

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 article.

COPENHAGEN (25 May)—Odense Media announced today that initial sales of the latest version of its tablet, Virtusonic, have ----- the company's expectations. Company spokesperson Kerstin Vestergaard attributes the ----- sales to a number of factors. First, there is the tablet's high-quality case. ----- . In addition, the Virtusonic has an adaptive screen brightness feature. This allows it to adjust automatically to less-than-ideal ----- conditions. Vestergaard believes that these characteristics make the Virtusonic a must-have for consumers.

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- 131.** (A) based
(B) surpassed
(C) invested
(D) progressed

- 134.** (A) lighting
(B) noise
(C) temperature
(D) wind

- 132.** (A) impress
(B) impressing
(C) impressive
(D) impressed

- 133.** (A) Customers must consider what the tablet will be used for.
(B) The Virtusonic will be available in other colors next month.
(C) Check stores for the best deals on the new device.
(D) The protective shell ensures the durability of the device.

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Questions 135-138 refer to the following memo.

To: All employees
 From: Marcus Sindhu, IT Director
 Date: June 1
 Subject: Web site maintenance

Please note that routine maintenance of the server will be performed this weekend, affecting the content of our company Web site. The server ^{135.} down for approximately eight hours from 11 P.M. on Saturday, June 6, to 7 A.M. on Sunday, June 7. ^{136.} this time, access to the Web site will be restricted, and e-mail delivery will be paused. ^{137.} Once the server is back up, please take some time to explore the ^{138.} features on the Web site. These include a new scheduler and a more user-friendly search tool.

Your patience is greatly appreciated. Please direct any questions to me.

135. (A) is
 (B) was
 (C) will be
 (D) had been

138. (A) safety
 (B) updated
 (C) portable
 (D) temporary

136. (A) During
 (B) Despite
 (C) Following
 (D) Prior to

137. (A) The work will be done during business hours.
 (B) A team of seven programmers will be hard at work.
 (C) All Web site operations will resume on Sunday morning.
 (D) Feel free to check your e-mail as needed.

Questions 139-142 refer to the following article.

Small Business Costs: An Overview for Beginners

There are two main kinds of costs. Variable costs are one kind; they include staff wages or the cost of supplies. ^{139.} costs are considered fixed. These include such things as rent payments and property taxes.

A third kind of cost is called an opportunity cost. You incur an opportunity cost whenever you make a decision to do one specific thing ^{140.} choosing some alternative option. This cost refers to the lost opportunities you could have benefited from had you made a different choice. Careful consideration of potential opportunity costs is important. Ideally this should ^{141.} decision making.

^{142.} You should consult a licensed accountant for a more complete understanding.

139. (A) Any
(B) Both
(C) Other
(D) Those
140. (A) except for
(B) just as
(C) rather than
(D) only if
141. (A) eliminate
(B) influence
(C) replace
(D) automate
142. (A) The number of employees is continuing to fluctuate.
(B) A sales manager controls employee commissions.
(C) The business used to have a larger inventory.
(D) There are other types of business costs as well.

Questions 143-146 refer to the following article.

Morlon Home Goods Set to Open

TISDALE (2 April)—Morlon Home Goods will open this Friday in a 130 square meter space on Waverly Road that was formerly ----- by Binkley's Market. The store features home décor items, such as lamps, wall art, and small furniture from around the globe, all at affordable prices.

"Morlon has a great variety of attractive items for the modern home. Our inventory changes ----- . Patrons like to stop in often to see what is new," said Naoko Sasaki, the chain's marketing director. This is the first Morlon in the local area. ----- . A grand opening ----- featuring free food, giveaways, and discount coupons will be held on Saturday, 13 April from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

143. (A) occupation
(B) occupied
(C) occupy
(D) occupying

146. (A) celebrates
(B) celebrating
(C) celebrate
(D) celebration

144. (A) elsewhere
(B) afterward
(C) properly
(D) frequently

145. (A) The company has fourteen other stores around the country.
(B) Profits increased 25 percent since last quarter.
(C) Morlon's biggest competitor is Country Home.
(D) Binkley's Market went out of business earlier this year.