

93. Where will the train not be stopping?

- (A) Tuckahoe
- (B) Brewster
- (C) North White Plains
- (D) Somers

94. What do the passengers have to do to their tickets?

- (A) buy them
- (B) sell them
- (C) rip them up
- (D) validate them

95. Where is the event taking place?

- (A) in Austria
- (B) in a lot
- (C) at an auction
- (D) at a train station

96. What is to be bid on?

- (A) a horse
- (B) a cow
- (C) a car
- (D) a piece of jewelry

97. What is not found on the pin?

- (A) silver
- (B) gold
- (C) emeralds
- (D) diamonds

98. What is the theme for the day?

- (A) eating properly
- (B) fear of bats
- (C) fear
- (D) listening to a doctor

99. What will happen to callers if their question is not prepared?

- (A) They will be embarrassed.
- (B) They will eat eggs.
- (C) They will get slapped.
- (D) They will be hung up on.

100. Where is the program taking place?

- (A) on the Internet
- (B) on television
- (C) on a smart phone
- (D) on the radio

This is the end of the Listening Test. Turn to Part 5 in your test book.

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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 Answer sheet pp. 294-303

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. It's 8 a.m. The sun _____ and the weather promises to be clear and warm for this time of year.

- (A) rose
- (B) raised
- (C) has risen
- (D) has raised

102. This is our 20th anniversary and it's as if it were yesterday that I married _____ my darling Christine.

- (A) to
- (B) with
- (C) —
- (D) at

103. The party promises _____ the best event of the year! Hundreds of people have been invited and all have confirmed.

- (A) bean
- (B) to be
- (C) be
- (D) been

104. The teacher scolded Owen. Mrs. Okros demanded that he _____ his homework more regularly.

- (A) finishes
- (B) to finish
- (C) finish
- (D) finishing

105. The jukebox was _____. We had to listen to the radio but there were too many commercials.

- (A) in order
- (B) on order
- (C) ordering
- (D) out of order

106. Tom's mother bought him a pair of trousers that was too long. He had to _____ up the hem.
- (A) sow
(B) sew
(C) sue
(D) saw
107. They went to the _____ for a hamburger, French fries and a chocolate shake. They never ate so well.
- (A) dinner
(B) diner
(C) dining
(D) dined
108. The flight that took off from Paris is bound _____ Mauritius and will take about 11 hours.
- (A) to
(B) for
(C) at
(D) in
109. Although many people had hoped to make a lot of money, since the tech stock bubble _____, the economic atmosphere has been bleak.
- (A) burst
(B) broke
(C) break
(D) busted
110. _____ is a very exciting hobby but it can be very dangerous at lower levels. You must always be aware of your depth and the amount of air left in your tanks.
- (A) Scuba diving
(B) Scuba dived
(C) Scuba dive
(D) Scuba divers
111. When Richard and Elizabeth met it was love at first _____. They've been together ever since.
- (A) see
(B) saw
(C) seen
(D) sight
112. Steven is a really good skier, but he skies _____ when the snow is packed.
- (A) good
(B) best
(C) the best
(D) worst
113. He was sick and tired of being unemployed. He decided to _____ another profession.
- (A) look after
(B) look through
(C) look into
(D) look at

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114. The bus broke down at the intersection; _____ all of the passengers had to walk to their destinations.
(A) however
(B) but
(C) although
(D) therefore
115. I'm sorry; the vending machine does not take bills. You have to have the exact _____.
(A) money
(B) currency
(C) charge
(D) change
116. During the championship races Peter realized that the other teams were _____ challengers.
(A) promised
(B) suggestive
(C) formidable
(D) assumed
117. No one seems to know where John is. He left the office two hours ago, he _____ be stuck in traffic.
(A) should
(B) would
(C) may
(D) shall
118. When is Leo's godfather _____? The ceremony is about to begin but we can't start without him.
(A) arrived
(B) to arrive
(C) will arrive
(D) arriving
119. _____ he known the answer he would have won the jackpot. It's really a shame that he hadn't studied the subject a bit harder.
(A) If
(B) Would
(C) Has
(D) Had
120. Should you need to _____ your belt, all you have to do is pull on the strap and your seat will be more comfortable.
(A) lose
(B) loosen
(C) lost
(D) loosened
121. Yesterday Alex passed his motorcycle exams. His success _____ in the fact that he was very studious.
(A) lain
(B) lay
(C) lie
(D) laid

122. The cruise ship carries 3,000 passengers; it has 1,500 cabins and _____ for the Bahamas on Fridays.
(A) leaves
(B) leaving
(C) is leaving
(D) left
123. Although she did it every day, Barbara was never used to _____ in the snow.
(A) drive
(B) driven
(C) drives
(D) driving
124. The factory manager is much better but he was very ill last week. He _____ put on sick leave for 3 days.
(A) has been
(B) is
(C) were
(D) was
125. If I _____ a doctor I'd try to save as many lives as possible. However I'd first have to go through medical school.
(A) was
(B) were
(C) is
(D) am
126. She would like to start a new hobby and was thinking of taking _____ golf.
(A) in
(B) by
(C) at
(D) up
127. Just as Paul arrived at the party the snow _____ to fall. No one had listened to the weather forecast and everyone ended up being snowbound.
(A) begins
(B) had begun
(C) began
(D) beginning
128. I'm supposed to go to the wedding but my car is filthy. I think it needs _____.
(A) wash
(B) to wash
(C) washing
(D) washed
129. The best way to organize a wedding reception is by going _____ a caterer.
(A) by
(B) through
(C) over
(D) under

Reading TEST

130. The managers _____ the good news that everyone in the company would be getting a pay raise.
(A) spread
(B) spent
(C) spared
(D) spiced
131. After the bank robbery the thieves got away and the money was _____ to be found.
(A) somewhere
(B) anywhere
(C) nothing
(D) nowhere
132. How much time did they _____ doing the crossword puzzle?
(A) pass
(B) spend
(C) extend
(D) expel
133. We're sorry we have to go but our bus is leaving very soon. It's a shame that we have so _____ time left.
(A) few
(B) a few
(C) little
(D) less
134. They have _____ a house that we get lost among the various rooms. There are at least 10 bedrooms!
(A) so big
(B) such big
(C) also
(D) so
135. It was very awkward when we crossed the border. The customs agent went _____ my bags very meticulously.
(A) over
(B) under
(C) in
(D) through
136. We went to the department store two days ago and all of the furniture _____ 50% off.
(A) were
(B) was
(C) is
(D) are
137. Oscar broke his leg during his skiing trip and since that time he's been walking on _____.
(A) sticks
(B) canes
(C) stilts
(D) crutches

138. You look a bit pale. I think you _____ to go outside and get some sun more often.

- (A) should
- (B) must
- (C) may
- (D) ought

139. I used a lot of meat in the stew. _____ potatoes do you want me to peel?

- (A) How much
- (B) However
- (C) How come
- (D) How many

140. Your mother has phoned 5 times already to find _____ why you are so late. I think you should call her back.

- (A) at
- (B) in
- (C) out
- (D) by

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TEST 2

Reading TEST

Part 6 Answer sheet pp. 294-303

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 141-144 refer to the following letter.

Mrs. Justine Pigeon
25 Victims Avenue
Toronto, Canada

April 10, 20__

Dear Mrs. Pigeon:

After having looked _____ your deceased husband's assets, we have determined
141.

- (A) over
- (B) in
- (C) by
- (D) to

that his last will and testament will indeed have to go through probate. This would mean that any expected claims will have to wait until the courts have gone _____ the

142.

- (A) in
- (B) by
- (C) through
- (D) upon

necessary steps and procedures according to California law. Your _____

143.

- (A) early
- (B) late
- (C) premature
- (D) tardy

huband has left you the house in Toronto and the apartment in Los Angeles, the amounts in both bank accounts and the yacht in Santa Monica. Your children will receive full tuition for their college education. As executor of your husband's will it is up to us to distribute what is left to his _____

144.

- (A) hairs
- (B) airs
- (C) heirs
- (D) hares

Sincerely,
F.U. Shark, esq.

Questions 145-148 refer to the following article.

THE SUNDAY HERALD

Today's self-help column will deal _____ how to lose weight and eat properly at the same time.

145.

- (A) by
- (B) with
- (C) of
- (D) through

The first step to _____ slim is to exercise regularly. Each day becomes a new challenge

146.

- (A) being
- (B) been
- (C) to be
- (D) have been

with new goals to achieve. You have to burn off that excess fat and that requires cardio-vascular movement that can only be done through a vigorous work out. Walking or running is ideal to help you stay fit. Although exercising is _____ the effort made will bring results.

147.

- (A) tired
- (B) tire
- (C) tiring
- (D) tying

Each and every calorie counts so you have to be careful with what you eat. Never mix proteins and starches. Always eat meat and fish dishes with vegetables. Pasta and rice dishes should be eaten independently of any proteins or sauces. You must always eat three meals per day. Skipping a meal is _____ than not exercising every day.

148.

- (A) work
- (B) worth
- (C) worse
- (D) worthy

Losing weight is not difficult. You need to have three essential elements: discipline, discipline, discipline. You can do it, all you have to do is try. Working out and watching what you eat is the best way to be able to lose those extra pounds and be able to wear that new bikini that you couldn't fit into last summer. You'll be able to look in the mirror with pride and be the envy of all of your friends and neighbours. Married women will be able to rekindle their relationships, and for all you single girls out there, a new you could bring a new prince charming into your lives. What have you got to lose?

Give it a try.

Reading TEST

Questions 149-152 refer to the following memo.

To: All tenants
From: Building management
RE: Electricity

Dear Tenants:

Please be aware that there will be _____ heat nor hot water all day tomorrow due to repairs
149.

- (A) neither
- (B) either
- (C) both
- (D) none

to the boiler system in our building. We hope that this won't be too much of an _____
150.

- (A) discomfort
- (B) deception
- (C) inoculation
- (D) inconvenience

Our maintenance staff will do its utmost to make sure that repairs are carried _____ in the
151.

- (A) in
- (B) by
- (C) through
- (D) out

swiftest manner possible. However we do need time to improve services and we thank you for your patience
and understanding. We are all responsible _____ the upkeep of our building.
152.

- (A) of
- (B) to
- (C) by
- (D) for

After all, a man's home is indeed his castle. We will inform you once all repairs have been completed.

The Management

• Part 7 Answer sheet pp. 294-303

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 153-156 refer to the following text.

Anyone planning on visiting the United States should first know that it is a very big country. It is so big that there are various trip packages that cater to personal interests and tastes. If you're interested in big cities, for example, you can visit New York, Chicago or San Francisco. Each one of these urban hubs is the epitome of the American hustle and bustle way of life. If you're interested in nature you can visit states like California, Nevada or Arizona, home to the Grand Canyon, and where you'll feel as if you were in a real

western with cowboys and Indians. The deserts and the cacti go on as far as the eye can see. For those who are interested in sports, you can go skiing in Colorado or Utah, or go snorkelling or sailing in Florida. Finally for those history buffs out there, although the U.S. is a young country, you'll find that places like Washington, D.C., Boston and Philadelphia are chock full of interesting bits of historical trivia. Wherever you may decide to go, a visit to the United States will be an unforgettable experience for all travelers.

153. What is the purpose of this text?

- (A) making travel plans to New York
- (B) advice on travelling to California
- (C) advising a destination in the United States
- (D) how to get to the United States

154. What can be found in the major American cities?

- (A) peace and tranquility
- (B) subways and buses
- (C) a hectic lifestyle
- (D) historical monuments

155. Which state is not intended for nature buffs?

- (A) Colorado
- (B) Nevada
- (C) Arizona
- (D) California

156. Who should go to Philadelphia?

- (A) skiers
- (B) divers
- (C) history aficionados
- (D) cowboys

Reading TEST

Questions 157-160 refer to the following letter.

Paradise Travel
7 Utopia Rd.
Miami, FL 33153

January 28, 20__

Mr. & Mrs. V. Winkle
55 Sleepy Hollow Way
Chappaqua, NY 212444

Re: Your itinerary on the Orient Express

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Winkle,

June and I are pleased to inform you that your travel plans have been organised and all arrangements have been confirmed. Enclosed please find your itinerary and vouchers for all hotels and restaurants. Your deposit of \$500 has been deposited into our account and the balance is now due. Please send the check as soon as possible. Should you have any questions please contact us at the usual number or e-mail address.

	Departure	Arrival	Hotel	Restaurant
Monday	Paris	Vienna	König Hotel	Schnitzel and Schnitzel
Tuesday	Vienna	Budapest	The Gellért	Goulash
Wednesday	Budapest	Venice	The Cipriani	La Trattoria
Thursday	Venise	Sophia	The Majestic	The Continental
Friday	Sophia	Istanbul	The Blue Hotel	The Topkapi Restaurant

157. When are the passengers eating at Goulash?

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

158. Where is the passengers' final destination?

- (A) Paris
- (B) Sophia
- (C) Istanbul
- (D) Venice

159. How much have the passengers already paid?

- (A) nothing
- (B) everything
- (C) on instalment
- (D) \$500

160. What has the agency forgotten to enclose?

- (A) itinerary
- (B) vouchers
- (C) train tickets
- (D) a check

Questions 161-164 refer to the following text.

Unfortunately many tourists were disappointed today as national museums were closed due to a nationwide strike of museum guards and guides. In an abrupt gesture, the guards' union called for a "wild cat" strike, informing all union members to cease working. They raised their slogans and banners in unison and marched down the streets of the city chanting "cheap bosses bring job losses." In essence the unions want higher wages for their guards and more flexible hours for their guides. The guides would like to have more time off for research in their respective fields. Many of these erudite men and women are working on

various theses to complete degrees in fine arts or in history. They claim that they just don't have enough time to make a decent living and simultaneously continue with their scholastic work. We don't know how long the strike is going to last, but the union seems to be very firm in its resistance. Museum directors have said that they will try and negotiate with union heads but the latter have shown little willingness to give any leverage for discussion. Sadly, tourists will just have to look at the museums from the outside and buy posters of the works of art that they so longed to see.

161. Why were tourists disappointed?

- (A) The guides were on strike.
- (B) The museums were closed.
- (C) It was a national holiday.
- (D) Unions were outraged.

162. What did the unions call for?

- (A) a spontaneous strike
- (B) a delayed strike
- (C) a long strike
- (D) a short strike

163. What do the guides request?

- (A) time off
- (B) time on
- (C) the time
- (D) a timed visit

164. How would you describe the unionists' position?

- (A) weak
- (B) strong
- (C) stubborn
- (D) flexible

Reading TEST

Questions 165-168 refer to the following text.

It has been impossible to get a flight to or from this quaint seaside resort. All hotels are completely booked up and for the next ten days what is usually a small fisherman's village will become a town of enchantment, merriment and wonder. It's the red letter day to walk down the red carpet at this year's Cannot film festival where the stars and starlettes gather to witness who will be considered the best this year in motion pictures. The competition is stiff and the champagne is flowing. Winning one of these prestigious awards can make or break a film. It can hurl a total unknown into stardom over-

night, so the stakes are very high indeed. There will be lots of tears and cheers this evening but as Stanislavsky once said, "there are no small parts, only small actors." The "paparazzi" have come out in droves and the cameras are flashing left and right. It's a madhouse as the nominees arrive in their stretch limousines. The crowds are dense on both sides of the carpet and fans are reaching out with their autograph books in their hands hoping to get their favourite actor's signature. All I can say is good luck to all, and may the best actor win.

165. What event is taking place in the text?

- (A) recording session
- (B) an award ceremony
- (C) a parade
- (D) a star sighting

166. What is the competition like?

- (A) hard
- (B) limp
- (C) loose
- (D) lax

167. What can winning do for an actor?

- (A) sink his career
- (B) make his career soar
- (C) make him cry
- (D) make him cheer

168. The atmosphere could be best described as?

- (A) calm
- (B) pleasant
- (C) serene
- (D) frantic

Questions 169-172 refer to the following advertisement.

If you're looking to invest in a city that is on the rise, there is no better place in the world than Nassau in the Bahamas. Since the recent economic crisis Nassau has become a prime real estate location. Up to now it has been difficult for foreign investors to buy land in this area of the Atlantic Ocean. The government has loosened its conservative policy and now welcomes those who are looking to purchase property. Nassau is a prime location. It's a short trip by hydroplane to Miami in the United States, and you can commute to any of the other islands via convenient

ferry shuttles. Other islands such as Eleuthra or Harbor Island are easily accessible. Let's face it, with houses selling at rock-bottom prices, an investor has nothing to lose. It is an ideal place where there is ample sunshine almost all year long. The fishing is outstanding, restaurants are fantastic and Main Street is a shopper's haven with a plethora of shops. Real estate taxes and interest rates are low. There are still some great deals to be made, so with very little down payment, you could buy yourself a little piece of paradise on earth. What are you waiting for?

169. This advertisement is intended for:

- (A) corporate employees
- (B) vacation planning
- (C) home buyers
- (D) shoppers

170. What could be said about the real estate market in Nassau?

- (A) It's a buyers' market.
- (B) It's a sellers' market.
- (C) It's a bear market.
- (D) It's a bull market.

171. What cannot be said about Nassau?

- (A) The deep-sea fishing is great.
- (B) There are few shops.
- (C) The restaurants are terrific.
- (D) The sun shines most of the year.

172. What do you need to be able to buy a house?

- (A) to leave a key
- (B) to borrow money
- (C) to pay your taxes
- (D) to make a deposit

Reading TEST

Questions 173-176 refer to the following letters.

Donald D. Uck
5 Pond lane
Orlando, FL 33312

August 13, 20__

Intercontinental Airlines
Houston, TX 75666

Re: Service on last flight

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you to let you know that the service on flight #565 from Newark, NJ, to Las Vegas, NV on April 19th was absolutely appalling! The hostesses were rude. The food was disgusting and there was a fee for everything. I was charged for my meal, my drinks and my bags. Why, I wouldn't be surprised if on the next flight you'd charge to use the restrooms. Well let me tell you, Intercontinental Airlines, there won't be a next time. In fact, I'd rather flap my arms than fly with you again. I was going to Las Vegas to have some fun during the Easter holiday but the horrible service ruined my vacation. It was a nightmare, and I would like to know how you plan on making up for this inconvenience.

Sincerely,
Donald D. Uck

Customer Service
Intercontinental Airlines
Houston, TX 75666

September 1, 20__

Mr. Donald D. Uck
5 Pond lane
Orlando, FL 33312

Re: Response to your complaint

Dear Mr. Uck:

First of all, we would like to express how sorry we are about your poor experience on one of our flights. Our crew is of the utmost professionalism and our goal is to ensure our customers' safety and comfort at all times. Unfortunately, due to the recent recession, we've had no other recourse but to charge extra for various services. This does not increase our profit margin, it is only meant to pay for the means to guarantee our customers' satisfaction. To show our good faith, please accept the enclosed voucher (good for one year) for a round-trip ticket to anywhere in the United States. We hope that you will remain one of our faithful customers and we will do everything possible to make your next flight with us an even better one.

Sincerely,
Customer Service

173. What is the tone of the first letter?

- (A) furious
- (B) friendly
- (C) gracious
- (D) forthcoming

174. What did the passenger not have to pay for?

- (A) food
- (B) alcohol
- (C) luggage
- (D) lavatories

175. Why did the airline raise its prices?

- (A) greed
- (B) economic hardship
- (C) sustainability
- (D) low overhead

176. When will the passenger fly with the airline in the future?

- (A) tomorrow
- (B) next Christmas
- (C) possibly within the year
- (D) last Easter

Questions 177-179 refer to the following grid and memo.

Item	Cost per item	Increase	Supplied by
Staples	\$5.00	\$2.00	I Love My Office
Stationery	\$50.00	\$5.00	Paper Heaven
Thumbtacks	\$3.00	\$2.00	Stick It To Me
Toner	\$20.00	\$15.00	Photocopying Delight

Memo to all employees:

Please be advised that the price of office supplies will increase as of next month. Orders should be sent to Mrs. Taylor no later than the end of each month. Please indicate in bold letters the number of boxes per item that your department needs. As we purchase our products at wholesale prices, boxes of staples, stationery and thumbtacks contain 100 items each. There are 20 cartridges of ink per box of toner. Should you be ordering stationery, please indicate the color, the measurements that you require and what information, if any, you would like printed on the letterhead. Deliveries come on Mondays and Fridays every other week. All of the above-listed firms have exclusive contracts with our company and guarantee the lowest prices on the market. If anyone should find office supplies at lower prices please contact Mrs. Taylor as soon as possible so that she may cancel orders in time.

177. How much will paper cost in June?

- (A) \$50.00
- (B) \$5.00
- (C) \$35.00
- (D) \$55.00

178. Where can the employees go to buy ink?

- (A) I Love My Office
- (B) Photocopying Delight
- (C) Paper Heaven
- (D) Stick It To Me

179. What item is needed to post messages on a bulletin board?

- (A) pencils
- (B) thumbtacks
- (C) toner
- (D) stationery

Reading TEST

Questions 180-183 refer to the following advertisement.

Wanted: Part-time and full-time camp counsellors

Requirements:

You must be at least 18 years old.

All candidates must have a first-aid certificate.

Candidates must pass a physical exam to determine if you are able to take the position.

Candidates must manifest an ability to swim, ride a bicycle, row a boat and hike for long distances.

Full-time counsellors will be housed on the grounds.

The positions cover the summer session from June 30 – August 31.

Please send your CVs and cover letters to:

Camp Lots of Fun

Lake Ontario

Buffalo, NY

Deadline: April 30, 20__

180. What kind of experience must a candidate have?

- (A) business
- (B) coaching
- (C) mouth-to-mouth resuscitation
- (D) cooking

181. What is not required of candidates?

- (A) knowledge of archery
- (B) experience in swimming
- (C) balance to ride a bicycle
- (D) long walks

182. Where will part-time employees be lodged?

- (A) on the grounds
- (B) in camp dormitories
- (C) in a hotel
- (D) away from the camp

183. Applications are due by:

- (A) the end of April
- (B) the end of June
- (C) the beginning of July
- (D) the end of August

Questions 184-187 refer to the following grid.

Apartment	Status	Rent	Size	Lease	Maintenance	Pets
3J	Rented	\$300	Studio	1 year	\$30	yes
4C	Rented	\$500	1 Bedroom	2 years	\$50	no
6F	Rented	\$650	2 Bedroom	2 years renewable	\$65	yes
7D	Pending	\$700	2 Bedroom	1 year	\$70	no
14K	Available	\$1,000	1 Bedroom	2 year renewable	\$100	no
25D	Available	\$1,500	3 Bedroom	1 year	\$150	yes
30 L	Available	\$3,000	Penthouse	1 year with a possibility to renew	\$300	yes

Memo: To all building employees

The above chart is a listing of the recent activity in our building. Please note that 7D is negotiating the possibility of accepting a small dog. We will have further information after the board meeting by the end of the week.

184. Which apartment has one bedroom and is available?

- (A) 3J
- (B) 4C
- (C) 7D
- (D) 14K

185. Which apartment is occupied with two bedrooms and a renewable lease?

- (A) 3J
- (B) 6F
- (C) 25D
- (D) 30L

186. The maintenance represents what percent of the rent?

- (A) 1%
- (B) 5%
- (C) 10%
- (D) 50%

187. Why is unit 7D not rented yet?

- (A) issue over domestic animals
- (B) the floor is too high
- (C) the number of bedrooms
- (D) the lack of a balcony

Reading TEST

Questions 188-190 refer to the following report.

The fire-damp explosion that took place in the tire factory last week has left the owners with no other option but to declare bankruptcy. It turns out that management didn't have the necessary insurance to cover such an event. Employees have been left in the lurch and are dumbfounded and sad. One employee expressed her frustration after having worked for the company for over 20 years, "I thought that we were like a family and that the bosses would take care of their workers, like parents who take care of their children. Now we're all orphans." 300 employees

will be laid off and in these difficult times, that is not good news. The local press has been covering this story hoping to draw the people's attention to firms that are irresponsible. The company's managers are trying to downplay their role in this disaster by saying that smoke alarms had just been installed on every floor. They feel that this lightens their share of guilt and exonerates them of any wrong doing. It remains to be seen as to whether the employees are going to receive any compensation from the company directors or the local government.

- 188. What did the owners have to do after the fire-damp explosion?**
- (A) go out of business
 - (B) buy insurance
 - (C) go to the bank
 - (D) buy more tires
- 189. What was the employees' reaction?**
- (A) They were stunned.
 - (B) They were happy.
 - (C) They were optimistic.
 - (D) They were positive.
- 190. To what did the employee compare her situation?**
- (A) being childless
 - (B) being parentless
 - (C) being brainless
 - (D) being heartless

Questions 191-193 refer to the following text.

In a recent survey 200 people were asked what their favourite soft drink was and a whopping 50% declared that they'd rather drink Spicy Cola than any other beverage. This new cola has taken the nation by storm. It contains just what the name implies: spices! When you drink a can of Spicy Cola you will enjoy the flavour of thyme, curry, sage with a hint of mint. It is said to refresh, invigorate and quench your thirst at the same time. The average age of those who liked the drink was the 10 – 18 age group. Older testers preferred alcoholic beverages like wine or beer and a minority expressed a preference for

spirits. It is obvious that teenagers represent a major part of the soft drink market. Contrary to older generations, who have traditional tastes, youths long for new and innovative drinks that are pretty and trendy. Drinking a fluorescent pink or blue soda draws attention to the consumer. The teens want drinks that give them a jolt of energy, enabling them to dance the night away on dance floors in nightclubs or at parties. Our studies have shown that if the drink is new and original, the potential short-term profits are higher.

191. What spice is not included in the drink?

- (A) rosemary
- (B) thyme
- (C) curry
- (D) sage

192. What does it claim to do?

- (A) make you sleepy
- (B) give you energy
- (C) make you hungry
- (D) make you thirsty

193. How old were those who liked the drink?

- (A) retirees
- (B) cooks
- (C) teenagers
- (D) adults

Reading TEST

Questions 194-197 refer to the following e-mail and grid.

To: Mrs. Worth
Worth.yoho.com

From: Altman Insurance
Alt.ins.com
Customer Service

Dear Mrs. Worth,

Your insurance claim for the items that were stolen from your home on July 4 is currently being processed by our agents. Unfortunately, you have purchased the least expensive policy. Consequently, you are covered only for the theft of your jewellery, and your deductible is \$1,500. If the value of your missing jewellery is below that figure, I'm afraid that you will not be reimbursed. Could you please send us the original purchase price of the items in question and a detailed description of each item taken.

Thank you in advance,

Edwina Larsen
Customer Service

To: Altman Insurance
Alt.ins.com.
Attn: Edwina Larsen

From: Worth. Yoho. Com

Dear Ms. Larsen:

I am hereby sending you a detailed list of the items stolen from my home on July 4 and their original cost.

Item	Cost	Date of purchase	Description	Location
1 diamond ring	\$1,000	April 5, 1999	One-karat blue diamond	jewellery box
1 computer	\$2,000	July 11, 2009	A black 10-inch computer	living room
1 digital camera	\$1,500	August 18, 2008	An underwater camera	hall closet
1 ruby and emerald bracelet	\$5,000	August 25, 2005	A gold bracelet with 5 rubies and 5 emeralds	jewellery box

194. What item will be reimbursed?

- (A) a ring
- (B) a computer
- (C) a bracelet
- (D) a camera

195. When were the claimable objects purchased?

- (A) June
- (B) July
- (C) August
- (D) April

196. How much will Mrs. Worth be reimbursed?

- (A) \$3,500
- (B) \$5,000
- (C) \$1,000
- (D) \$2,000

197. When was her home burgled?

- (A) April 5
- (B) July 4
- (C) July 11
- (D) August 18

Reading TEST

Questions 198-200 refer to the following text.

There has been a downturn in the evolution of the commodities market. Gold and silver have drastically plummeted, causing havoc on the stock exchanges of the world. The sugar industry is desperately trying to resist the trend and is holding its own, but fighting against the tide is a real struggle for most companies. Some experts have gone as far as suggesting that this is the worst bear market in the past decade. The major indices have also taken a turn for the worse. The only area that is on the rebound is currencies. Currently the Dollar and the Yen are on the rise against the Euro, and although the European

currency has fallen a bit, it is still widely ahead of where it was 6 months ago. Therefore, most analysts feel that there is little or no reason to panic. Nevertheless there are certain financial pundits who claim that a weaker Dollar is only a ruse to increase foreign investment in the United States to bolster their ailing economy. The verdict is still pending and we will know for certain within the next 6 to 8 months. But as far as these predictions for the commodities market were concerned, the analysts all had one thing to say: "No comment!"

198. How is the commodities market performing?

- (A) well
- (B) poorly
- (C) evenly
- (D) substantially

199. What is the sugar industry doing?

- (A) resisting
- (B) wavering
- (C) defaulting
- (D) dwindling

200. What is the analysts' position on the currency market?

- (A) positive
- (B) negative
- (C) indifferent
- (D) mute

CORRIGES p. 2

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 to check your work.