

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. Departmental restructuring will be discussed at the ----- monthly meeting.
(A) next
(B) always
(C) soon
(D) like
102. To keep ----- park beautiful, please place your nonrecyclables in the available trash cans.
(A) our
(B) we
(C) us
(D) ours
103. Mr. Hardin ----- additional images of the office building he is interested in leasing.
(A) informed
(B) asked
(C) advised
(D) requested
104. A team of agricultural experts will be brought ----- to try to improve crop harvests.
(A) because
(B) either
(C) between
(D) together
105. The board of Galaxipharm ----- Mr. Kwon's successor at yesterday's meeting.
(A) named
(B) granted
(C) founded
(D) proved
106. If your parking permit is damaged, bring it to the entrance station for a -----.
(A) replacement
(B) replacing
(C) replace
(D) replaces
107. Mr. Ahmad decided to reserve a private room for the awards dinner ----- the restaurant was noisy.
(A) rather than
(B) in case
(C) such as
(D) unless
108. Ms. Jones has provided a ----- estimate of the costs of expanding distribution statewide.
(A) conserve
(B) conserves
(C) conservative
(D) conservatively

109. Each quarter, Acaba Exports sets ----- sales goals for its staff.
 (A) compact
 (B) wealthy
 (C) faithful
 (D) realistic
110. Ms. Garcia was delighted to receive ----- that her company soon will be featured in the *In Town Times* magazine.
 (A) notify
 (B) notification
 (C) notifying
 (D) notifies
111. Children under five years of age are eligible ----- free vision tests.
 (A) over
 (B) down
 (C) for
 (D) out
112. Drivers on the Partan Expressway are reminded to drive ----- throughout July because of the ongoing construction work.
 (A) caution
 (B) cautiously
 (C) cautious
 (D) cautiousness
113. The committee will resume its weekly meetings ----- Ms. Cheon returns from Scotland on September 17.
 (A) that
 (B) once
 (C) as well
 (D) then
114. The ----- initiative aims to provide public transportation for commuters living in the outer suburbs.
 (A) proposed
 (B) proposing
 (C) proposal
 (D) propose
115. Yesterday's storm ----- interrupted the services of the Duddula, Inc., satellite communications system.
 (A) annually
 (B) anytime
 (C) whenever
 (D) temporarily
116. Even though Cabrera Pictures and Marcella Images make very different films, ----- are successful movie studios.
 (A) several
 (B) everybody
 (C) some
 (D) both
117. ----- of tasks can make a manager's job easier and help other employees learn new skills.
 (A) Reputation
 (B) Foundation
 (C) Delegation
 (D) Permission
118. Proceeds from the sale of Delcrest Corporation were equally ----- among the founder's three daughters.
 (A) divisions
 (B) dividing
 (C) divide
 (D) divided
119. ----- higher than average ticket prices, every performance of Aiden North's new play is sold out for the next six months.
 (A) Throughout
 (B) Except for
 (C) Despite
 (D) Prior to
120. Ricardo Sosa, the executive chef at Restaurant Ninal, responds to guests' suggestions -----.
 (A) respect
 (B) respects
 (C) respectfully
 (D) respected

121. Mr. Koster is negotiating the ----- of the new contract with Arban, Inc.
 (A) scope
 (B) turn
 (C) grip
 (D) drive
122. The equipment-use guidelines ----- on our internal corporate Web site.
 (A) may find
 (B) can be found
 (C) have found
 (D) have to find
123. Professor Han created spreadsheets to calculate the farm's irrigation needs -----.
 (A) dominantly
 (B) precisely
 (C) relatively
 (D) widely
124. For hiring purposes, five years of professional experience is ----- to having achieved certification.
 (A) reasonable
 (B) appropriate
 (C) equivalent
 (D) significant
125. South Regent Aviation is adopting measures to reduce fuel expenses by ----- cargo loads.
 (A) light
 (B) lighten
 (C) lightly
 (D) lightening
126. ----- the most challenging aspect of accepting a new position is negotiating a salary that is both fair and satisfying.
 (A) Perhaps
 (B) Outside
 (C) Every
 (D) While
127. Complaints about its new line of kitchen appliances led Loxevo, Inc., to adopt higher ----- for assessing quality.
 (A) standards
 (B) features
 (C) risks
 (D) institutions
128. The chief engineer noted that constructing another bridge would be more ----- than repairing the existing structure.
 (A) economy
 (B) economics
 (C) economically
 (D) economical
129. Jansen Bus Company drivers are expected to complete regular trainings ----- maintaining their state licenses.
 (A) in addition to
 (B) according to
 (C) inside
 (D) within
130. Ms. DeSoto ----- all employees to come to last week's budget meeting even though only officers were obligated to attend.
 (A) to have urged
 (B) had urged
 (C) will have urged
 (D) was urged

PART 6

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

Questions 131-134 refer to the following notice.

Lakeview Railway Onboard Bicycle Policy

Would you like to use your bicycle to explore the Lakeview Corridor Scenic Area? Our trains have the ----- you need to safely transport your bike. When booking your ticket, just remember that reservations ----- for both you and your bicycle. Reserve your bicycle spot ----- . There are a limited number of storage racks on each train. You are responsible for stowing your bike securely. ----- . Lakeview Railway does not take responsibility for bicycles lost or damaged aboard our trains.

131. (A) stock
(B) equipment
(C) property
(D) revenue

132. (A) require
(B) requiring
(C) are required
(D) were required

133. (A) early
(B) again
(C) more
(D) instead

134. (A) Folding bicycles have become more common.
(B) Additional service fees may apply.
(C) You can obtain route maps at most stations.
(D) You must also supply your own bike lock.

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Questions 135-138 refer to the following letter.

Corelli's Bakery
15 Middlemass Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44515

Dear Valued Customer:

For the last three years we have charged the same wholesale prices for our baked goods, including cakes, pies, cookies, and brownies. We regret that sharply rising prices for our raw ingredients, such as sugar and fruit, have forced us to raise our prices by 5 percent ----- **135.**
August 1. We have made every attempt to avoid this price increase. -----, we refuse to **136.**
compromise on the quality of our products. Using the best ingredients available will allow us to provide the delicious desserts your restaurant guests have come to expect. ----- **137.**
We appreciate your ----- **138.** and look forward to continuing to serve you.

Sincerely,

Tony Corelli, Owner

- 135.** (A) actual
(B) future
(C) practical
(D) effective

- 136.** (A) Similarly
(B) Therefore
(C) However
(D) Accordingly

- 137.** (A) We believe you will see that our products are still a great value.
(B) Our efforts to stay profitable have not been successful.
(C) We hope our competitors will raise their prices too.
(D) Our products are healthier than traditional baked goods.

- 138.** (A) supportive
(B) support
(C) supporter
(D) supports