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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 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. Mr. Kang started \_\_\_\_\_ printing business 25 years ago in Pusan, South Korea.

- (A) he
- (B) him
- (C) his
- (D) himself

102. Trains for Gruyville \_\_\_\_\_ at 9:00 A.M. Monday through Friday.

- (A) depart
- (B) is departed
- (C) departs
- (D) is departing

103. Flash photography is not permitted \_\_\_\_\_ the Sakura Museum of Art.

- (A) onto
- (B) among
- (C) inside
- (D) toward

104. Dr. Masahiro Sato was the featured speaker at last month's international \_\_\_\_\_ on economic policy.

- (A) committee
- (B) proposal
- (C) convention
- (D) introduction

105. The Globe Lighting Supply handbook \_\_\_\_\_ a list of important company telephone numbers.

- (A) contain
- (B) containing
- (C) is contained
- (D) contains

106. For a brochure explaining the city's \_\_\_\_\_ to encourage recycling, please contact Christine Lee.

- (A) character
- (B) program
- (C) definition
- (D) question

107. River Oaks, Inc., employees must complete the employee satisfaction survey \_\_\_\_\_ Friday at 5:00 P.M.

- (A) as
- (B) of
- (C) by
- (D) in

108. The Watertown South bus station is \_\_\_\_\_ for repairs until May 16.

- (A) close
- (B) closes
- (C) closed
- (D) closings

- 109.** Participants in the Mumbai Business Seminars must pay a small fee to cover the cost of materials and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) to supply  
(B) supplied  
(C) supplier  
(D) supplies
- 110.** The Captain's Seafood Restaurant can \_\_\_\_\_ seat up to twenty guests in its Starboard Lounge.  
(A) spacially  
(B) comfortably  
(C) abundantly  
(D) evenly
- 111.** A processing fee of \$3.00 will be added to \_\_\_\_\_ received by telephone.  
(A) order  
(B) ordering  
(C) ordered  
(D) orders
- 112.** Preferred Medical Equipment, Inc., will raise prices \_\_\_\_\_ lower discounts on January 1.  
(A) and  
(B) again  
(C) too  
(D) still
- 113.** Current job \_\_\_\_\_ at Elite Insurance Company have been posted on the internal Web site and on major Internet job-search sites.  
(A) open  
(B) openings  
(C) opened  
(D) opens
- 114.** Market research results for Thermabrite's new handheld thermometer prototype were \_\_\_\_\_ encouraging.  
(A) well  
(B) near  
(C) freely  
(D) very
- 115.** Human resources director Erika Nikata understands that employee recruitment and retention are \_\_\_\_\_ important.  
(A) equal  
(B) equally  
(C) equality  
(D) equalize
- 116.** Residents of Alberta Falls were \_\_\_\_\_ notified of the increase in snow-removal fees.  
(A) shortly  
(B) promptly  
(C) busily  
(D) currently
- 117.** Ms. Ife Bankole was the manager of an employment \_\_\_\_\_ in Lagos for five years.  
(A) assembly  
(B) collection  
(C) agency  
(D) destination
- 118.** The \_\_\_\_\_ fee for any of the Logistics Management courses is €25 a person.  
(A) enrollment  
(B) enroll  
(C) enrolled  
(D) enrolls
- 119.** The Empire Theatre box office will stop selling tickets fifteen minutes \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning of the show.  
(A) between  
(B) before  
(C) up  
(D) for
- 120.** In yesterday's third-quarter financial statement, Vargas Industries reported a 15 percent \_\_\_\_\_ in value.  
(A) gain  
(B) progress  
(C) advantage  
(D) benefit

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- 121.** Although Chang-Ho Nah is Permore Financial's newest executive, he is \_\_\_\_\_ regarded as one of the company's most competent vice presidents.
- (A) wide  
(B) wider  
(C) widest  
(D) widely
- 122.** To \_\_\_\_\_ for the local-shopper discount, customers must show proof of residency.
- (A) qualify  
(B) award  
(C) experience  
(D) certify
- 123.** In April, Peterson's Garden Store will hold \_\_\_\_\_ sessions on gardening basics.
- (A) introduce  
(B) introducing  
(C) introductions  
(D) introductory
- 124.** Ivankoff Industries' venture into experimental technologies will be accomplished by utilizing \_\_\_\_\_ already available within the company.
- (A) purposes  
(B) expenses  
(C) resources  
(D) salaries
- 125.** Mr. Hahn and Ms. Smalls began working at ABCO Corporation at the same time, and \_\_\_\_\_ hope to be promoted next year.
- (A) many  
(B) few  
(C) one  
(D) both
- 126.** Tickets for Westbury Football games will become \_\_\_\_\_ to the general public on Monday morning at 10:00 A.M.
- (A) effective  
(B) ready  
(C) present  
(D) available
- 127.** The quality-control process will be revised due to the large number of product flaws \_\_\_\_\_ reported.
- (A) is  
(B) are  
(C) were  
(D) being
- 128.** Pronesti Ltd. paid £500 million to \_\_\_\_\_ the profitable computer software firm XBR Technologies.
- (A) acquire  
(B) achieve  
(C) yield  
(D) realize
- 129.** Alpha Clothing Store is a family-owned business offering high-quality men's clothing at \_\_\_\_\_ prices.
- (A) affordably  
(B) affordable  
(C) afford  
(D) afforded
- 130.** Visitors are asked to turn off their electronic devices when \_\_\_\_\_ the laboratory.
- (A) enters  
(B) entering  
(C) enter  
(D) entered

- 131.** Noted author Neha Dehuri will be signing copies of her \_\_\_\_\_ acclaimed book, *The Forgotten*, on Sunday at the Gloucester University Bookstore.
- (A) critically  
 (B) criticism  
 (C) critics  
 (D) criticize
- 132.** \_\_\_\_\_ the new office building is occupied, construction vehicles will not be allowed to use the main parking area.
- (A) Once  
 (B) Next  
 (C) Soon  
 (D) Then
- 133.** Dr. Weisman, who served for 25 years as an \_\_\_\_\_ part of the research team, will retire on March 30.
- (A) integrate  
 (B) integrally  
 (C) integration  
 (D) integral
- 134.** New patients should arrive fifteen minutes before their scheduled appointment time to allow \_\_\_\_\_ time to complete any paperwork.
- (A) sufficient  
 (B) liberal  
 (C) thorough  
 (D) entire
- 135.** The hiring committee had discussed the possibility of interviewing the candidates in person but decided on telephone interviews \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) until  
 (B) besides  
 (C) instead  
 (D) with
- 136.** The directors voted to extend evening hours at local libraries to make them more \_\_\_\_\_ to patrons who cannot visit them during the day.
- (A) educated  
 (B) capable  
 (C) appreciative  
 (D) accessible
- 137.** \_\_\_\_\_ pleased the clients most was the effective customer service Moradon Bank provided.
- (A) Who  
 (B) That  
 (C) What  
 (D) This
- 138.** \_\_\_\_\_ repeated delays in construction, the new supermarket was finished in time for the start of business.
- (A) Despite  
 (B) Although  
 (C) As much as  
 (D) In keeping with
- 139.** The Grovesburg Historical Society leads tours of local historical sites every day \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday.
- (A) other  
 (B) except  
 (C) than  
 (D) some
- 140.** Upgrades to the order-tracking database will allow staff to process customer purchases more \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) totally  
 (B) efficiently  
 (C) recently  
 (D) shortly

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## 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 e-mail.**

From: Mayumi Wada <mwada@worldtranplus.com>  
To: Beth Adelman <badelman@worldtranplus.com>  
Subject: Itinerary  
Date: June 4

Ms. Adelman,

Thank you for booking the flights for me on such short notice; I received the travel itinerary this morning. Unfortunately, Mr. Park \_\_\_\_\_ our meeting in Seoul, so my flight and hotel

- 141.** (A) reschedules  
(B) has rescheduled  
(C) rescheduling  
(D) to reschedule

reservations will need to be changed.

\_\_\_\_\_ leaving Tokyo on June 15, I need to leave on the thirteenth and return on the sixteenth.

- 142.** (A) Without  
(B) As far as  
(C) Instead of  
(D) Upon

In the original itinerary you sent, I did not see any information regarding transport to and from the airports in Tokyo and Seoul. If you have not already done so, I would appreciate it if you could \_\_\_\_\_ that.

- 143.** (A) question  
(B) arrange  
(C) promote  
(D) cancel

Thank you again for your help.

Mayumi Wada

Questions 144-146 refer to the following e-mail.

Re: Calculations Software Training

This is to remind you of the upcoming Calculations Software training seminar, which will be made available twice daily on July 1, 2, and 3. Sessions will be held \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 A.M. to

- 144.** (A) from  
(B) through  
(C) since  
(D) into

11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on the above-mentioned dates.

All accounting and finance department employees must sign up to attend one of the sessions by June 23. To do so, go to the internal company Web site and click on the Staff Development icon, then click on the Calculations Software Seminar icon. Fill in the \_\_\_\_\_ information and

- 145.** (A) require  
(B) required  
(C) requiring  
(D) requirement

click Submit. If you have any problems with the \_\_\_\_\_ process, contact technical support at

- 146.** (A) hiring  
(B) production  
(C) referral  
(D) registration

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**Questions 147-149** refer to the following letter.

November 5

Dear Ms. Krzezewski,

Thank you for your recent letter. You wanted to know if the Adventurer Jacket from Everwear Clothing would once again become available in the Soft Plum color, as it was last season. In fact, we \_\_\_\_\_ that color. It has been replaced with the Wild Berry color, which is a shade

- 147.** (A) are discontinued  
(B) would have discontinued  
(C) have discontinued  
(D) have been discontinued

darker. We did this in response to customer feedback that indicated that dirt showed much less on the darker colors than the lighter ones. \_\_\_\_\_ the garment is designed for active, outdoor

- 148.** (A) As if  
(B) Whether  
(C) Until  
(D) Because

use, we wanted it to give as much wear between washings as possible. We hope you like the new color and will consider trying it.

Again, thank you for your \_\_\_\_\_. Our friendly, knowledgeable customer service

- 149.** (A) purchase  
(B) inquiry  
(C) advice  
(D) trial

representatives are always happy to answer any questions or address any concerns our customers may have.

Sincerely,

Jules Heather  
Customer Service Representative  
Everwear Clothing, Inc.

**Questions 150-152** refer to the following e-mail.

From: Janet Winters <jwinters@dunnenterprises.com>  
To: Srinivas Duggirala <sduggirala@dunnenterprises.com>  
Subject: Ad Templates  
Date: March 5

Srinivas,

I just wanted to let you know that the print advertising templates for the Vectra small-appliance line have been completed and are ready for your inspection. \_\_\_\_\_ you suggested, we have

- 150.** (A) How  
(B) When  
(C) For  
(D) As

focused on the affordability of the products as well as their ease of use. I plan to drop the templates off to you in person, at which time I'd like to talk to you about any \_\_\_\_\_ you feel

- 151.** (A) revision  
(B) revisions  
(C) revising  
(D) revised

are necessary. Please let me know when you are available to \_\_\_\_\_.

- 152.** (A) attend  
(B) travel  
(C) meet  
(D) watch

Janet

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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 notice.

**Let *Builder's Advantage* Work for You!**

Obtain your share in the marketplace by advertising in  
*Builder's Advantage Magazine*

- Glossy, large-format magazine dedicated to the construction industry
- Four issues annually
- Readership of over 40,000
- Distributed to over 250 area businesses in Farmington and Uxbridge counties
- Quarter- and half-page advertisements available
- Advertisements start as low as \$150.00
- Discounts offered on advertisements placed in multiple issues

Call our Public Relations Department at 055-1043 for details.

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153. What is being offered in the notice?

- (A) Construction services
- (B) A building for rent
- (C) Advertising space
- (D) Magazine subscriptions

154. What is indicated about *Builder's*

*Advantage Magazine*?

- (A) It is distributed to homes.
- (B) It is published four times a year.
- (C) It contains full-page advertisements.
- (D) It is a new magazine.

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**Questions 155-156 refer to the following e-mail.**

From:	customerservice@bakergifts.com
To:	Harriet Goldsmith <hgoldsmit@acvweb.net>
Subject:	Promotion
Date:	January 10

Dear Ms. Goldsmith,

Thank you for your recent online purchase from Baker Gifts.

To show our appreciation, we'd like to offer you 15 percent off the price of your next online purchase. This promotional discount can be used on any of the hundreds of products available from our Web store at [www.bakergifts.com](http://www.bakergifts.com). This offer expires on April 15. When you check out, simply enter promotional code XYH9674, and 15 percent will be taken off your merchandise total.

Baker Gifts is proud of our exquisite products and exceptional customer service. We are confident you will find the perfect gift for a special person, or something well deserved for yourself.

The Customer Service Team

**155.** What is the purpose of the e-mail?

- (A) To provide information about shipping
- (B) To offer a discount on a future purchase
- (C) To inform Ms. Goldsmith that she has won a prize
- (D) To explain how to buy a gift certificate

**156.** What is indicated about Ms. Goldsmith?

- (A) She has recently bought something online.
- (B) She intends to purchase a gift for herself.
- (C) She is a longtime customer of Baker Gifts.
- (D) She prefers to shop online.

Questions 157-159 refer to the following information.

Thank you for choosing **Passages Hotel**, Kuala Lumpur's premier hotel and conference center. We greatly value your opinion. Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire and either leave it in your room or place it in the box located in the hotel's lobby.

Rate the following.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Used
Front desk service				X	
Concierge service	X				
Lotus restaurant	X				
Room service					X
Housekeeping		X			
Business center		X			
Overall appearance of hotel	X				

I have stayed at this hotel a number of times on business and am usually very satisfied. However, this time it seemed that the front desk was understaffed the entire time I stayed here. I had to wait for 20 minutes to check in, and it took over 30 minutes to check out. In addition, it was difficult to contact the front desk from my room. Twice the phone rang without anyone picking up. I realize this was a busy month for the hotel, but enough staff should have been put on duty to accommodate guests.

Name (optional) : Bindi Shah

Contact information (optional) : bshah@svpnet.com

Date of stay: April 15-18

*Passages Hotel*

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157. What is NOT indicated about Passages Hotel?

- (A) It provides meeting space.
- (B) It has hired additional staff.
- (C) It seeks the opinions of its customers.
- (D) It was busy in April.

158. What did Ms. Shah find unsatisfactory?

- (A) Room service
- (B) The restaurant
- (C) The business center
- (D) Front-desk service

159. What is suggested about Ms. Shah?

- (A) She was in Kuala Lumpur on business.
- (B) She stayed at Passages Hotel for the first time in April.
- (C) She was unhappy with the housekeeping service.
- (D) She received a discount because of the hotel's poor service.

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**Questions 160-162 refer to the following letter.**

## **Mazahreh Graphics**

Offices in London, New York, and Atlanta  
P.O. Box 32569 • Atlanta, GA 30301

September 12

Nicole Bourg  
Benchmark Publishing  
Atlanta, GA 31306-8542

Dear Ms. Bourg:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you at Benchmark Publishing. It was a pleasure to talk to you about your upcoming publications. I hope that following our conversation, you will consider Mazahreh Graphics when choosing an artist to create book-cover art for the *Inspector Andrews* mystery series by Sven Jorgensen.

I'd like to reiterate that Mazahreh Graphics has created cover art for over 300 books, many of which were published in series. We consistently deliver quality work ahead of schedule, at a price I'm sure you will find competitive. I have enclosed additional examples of our recent work that I did not have a chance to show you during our meeting yesterday.

Again, I enjoyed talking with you and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

*Saman Mazahreh*

Saman Mazahreh

Enclosure

**160.** What is NOT indicated about Ms. Bourg?

- (A) She has written a series of books.
- (B) She has met with Mr. Mazahreh.
- (C) She is looking for an illustrator.
- (D) She works for a publishing company.

**161.** What does Mr. Mazahreh state about his company?

- (A) It is near the office of Benchmark Publishing.
- (B) Its prices are much lower than those of its competitors.
- (C) It has provided artwork for book covers.
- (D) It can complete work faster than its competitors can.

**162.** What does Mr. Mazahreh include with his letter?

- (A) A contract
- (B) Letters of recommendation
- (C) Samples of artwork
- (D) An invoice

Questions 163–165 refer to the following article.

## *Hong Kong Today* Hong Kong's Source of English News

### Palais Hotel Gets Top Chef

The Palais Hotel, known by insiders as Hong Kong's hidden jewel, is about to become very well-known. The hotel's Jade Restaurant has hired a new executive chef, cooking expert and chef extraordinaire Mei-Yi Gan. Gan, who took over the restaurant last month, has already made her mark by adding some of her signature dishes to the menu.

Gan has most recently worked as head chef at Hong Kong's four-star restaurant Room at the Top but is best known for her previous work as editor of *East and West*, a cooking magazine with an impressive international circulation. Gan studied under Master Chef Chun-Yuen Li, who praised Gan for being "a culinarily gifted student" and possessing "excellent instincts."

So far, the Palais Hotel has been aptly nicknamed. Staying in one of the luxurious rooms, or dining at the sophisticated Jade Restaurant, one gets a sense of experiencing something special, something still undiscovered. Based on the meals that Gan has produced there so far, we predict that the addition of this exceptional chef will serve to bring the hidden jewel out of hiding.

**163.** Where does Ms. Gan currently work?

- (A) At Jade Restaurant
- (B) At *East and West*
- (C) At Room at the Top
- (D) At *Hong Kong Today*

**165.** Who is Chun-Yuen Li?

- (A) A magazine editor
- (B) A hotel manager
- (C) A cooking teacher
- (D) A restaurant manager

**164.** What is implied about the Palais Hotel?

- (A) It appeals to travelers on a budget.
- (B) Its restaurant is large.
- (C) It is not conveniently located.
- (D) It is currently not widely known.

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**Questions 166-169** refer to the following information.

## Woodsmith, Inc.

We are pleased you have purchased handmade, hardwood furniture from Woodsmith, Inc. of Vancouver. We are proud of our long heritage and are confident you will appreciate the quality and craftsmanship that went into the making of your product. Our furniture is meant to last a lifetime. That is why we make every effort to inform our customers how best to treat it. We recommend the following.

- Use cleaning products that are made specifically for wood such as Bly's Wood Cleaner. Avoid multisurface cleaners, as these may leave streaks or an oily residue.
- To brighten a surface that has dulled, use a paste wax such as Russ Wax. Apply the wax no more than twice per year. Remove the old wax first with a mild, nonalkaline soap-and-water solution.
- Avoid wiping the furniture with a dry cloth, as this may leave hairline scratches on the finish.
- Avoid placing the furniture directly in front of radiators, heating ducts, and fireplaces.
- Do not expose the furniture to direct sunlight, as this may lead to fading.

We wish you a lifetime of enjoyment from your furniture. We appreciate your business, and we welcome your comments and suggestions. Simply call 604-555-0144 during regular business hours.

**166.** What does the information mainly discuss?

- (A) When to purchase a product
- (B) Where to shop for a product
- (C) How to care for a product
- (D) How to repair a product

**167.** What is indicated about Woodsmith, Inc.?

- (A) Its stores are closed on weekends.
- (B) It sells furniture online.
- (C) It is a new company.
- (D) Its products are manufactured by hand.

**168.** What does the information recommend for use with hardwood furniture?

- (A) A dry cloth
- (B) A paste wax
- (C) A multisurface cleaner
- (D) An oil-based cleaning solution

**169.** According to the information, what could happen to hardwood furniture in direct sunlight?

- (A) It may overheat.
- (B) It may dry out.
- (C) The finish may crack.
- (D) The color may get lighter.

Questions 170-171 refer to the following appointment calendar.

<b>Appointment calendar</b>	
<b>Name:</b> <u>Johnathan Biedler</u>	
<b>Monday</b> <b>September 26</b>	8:30 A.M. Teleconference (Arnold White-A&F Consulting) 10:00–11:30 A.M. Brand Launch Team meeting (Room 2A) 1:00–2:30 P.M. Interview administrative assistant (Helen Maeda) Room 102
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>September 27</b>	8:00–10:30 A.M. Brand Launch Team meeting (Room 2A) 4:00–5:30 P.M. Meeting Roland Patterson (Finance Department) Room 220
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>September 28</b>	9:00 A.M. Teleconference (Asia Pacific Marketing Group) 11:00 A.M. Teleconference (Martin Ricciardo-Wexford Consulting) 1:00–2:30 P.M. Interview administrative assistant (Walter Krauter) Room 102
<b>Thursday</b> <b>September 29</b>	10:30 A.M. Teleconference (Arnold White-A&F Consulting) 12:00–1:00 P.M. Working lunch with Brand Launch Team (Room 235)
<b>Friday</b> <b>September 30</b>	1:00–2:30 P.M. Interview administrative assistant (Flora Suarez) Room 102 4:00–5:00 P.M. Administrative assistant hiring meeting with Brenda Cho (Human Resources) Room 415

**170.** What is suggested about Mr. Biedler?

- (A) He does not work over lunch breaks.
- (B) He reports to Brenda Cho.
- (C) He is planning to hire an administrative assistant.
- (D) He has an appointment scheduled on Friday morning.

**171.** When does Mr. Biedler NOT have a teleconference?

- (A) On Monday
- (B) On Tuesday
- (C) On Wednesday
- (D) On Thursday

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**Questions 172-175** refer to the following news article.

## Ashland Foods to Enter Frozen-Foods Market

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March 12—Snack-food giant Ashland Foods announced yesterday that it is acquiring frozen-foods maker Addison May. Ashland Foods was the highest bidder in a two-month-long bidding war in which Belltown Foods was the other major contender. Hugh Tran, CEO of Addison May, said in a statement to *Business Daily*, “We are confident in the vision Ashland Foods has for our company and are sure that the integrity of our products will remain intact.”

Ashland Foods CEO Anna Baum said that “with the acquisition of Addison May, Ashland Foods expects to become an even bigger global competitor in emerging markets such as Latin America and China.”

Addison May was founded 75 years ago. In the past 5 years, it has undergone two restructurings and has downsized its product line to 18 core products. The company is known for its Meals for Two line of frozen dinners, as well as for its Bakery Delights line of frozen pastries. Because of its strong brand recognition, the Addison May name and logo will still appear on the front of its packaging. On the back, the labels will read “Produced and distributed by Ashland Foods.”

The acquisition is set to take place on May 1. There has been no statement regarding the impact the acquisition will have on Addison May’s 17,000 employees worldwide.

In response to the news of the acquisition, Ashland Foods’ stock rose 5 percent yesterday.

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**172.** What does Ms. Baum say about Ashland Foods?

- (A) It will discontinue the Bakery Delights line of products.
- (B) It is currently not profitable.
- (C) It plans to open new production sites.
- (D) It expects to expand its business internationally.

**173.** What is NOT mentioned about Addison May?

- (A) Its products will carry the Ashland Foods logo.
- (B) It is an international company.
- (C) It produces desserts.
- (D) It has reduced its product line.

**174.** When was Addison May established?

- (A) Two months ago
- (B) Eighteen months ago
- (C) Five years ago
- (D) Seventy-five years ago

**175.** What happened as a result of the announcement by Ashland Foods?

- (A) The price of Ashland Foods' stock increased.
- (B) Some employees of Addison May resigned.
- (C) Some frozen-foods products became unavailable.
- (D) Belltown Foods entered into new negotiations with Addison May.

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**Questions 176-180** refer to the following article.

## Theater Comes Back to Life

September 1 marks the beginning of the twentieth theatrical season at Shoreline Playhouse in Meadow Lakes, an event that just one year ago few thought would ever take place.

Over the past three years the Playhouse has seen its share of troubles. The opening of Field Theater in nearby Mooreland City meant that Shoreline Playhouse was no longer the only destination for area theatergoers. In addition, the generous grants given to Field Theater by the Walters Foundation meant larger-scale productions there that had a broader appeal. Shoreline Playhouse found itself operating at a loss, with little idea of what the future would hold.

Proud of its long theater heritage, the town of Meadow Lakes decided it would not be outdone by Mooreland City. The town stepped in and purchased the Lake Drive property on which the Playhouse stands. The town leased the property back to the Playhouse for the next 25 years as a hands-off landlord. In addition, town residents raised a significant amount of money in donations through their Save Our Playhouse campaign.

These efforts have paid off enormously. Milton Shaffer, executive director of Shoreline Playhouse, says that “because of what the town has done for us, we are now able to offer our best season yet. We have big names in theater who will grace our stage this season, including actors William Farr, Eva Johnson, and Clyde Wells, and musical theater luminaries Mary Noda and Henry Formann.” Shaffer goes on to add, “We have a great lineup of theatrical productions with broad intergenerational appeal, such as Angela DiFalco’s classic play *Two Floors Down*, Beth Heard’s *Windswept Lane*, Blanca Flores’ *Far Away Home*, and Anthony Ward’s new musical *Stepping Out of Time*, which will make its debut here at Shoreline Playhouse.”

The sigh of relief around Meadow Lakes is almost audible. The Shoreline Playhouse can now concentrate on what it does best, enriching the area with firstclass theater productions. As resident May Gramercy puts it, “Art, whether it’s visual art, music, or theater, is necessary for a good life. We’d never let our town be without it.”

- 176.** What is one purpose of the article?
- (A) To announce the closing of a theater
  - (B) To announce the hiring of an executive director
  - (C) To describe an upcoming theatrical season
  - (D) To describe a potential real estate investment
- 177.** What is true about Field Theater?
- (A) It specializes in musical theater.
  - (B) Its plays are directed by Milton Shaffer.
  - (C) It has been given a significant amount of money.
  - (D) It is located on Lake Drive.
- 178.** What is NOT mentioned about the town of Meadow Lakes?
- (A) It has experienced financial difficulty.
  - (B) It is close to Mooreland City.
  - (C) Its residents support its theater.
  - (D) It has had a theater for almost twenty years.
- 179.** The word “raised” in paragraph 3, line 9, is closest in meaning to
- (A) awakened
  - (B) collected
  - (C) mentioned
  - (D) lifted
- 180.** Who wrote the musical play mentioned in the article?
- (A) Clyde Wells
  - (B) Angela DiFalco
  - (C) Mary Noda
  - (D) Anthony Ward

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Questions 181-185 refer to the following advertisement and order form.



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### ORDER FORM

#### Marie Fowler Cakes

Name: Garrett Wilson  
Phone: 613-3211-2762

Delivery Date: November 8  
Address: M&H Technologies  
29 Warley Road  
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

#### Cake Description:

Two-tiered square cake for retirement party. Lavender buttercream frosting in a basket-weave texture. Gum-paste flowers (multicolored peonies as cake topper, with more peonies scattered on bottom tier). Message on plaque to read: "Good Luck, Ann. We'll Miss You." Cake will feed 100.

Price:	\$200.00
Discount: 10%	-20.00
Total:	<u>\$180.00</u>
Deposit: 20%	-36.00
Amount Due:	\$144.00 (to be paid upon delivery)

Owner's Signature: Marie Fowler

Customer's Signature: Garrett Wilson

**181.** What is indicated in the advertisement about Ms. Fowler?

- (A) She can provide photographers.
- (B) She bakes the cakes herself.
- (C) She meets with her customers personally.
- (D) She arranges corporate events.

**182.** What is suggested about Mr. Wilson?

- (A) He is a frequent customer of Marie Fowler Cakes.
- (B) He is a manager at M&H Technologies.
- (C) He purchased photos of cakes on a Web site.
- (D) He ordered a cake on the day of his consultation.

**183.** What kind of event will be celebrated at M&H Technologies?

- (A) A retirement
- (B) A birthday
- (C) An anniversary
- (D) A graduation

**184.** What is NOT mentioned about the cake?

- (A) It will be a lavender color.
- (B) It will have a message on it.
- (C) It will be decorated with flowers.
- (D) It will be presented in a basket.

**185.** What will Mr. Wilson most likely do on November 8?

- (A) Pay an outstanding balance
- (B) Order an additional cake
- (C) Pick up a cake at Ms. Fowler's shop
- (D) Send invitations to a party

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**Questions 186-190** refer to the following letter and e-mail.

January 28

Dr. Adriana Novakova  
Karlova 12  
100 01 Prague 1  
Czech Republic

Dear Dr. Novakova,

On behalf of the International Architectural Preservation Society, I'd like to invite you to give the opening keynote address at our conference in Budapest from August 31 to September 3. This would be on August 31 at 2:00 P.M. at the Hotel Danube, where the conference will be held.

The Preservation Society is impressed by your leadership in the recent restoration of the Opera Towers in your city. Your commitment to preserving the architectural elements of such an important landmark is a shining example of the best efforts preservationists strive to put forth. I am certain that conference attendees from around the world will be very interested in the processes and methods you used to bring the towers back to their original seventeenth-century splendor.

We hope you will consider speaking at the conference. Please contact me at +43-8664-42332 or by e-mail at [jbaumgarten@goetzuniversity.ac.at](mailto:jbaumgarten@goetzuniversity.ac.at).

Sincerely,

*Jutta Baumgarten*

E-mail Message

From: Adriana Novakova <[anovakova@historicrestorations.cz](mailto:anovakova@historicrestorations.cz)>  
To: Jutta Baumgarten <[jbaumgarten@goetzuniversity.ac.at](mailto:jbaumgarten@goetzuniversity.ac.at)>  
Subject: Your letter  
Date: February 5

Dear Dr. Baumgarten,

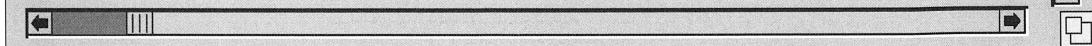
I was thrilled to receive your letter and to hear that my work is well regarded, especially by such an esteemed organization as yours. Of course, I would be honored to be a part of the conference and will be happy to talk about a subject that is so important to me, the restoration of the Opera Towers.

I do have a conflict, however, on day one of the conference. I have an important appointment with a grant-giving foundation that afternoon, which is of great importance to my next project, the restoration of a historic school building in Potsdam. Would it be possible for me to speak some time during the second or third day of the conference? Perhaps I could give the closing address.

I'd very much like to participate. Please let me know if this would work.

Sincerely,

Adriana Novakova



**186.** Why was the letter written?

- (A) To request an architectural plan
- (B) To invite someone to give a speech
- (C) To offer advice on a project
- (D) To cancel an engagement

**187.** What is suggested about the Opera Towers?

- (A) They have historical significance.
- (B) They will be moved to a new location.
- (C) They are currently under construction.
- (D) They are located in Dr. Baumgarten's hometown.

**188.** When will Dr. Novakova have a meeting about a school restoration project?

- (A) In January
- (B) In February
- (C) In August
- (D) In September

**189.** What is indicated about Dr. Novakova?

- (A) She is hesitant to give information about her projects.
- (B) She has worked with Dr. Baumgarten on a previous occasion.
- (C) She is a member of the International Architectural Preservation Society.
- (D) She is unable to be in Budapest for the beginning of the conference.

**190.** Where will Dr. Novakova work next?

- (A) In Potsdam
- (B) In Salzburg
- (C) In Prague
- (D) In Budapest

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**Questions 191-195** refer to the following memo and information.

**To:** All Monahan Books Staff

**From:** James Monahan

**Date:** 15 March

**Subject:** Staff Recommendations

As you know, when our customers browse for books, they often ask you, our staff members, for recommendations. As you may also know, April is Contemporary Irish Writers Month. In honor of that, I'd like to create a display on the east wall of our store that showcases our staff's recommendations for books by Irish writers. I'd like each of you to choose a book you enjoyed reading and write a paragraph which gives a synopsis of the book and describes why you recommend it. Recommendations can be written on a form that is available in my office. The book you recommend should have been written by a writer who is currently living and writing here in Ireland. The book can be fiction or nonfiction and must have been published within the past five years. Your recommendation will be displayed next to copies of the book.

I know that all of you are avid readers. I'm looking forward to seeing our customers' reactions to this display and to your knowledge and expertise. Please have recommendations written by 25 March.

Thank you.

*James*

Monahan Books Employee: Moira Dunn

Recommended book: Home Fires Burning

Author: Noel Black

First-time novelist Noel Black brings us the story of Gabriel Moore, a successful Irish physician living in London, who returns to his native County Clare, Ireland, to care for his ailing father. Upon Gabriel's arrival, his father reveals something that could bring the already difficult relationship between father and son to its breaking point. Black explores family dynamics with a poignant reality unmatched by most contemporary writers. An added bonus is Black's cast of village characters who add charm and humor to a serious subject. The reader is also treated to beautiful descriptions of the lush landscapes that make County Clare unique. *Home Fires Burning* is an entertaining read and is money well spent.

- 191.** What does Mr. Monahan say about customers of Monahan Books?
- (A) They seek advice from store employees.
  - (B) They shop mainly in the evening.
  - (C) They are interested primarily in Irish writers.
  - (D) They prefer Monahan Books to other bookstores.

- 192.** According to the memo, what will happen in April?
- (A) A bookstore will hire additional staff.
  - (B) A bookstore will feature a specific type of book.
  - (C) A writer will be invited to speak at a bookstore.
  - (D) A bookstore will close temporarily to prepare for a special event.

- 193.** What is implied about *Home Fires Burning*?
- (A) It was published in London.
  - (B) It was published less than five years ago.
  - (C) It is a best seller.
  - (D) It will be offered at a discount in April.

- 194.** Who is Gabriel Moore?
- (A) A character in a film
  - (B) An Irish author
  - (C) A landscape artist
  - (D) A fictional doctor
- 195.** What does Ms. Dunn suggest about *Home Fires Burning*?
- (A) It describes city life.
  - (B) It is difficult to read.
  - (C) It is realistic.
  - (D) It is written in an academic style.

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

From:	Lester Ang <lang@heathnet.com>
To:	Technical Service <techservice@brewmaster.com>
Subject:	Brew Master 400A
Date:	July 12

I purchased a Brew Master 400A Automatic Grind Coffeemaker just under one year ago (serial # 4XR400A94732). It had been working very well up until last week, but now the coffee is much weaker than usual. I consulted the manual that came with the coffeemaker and followed the suggestions. First, I followed the directions on page 6 to confirm that the filter basket was inserted properly. Then, I checked that the strength setting was correct and that there was an appropriate quantity of coffee beans in the coffee-bean holder. However, the coffee still is not as strong as it should be. Is there anything else you can recommend before I send the machine in for repair? I have purchased several Brew Master coffeemakers over the years, and they have always lasted much longer than a year. Thank you.

Thank you.  
Lester Ang

**\*E-mail\***

From:	Technical Service
To:	Lester Ang
Subject:	Brew Master 400A
Date:	July 13

Mr. Ang,

Thank you for your detailed e-mail. It is helpful to know that you have already explored potential problem areas. Since you did not locate the source, I suspect that the chute for the ground coffee is clogged. This is the area that connects the grinder to the filter and is the part through which the freshly ground coffee beans enter the filter basket.

To rectify the problem, you will need to remove the coffee-bean holder. Lift the cover from the chute and clean out any coffee grounds that might be stuck in there. Replace the chute cover and the coffee-bean holder, and your machine should be ready to brew coffee to the desired strength. It is helpful to clean the chute every six months.

As a reminder, the warranty you purchased on this machine has almost expired. You have the option to extend the warranty for another six months. You can do this online at [www.brewmaster.com/warranty](http://www.brewmaster.com/warranty).

Thank you for using a Brew Master coffeemaker.

Timothy McNeil  
Brew Master Technical Service

- 196.** Why did Mr. Ang write the first e-mail?
- (A) To find out where to send a machine for repair
  - (B) To ask how to solve a problem with a machine
  - (C) To offer advice on a damaged machine
  - (D) To ask what type of beans he should use with his machine
- 197.** What is mentioned about the Brew Master 400A coffeemaker?
- (A) It uses paper filters.
  - (B) It can make coffee in different strengths.
  - (C) It has a delayed-start function.
  - (D) It is self-cleaning.
- 198.** What is NOT a suggestion made by the manufacturer of Brew Master?
- (A) Checking the amount of beans in the coffee-bean holder
  - (B) Making sure the filter basket is put in correctly
  - (C) Grinding the beans to a finer consistency
  - (D) Cleaning ground coffee out of the chute

- 199.** In the second e-mail, the word “extend” in paragraph 3, line 2, is closest in meaning to
- (A) collect
  - (B) offer
  - (C) define
  - (D) lengthen
- 200.** What is implied about Mr. Ang?
- (A) He purchased a yearlong warranty.
  - (B) He will receive a refund.
  - (C) He bought his first Brew Master machine one year ago.
  - (D) He did not receive a manual with his machine.

**Stop!** This is the end of the test. If you finish before time is called, you may go back to Parts 5, 6, and 7 and check your work.