - (C) 10%
 - (D) 0%

Questions 176-180 refer to the following survey results.

An alcohol consumption survey conducted by the U.S.-based Behavioral Drinking Society





A total of 1,000 randomly chosen people participated in the survey. This survey was used to figure out drinking trends by age and gender and to lower alcohol consumption rates.

- 176 Why was this survey conducted?
 - (A) To learn about drinking trends and lower drinking rates
 - (B) To promote alcohol consumption
 - (C) To revise marketing plans
 - (D) To prosecute drunk drivers
- 177 What is implied about wine?
 - (A) Wine is more popular among older adults.
 - (B) Wine is the second most popular drink for men.
 - (C) Sales of wine will increase steadily.
 - (D) Middle age people showed a strong interest on wine.
- **178** What choices were survey participants given?
 - (A) The prices of drinks
 - (B) Free sample of drinks
 - (C) A variety of drinks
 - (D) Drink advertisements

179 According to the survey, what type of drinks is most likely a good gift for retired men?

- (A) Beer
- (B) Vodka
- (C) Wine
- (D) Cocktail
- 180 Who most likely were the participants?
 - (A) Researchers
 - (B) Marketing planners
 - (C) Drink manufacturers
 - (D) Alcohol consumers

Questions 181-185 refer to the following website and e-mail.

http://www.cafebrentle.com

Are you looking for a place to have a great time with your friends? Come to Café Brentle! Café Brentle is designed to provide an environment where friends and families can get together and have a fantastic time.

In celebration of our 10th anniversary, Café Brentle is offering an exclusive discount for those who visit us in a group. We will be offering a 15% discount to those who visit us in a group of three or more! PLUS, we will be giving out free chocolate chip cookies to the first 100 customers on July 26th, Monday. The following is our menu. We hope you can come and enjoy the highest quality coffees, teas and food.

Coffee/Tea	S	L
Hazelnut Coffee	 \$2.50	\$3.50
Ground Coffee	 \$2.10	\$3.20
French Vanilla Coffee	 \$2.30	\$3.40
Breakfast Menu		
Egg & Cheese Bagel	 \$5.50	
Blueberry Bagel	 \$3.60	
Chocolate Chip Cookies	 \$2.80	
Ham & Cheese with a Fried Egg	 \$3.40	

^{*}This offer is good until the end of July.

To: Kate Johnson < ihamilton@gmail.com>

From: Jeffrey Hamilton <kjohnson@yahoo.com>

Subject: Study Group Schedule

Date: July 26th

Dear Kate.

Hey, Kate. I tried to reach Rachel but she hasn't responded to my e-mails or answered my phone calls. I'm writing you to confirm our next study group meeting schedule. I believe it's this Thursday, right? I wanted to let you know that Café Brentle is offering a discount for those who come to the cafe in a group of three or more people. Thus, I was wondering if you had anyone you wanted to bring to the study group so we can get the discount. I will be bringing the materials for biology class, so please don't forget to bring the math material! Why don't you try to call Rachel and let me know what she thinks? Thanks. Take care!

- **181** Why is Café Brentle offering a discount?
 - (A) They have had low sales lately.
 - (B) There has been a downturn in the economy.
 - (C) A different owner took over the café.
 - (D) They are celebrating their 10th anniversary.
- 182 What is the condition for getting a discount?
 - (A) They must be members of the café.
 - (B) They must possess a discount coupon.
 - (C) They have to spend more than five dollars.
 - (D) They have to be in a group of three or more people.
- 183 What is the purpose of the e-mail?
 - (A) To change the study group meeting schedule
 - (B) To discuss class material from the last lecture
 - (C) To confirm their next study group meeting
 - (D) To change the place where they're going to meet

- 184 What did Jeffrey ask Kate to do?
 - (A) To look for another student who wants to study together

- (B) To check if the café is offering any discounts
- (C) To sign up for a new math class
- (D) To bring the study material for the physics class
- 185 When will the meeting take place?
 - (A) July 25th
 - (B) July 26th
 - (C) July 29th
 - (D) July 31st

Questions 186-190 refer to the following e-mails.

From: hilary@gmail.com To: guss@hotmail.com Subject: TV Exchange Date: March 21st

Dear Mr. Guss.

Hello, Mr. Guss, I'm writing to formally request an exchange for the TV I purchased four days ago. I know we discussed this on the phone, but I'm just attaching my address and the model number of the TV set I want instead.

875 Kings Dr.

Huntington, Pennsylvania

10295

Model Number: TK210B32TS

Also, I'd like to purchase the external speakers that I was interested in when I visited the store with the difference in money from my first purchase. I have two models in mind: the Thunder Bird speakers and the Whopper Sound speakers. I would like to buy whichever is cheaper, I wasn't informed of how long this is going to take when I was talking to you on the phone. Would you please let me know how long this is going to take when you write me back? Thank you for your assistance and hope you enjoy a great week of sales!

Hilary Reinheimer

From: guss@gmail.com To: hilary@hotmail.com Subject: RE: TV Exchange

Date: March 22nd

Hello, Ms. Reinheimer. I'm writing back with respect to your TV exchange. As per the external speakers you would like to purchase, the price of the Whopper Sound speakers is the higher of the two you mentioned. According to our exchange policy, we cannot charge you for the external speakers from the money left over from your first purchase. We must give back our customer the difference between the two purchases, and then the customer can make their purchase. In other words, you'll inevitably have to visit our store after you receive your check in order to make your purchase.

The actual exchange process will only take one day. However, the check will have to be delivered through the mail, which will probably take more than two days after the exchange process is done. So, you'll be able to save some time if you visit our store once the exchange process is done so that you can pick up the check at the store instead of having it sent through mail. Please let me know how you want your check to be delivered. Thank you.

Sincerely, Ryan Guss

- 186 Who is Mr. Guss?
 - (A) A TV manufacturer
 - (B) A TV repairman
 - (C) An electronics salesman
 - (D) A friend of Ms. Reinheimer's
- **187** What does Ms. Reinheimer want Mr. Guss to do?
 - (A) Find a nice TV for her
 - (B) Give her a refund for the TV she purchased
 - (C) Exchange a TV she purchased
 - (D) Visit her house and fix a broken TV
- **188** What CANNOT Mr. Guss do for Ms. Reinheimer?
 - (A) Sell her any electronics products
 - (B) Explain about the exchange process
 - (C) Send a check through the mail
 - (D) Include a set of external speakers with the exchange

189 How long will the exchange process take?

- (A) A day
- (B) Three days
- (C) More than three days
- (D) It's not certain.
- 190 According to the e-mails, what can be inferred?
 - (A) Ms. Reinheimer is interested in buying more TV sets.
 - (B) Mr. Guss wants to change his company's exchange policy.
 - (C) Ms. Reinheimer will probably buy the Whopper Sound speakers.
 - (D) Ms. Reinheimer and Mr. Guss have already talked before.

Local Businesses Are Suffering

by Winston Gandhi

According to recent reports, the cause of the economic recession is because local businesses are not making as much profit as they used to. Only ten years ago, market share in the manufacturing, food, and clothing industries was fairly evenly divided between local businesses and large corporations. However, in recent years, local businesses are basically being crushed by cheaper products from large corporations.

Is the government taking any action in order to fix this unbalanced market share situation? In fact, they're doing the exact opposite. Some of the government's policies are making local businesses suffer even more. First, due to low tariffs on imported goods, local businesses are not able to compete. Moreover, because large corporations have been dominating the market with their cheaper products, they have been able to invest in producing better quality goods. In other words, now small businesses cannot compete against large corporations in both the price and quality of their products.

If this unbalanced market share continues for a long period of time, the overall economy will suffer.

Dear IHB Bank,

My name is Jim Cooke, the owner of Jim's Organic Food Market. As you know, most local businesses are not doing very well right now economically. One of the reasons for that is because we don't have enough money to invest in new products. Because we cannot afford to produce better quality goods, we are slowly losing our regular customers to large corporations' cheaper products.

In order to address this problem, our company has been working on a project to create a new organic food product. This project involves biotechnology that enables us to produce corn that contains more nutrition than normal corn does while using the same amount of resources. We've attached a copy of a presentation of our new product and the technology involved in it.

For us to proceed with this project, we need to get a loan from the bank. As you can see on the presentation attached to the letter, the project is very promising and could make us a good deal of money. We will be able to not only pay the interest on the loan but also make small monthly payments on the loan itself. Please consider our project carefully and get back to me when you can.

Sincerely,

Jim Cooke

Owner of Jim's Organic Food Market

- **191** Why are local businesses suffering according to the article?
 - (A) Because consumers aren't spending as much lately
 - (B) Because of large corporations
 - (C) Because the interest rate has gone up
 - (D) Because of inflation
- **192** According to the article, which of the following is one of the advantages that large corporations have?
 - (A) Better advertisements
 - (B) Better business networks
 - (C) Lower prices
 - (D) Cheaper labor
- 193 Why does Mr. Cooke need the loan?
 - (A) He needs money to invest in a new project.
 - (B) He wants to advertise his product.
 - (C) He wants to expand his store.
 - (D) He has to hire more employees.

- **194** According to the passages, what is NOT true?
 - (A) The government is taking measures that are worsening the problem.
 - (B) Small businesses are less competitive than large corporations.

- (C) Jim's Organic Food Market has been losing customers.
- (D) Jim Cooke cannot pay the interest on a loan.
- 195 In the article, the word "tariffs" in paragraph
 - 2, line 3 is closest in meaning to
 - (A) Tax on imported goods
 - (B) Tax on domestic goods
 - (C) Price
 - (D) Discount

Questions 196-200 refer to the following letters.

To: Catherine Sylstra

Dear Ms. Sylstra,

Hello, Ms. Sylstra. I hope your summer is going well. As you already know, I'm applying to the University of Michigan for its IOE program. I've been finishing up with the general application and some supplemental essays for the University of Michigan as well. I'm writing you this letter today to let you know that the Early Action deadline for the University of Michigan is actually a month earlier than other schools.

Unlike most of the schools that have an Early Action deadline of November 1st, the University of Michigan asks that applications be submitted by October 1st. I made a list of materials that must be sent directly from the school to the University of Michigan.

- Transcripts
- Recommendation Letter
- College Counselor's Recommendation
- AP Score

These are all the documents I need from the school and hope two months is enough time for you to prepare all of them. I hope the rest of your summer goes well and look forward to seeing you laubore sid agineras, of airest endefet back at school!

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Sincerely,

David Zhao

Dear David,

Hi, David. Thanks for your letter. I'm actually on my holiday, but fortunately I was able to read your letter. By the time I get back home, I'll still have more than enough time to get all the documents together. Actually, I wanted to point out that you also need to submit an SAT score as well. I spoke to the registrar so I could order the rest of the necessary documents, and they should be ready by the time I go back to the school.

Meanwhile, why don't you send me your essays so that we can discuss it later on? I've had many students who made simple mistakes on their college admission essays just because they are too nervous about it. I could probably take a look at it from a more objective point of view and offer some suggestions.

If you send it within the next two days, I'll be able to have it checked by my husband as well, which would be helpful because he's an English teacher. So, just let me know what you think about this idea! Take care.

Catherine Sylstra

- 196 Who most likely is Ms. Sylstra?
 - (A) A college admissions staff
 - (B) David's parent
 - (C) A college counselor
 - (D) A math teacher
- 197 Why did David write a letter to Ms. Sylstra?
 - (A) To tell her that he has been accepted to the University of Michigan
 - (B) To let her know about the University of Michigan's Early Action deadline
 - (C) To convince her to write a good recommendation for him
 - (D) To tell her that his documents haven't been sent out to any colleges yet
- **198** In which month did David write his letter to Ms. Sylstra?
 - (A) June
 - (B) August
 - (C) September
 - (D) November

- **199** Which of the following is NOT a document that Ms. Sylstra is supposed to prepare?
 - (A) Transcript
 - (B) Recommendation letter
 - (C) SAT score
 - (D) An English teacher's recommendation
- **200** Why does Ms. Sylstra want David to send his essay within two days?
 - (A) So that her husband can read the essay as well
 - (B) So that she can enjoy the rest of her vacation
 - (C) Because the deadline has been moved up
 - (D) Because he has to write essays for other schools as well