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Example:

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- (A) loving (C) lovingly
 (B) lovely (D) love

Correct answer: (C)

101. John found Maria hard to get along with, he did the best he could.
 (A) However difficult
 (B) Because of
 (C) Nevertheless
 (D) Although

102. He was forced to declare _____ two years after purchasing the property because he couldn't make payments.
 (A) eligibility
 (B) candidacy
 (C) bankruptcy
 (D) bail

103. Although his new job had long hours, Mike was pleased with his higher _____.
 (A) dues
 (B) salary
 (C) fees
 (D) earns

104. Be sure to submit your application form by the 20th of March _____ you wish to be considered for the post.
 (A) unless that
 (B) whether
 (C) if
 (D) in case of

105. I _____ the report now; I'll be with you in a second.
 (A) finish
 (B) finished
 (C) would finish
 (D) am finishing

106. The day of the meeting has been changed; it has been _____ for Thursday.
 (A) reserved
 (B) cancelled
 (C) rectified
 (D) rescheduled

107. On one hand we've had a bit of a setback, but on _____ hand it's a chance to show that we're determined.
 (A) the other
 (B) another
 (C) the second
 (D) that

108. Be sure to let me know if I can be of any _____.
 (A) assistance
 (B) enlightenment
 (C) inclination
 (D) clarification

109. Due to a _____ in security, hackers got access to the company's files.
 (A) rebate
 (B) rip
 (C) spam
 (D) lapse

110. Lunch _____ in the dining room at midday.
 (A) will serve
 (B) to be served
 (C) will be served
 (D) is serving

111. Although one of the two candidates has more experience, _____ has great enthusiasm and energy.
 (A) either
 (B) the one
 (C) another
 (D) the other

112. The bus is departing _____ so please hurry up.
 (A) promptly
 (B) prompt
 (C) prompted
 (D) prompting

113. Does the position include any _____, such as retirement or health insurance?
(A) bonuses
(B) benefits
(C) breaks
(D) brackets
114. Many were worried the country would suffer a _____ because of the rise in interest rates.
(A) digression
(B) regression
(C) recession
(D) depletion
115. The folder, _____ you will find the report, is on the top shelf.
(A) which
(B) in which
(C) where is
(D) wherever
116. It is important that you _____ any concerns you might have so we can address them.
(A) rally
(B) raise
(C) rage
(D) rule
117. James always seems to dress to _____.
(A) impress
(B) impressed
(C) impressive
(D) impressively
118. Michelle felt like she was kept on the _____ and was not really considered part of the team.
(A) outline
(B) sidelines
(C) off line
(D) guidelines
119. Amy decided to _____ in cardiology after graduating from medical school.
(A) investigate
(B) detail
(C) explore
(D) specialize
120. The hierarchy _____ the company was very complex.
(A) within
(B) on
(C) around
(D) among
121. Anna was concerned about keeping her job because the company was _____.
(A) expanding
(B) condensing
(C) downsizing
(D) backdating
122. Profits were _____; better than last year, but still short of our goal.
(A) morbid
(B) marginal
(C) menial
(D) meaningless
123. I'm afraid I'm _____; I've been working in the office since 7am.
(A) exhausted
(B) invigorated
(C) extended
(D) incensed
124. Mario felt that he did not get enough _____ for his hard work.
(A) recognition
(B) stimulation
(C) consideration
(D) obligation
125. Alison, like her sister Jessica, _____ studying to be a lawyer.
(A) also
(B) have been
(C) are
(D) is
126. I would like to thank you for your _____ in reaching a speedy solution.
(A) trust
(B) cooperation
(C) inclination
(D) resistance
127. Mary Ann _____ for an audition for a play on Thursday.
(A) is going
(B) goes
(C) has gone
(D) is going to
128. _____ you were working under pressure, you have done an excellent job!
(A) However
(B) Although
(C) In spite of
(D) No wonder
129. The check _____ because the account was empty and he was charged a fee.
(A) failed
(B) rolled
(C) slid
(D) bounced
130. In order to be efficient you must _____ on the task at hand.
(A) strive
(B) focus
(C) aim
(D) grasp

- 131.** We expect you to be in the office _____ from 9am to 5pm.
 (A) clearly
 (B) steady
 (C) hourly
 (D) daily
- 132.** Excuse me, can you tell me _____ to 29th Street?
 (A) where is
 (B) the way for
 (C) where to go
 (D) how to get
- 133.** Mr. Smith was late for the meeting because his flight was _____.
 (A) dismissed
 (B) lengthened
 (C) delayed
 (D) lost
- 134.** "Can I help you?" "Thanks, but I'm already _____. "
 (A) helped
 (B) being helped
 (C) having helped
 (D) helping
- 135.** Do you think that I can _____ on him to get the job done?
 (A) count
 (B) relieve
 (C) look
 (D) base
- 136.** I'm sorry; I didn't understand. Can you please _____ what you just said?
 (A) rectify
 (B) clarify
 (C) objectify
 (D) justify
- 137.** Okay, the first step is _____ the quarterly report.
 (A) finishing
 (B) to finish
 (C) finished
 (D) finish
- 138.** The noise of the roadworks was so _____ that no one could concentrate.
 (A) upsetting
 (B) distracting
 (C) insistent
 (D) unpleasant
- 139.** Tim became a doctor because he wanted his father _____ proud of him.
 (A) to be
 (B) being
 (C) would be
 (D) will be
- 140.** There was a growing sense of _____ as the deadline approached.
 (A) excitement
 (B) suspicion
 (C) anticipation
 (D) tension

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Questions 141-143 refer to the following memo:

MEMO

To: All Employees
 From: Jane Anderson, Personnel
 Date: Thursday 29 Oct
 Subject: CHARITY BARBECUE

Just a reminder that the charity barbecue is happening this Friday! It is for a good cause; we're _____ money for the children's charity *Future Horizons* to buy computers for community centers in disadvantaged neighborhoods, so please come along and help out!

141. (A) taking
 (B) raising
 (C) earning
 (D) giving

It will be at 7:30 at Oak Park, next to the gazebo by the west gate. Dinner will be 15 dollars and there will be hamburgers, hotdogs, or veggie burgers, and of course lots of salads and desserts! Bring your family and friends; everyone _____ welcome. Please get tickets from me or from Sophia Johnson.

142. (A) are
 (B) to be
 (C) were
 (D) is

I hope _____ you there!

Jane Anderson

143. (A) to see
 (B) will see
 (C) seeing
 (D) to seeing

Questions 144-146 refer to the following leaflet:

WHAT IS TUBERCULOSIS?

Tuberculosis is a bacterial disease which causes infection, most commonly in the lungs, but _____ in other body organs. It is transmitted by inhaling bacteria coughed or sneezed into the air by infected persons.

144. (A) more commonly
 (B) nevertheless
 (C) never
 (D) occasionally

WHAT IS A MANTOUX TEST?

A substance called tuberculin is injected into the skin on the forearm to find out whether or not there are tuberculosis bacteria present in the body.

HOW IS THIS READ?

48 to 72 hours after the injection, the forearm is examined. For most individuals, a swelling that measures 10 mm or more, _____ that the person has been in contact with tuberculosis. This is a positive result.

145. (A) involves
 (B) indicates
 (C) inclines
 (D) infers

No reaction, or only slight redness or bruising indicates that the person has not been in contact with tuberculosis. This is a negative result.

PEOPLE REQUIRING MANTOUX TESTS:

Mantoux tests may _____ for new employees, volunteers, residents and clients of some organizations and institutions. All people who have come in contact with a person with active tuberculosis should be tested as soon as possible, and again, three months after the date of last contact.

146. (A) be required
 (B) be requiring
 (C) required
 (D) are required

Questions 147-149 refer to the following e-mail:

From: Mary Richardson
To: Terrence Jones
Cc:
Subject: Job Opening

Mr. Jones,

I am emailing to bring to your attention the opening in our department that is advertised on our website. I would like to recommend that you _____ applying, since the work that you have already done for our company on a freelance basis makes you highly _____ for the position because of your experience.

- 147.** (A) withhold
 (B) retract
 (C) comprehend
 (D) consider

- 148.** (A) talented
 (B) inclined
 (C) invited
 (D) qualified

The job offers flexible working hours, as _____ comprehensive health benefits. If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to contact me by email, or, at 247 775 5674 ext 239.

Regards,
 Mary Richardson, Personnel

- 149.** (A) such
 (B) some
 (C) well as
 (D) plenty

Questions 150-152 refer to the following advertisement:

JOB VACANCY **Online Marketing Technician**

I am on the hunt for another team member.

This person will be _____ in our Auckland, NZ office, will manage a range of email marketing and will lead generation campaigns for our growing list of clients.

- 150.** (A) replaced
 (B) based
 (C) homed
 (D) found

You will need to be proficient in HTML, have a fondness for detail and like working on a variety of projects.

This role will suit _____ that have a few years' work experience in web development with some client-facing involvement and can show an ability and desire to uncover all there is to know about online marketing.

- 151.** (A) who
 (B) those
 (C) them
 (D) whoever

If you are interested in knowing more, then it is probably best to use the sales _____ form to kick things off.

- 152.** (A) enquiring
 (B) enquire
 (C) enquiry
 (D) enquirer

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 (B) lovely
 (C) lovingly
 (D) love

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101. If you want to have a successful interview you must make a good _____.
 (A) impatience
 (B) implication
 (C) impression
 (D) inspiration
102. Tim was always helpful and cheerful with customers; _____, he was declared employee of the month.
 (A) nevertheless
 (B) therefore
 (C) however
 (D) because
103. Lea did a _____ job on the advertising campaign; she didn't miss a single detail.
 (A) through
 (B) swift
 (C) thorough
 (D) detailing
104. Maureen gave a talk when _____ the conference last week.
 (A) she attended
 (B) was attending
 (C) attended
 (D) she had attended
105. His first novel was _____ by a story he heard from his grandmother.
 (A) acquired
 (B) indicated
 (C) applied
 (D) inspired
106. One of the main reasons people attend conferences is for the _____ opportunities.
 (A) greeting (C) networking
 (B) partnering (D) programming
107. _____ hard work is important, so is spending time with family and friends.
 (A) Since
 (B) Likewise
 (C) In spite
 (D) While
108. The _____ opinion of the delegates was that the conference was a great success.
 (A) collect
 (B) collected
 (C) collective
 (D) collecting
109. Did you hear that Mr. Richards proposed _____ corporate strategy at the meeting yesterday?
 (A) a whole new
 (B) a new all
 (C) wholly new
 (D) a new wholly
110. In regard _____ your enquiry, we have no vacancies at this time.
 (A) about
 (B) from
 (C) with
 (D) to
111. Trevor chose to be a lawyer because he likes the _____.
 (A) adversity
 (B) struggle
 (C) tribulation
 (D) challenge
112. All parties were happy with the results of the meeting because it was a _____ situation.
 (A) win-win (C) win-lose
 (B) no-win (D) lose-lose

- 113.** Some say the light bulb was the most significant _____ in history.
 (A) innovation
 (B) inspiration
 (C) implication
 (D) instigation
- 114.** The goals of the two CEOs were different so it was not easy for them to reach a(n) _____ which they were both happy with.
 (A) dialogue
 (B) compromise
 (C) negotiation
 (D) obligation
- 115.** I thought Louise _____ here this afternoon. Where is she?
 (A) is
 (B) was being
 (C) would be
 (D) will be
- 116.** After making some changes, both the _____ and the profits of the company increased.
 (A) productivity
 (B) producers
 (C) producing
 (D) product
- 117.** This factory has the _____ to produce 10,000 television sets per year.
 (A) skill
 (B) infrastructure
 (C) capacity
 (D) pace
- 118.** I _____ to inform you that your application for the job has not been successful.
 (A) scorn
 (B) hesitate
 (C) regret
 (D) grieve
- 119.** I would suggest you _____ with personnel before buying the plane ticket.
 (A) have checked
 (B) checking
 (C) checked
 (D) check
- 120.** Leila is _____; I know she will rise to the top quickly.
 (A) ambitious
 (B) advantageous
 (C) ambiguous
 (D) ambidextrous
- 121.** After _____ a nice lunch, Bob felt like taking a nap.
 (A) has had
 (B) he was having
 (C) having
 (D) he has
- 122.** Having worked for ten years as an accountant, Tom suffered a _____ and decided to change careers.
 (A) breakthrough
 (B) burnout
 (C) breakout
 (D) blackout
- 123.** Robert is always smiley and _____ when he first meets someone.
 (A) cheering
 (B) cheers
 (C) cheerful
 (D) cheer up
- 124.** It proved to be Lisa's big _____ when her photographs were discovered by the advertising agency.
 (A) bounce
 (B) benefit
 (C) break
 (D) bomb
- 125.** I specifically asked you _____ here by 8am! What is your excuse this time?
 (A) to be
 (B) would be
 (C) are
 (D) being
- 126.** The security guard was made _____ when the bank installed a high tech new alarm system.
 (A) redundant
 (B) surplus
 (C) excessive
 (D) retiree
- 127.** Jennifer was one of only three candidates _____ for an interview.
 (A) offered
 (B) employed
 (C) invited
 (D) hired
- 128.** The first aid seminar is _____; you must attend.
 (A) obligated
 (B) obligation
 (C) obligatory
 (D) obliging
- 129.** Alexander is a superb architect but his _____ are rather high so we gave the job to someone else.
 (A) salary
 (B) costs
 (C) dues
 (D) fees
- 130.** It was _____ of Judy to quit her job because she will probably be sorry later.
 (A) rash (C) handy
 (B) negligent (D) inconsiderate

- 131.** In the long term, property can be an excellent _____.
 (A) purchase
 (B) investment
 (C) inclination
 (D) profit
- 132.** If _____ Bob nor Julie have the file it must truly be lost.
 (A) neither
 (B) either
 (C) rather
 (D) other
- 133.** The theory of supply and demand is _____ to our business strategy.
 (A) neutral
 (B) central
 (C) subsequent
 (D) excessive
- 134.** I hope by this time next week the whole project _____.
 (A) completes
 (B) will complete
 (C) is completed
 (D) will be completed
- 135.** We had to call in an expert because the manual for the new software made no _____.
 (A) sense
 (B) nonsense
 (C) logic
 (D) use
- 136.** It is critical that you are ____ time for the flight.
 (A) at the
 (B) on
 (C) by the
 (D) with
- 137.** Did Mrs. Smith _____ anything about the new client?
 (A) mention
 (B) argue
 (C) discuss
 (D) reason
- 138.** Would you _____ working with Chemco even though they manufacture pesticides?
 (A) contradict
 (B) condescend
 (C) consent
 (D) consider
- 139.** You _____ take the bills to the post office; I'll do it tomorrow morning.
 (A) couldn't
 (B) should
 (C) needn't
 (D) might
- 140.** What is the safety _____ in case of fire?
 (A) procedure
 (B) protocol
 (C) behavior
 (D) benchmark

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Fly Away Airlines
Newforth Business Park
Minneapolis, MN, 27726

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am sending this letter of _____ because of the service I received while traveling on your flight 779 from Minneapolis to New York on the 19th of September 2007.

- 141.** (A) complain
 (B) complains
 (C) complaint
 (D) complaining

I requested a diabetic meal through your website, and confirmed this when I checked in for the flight. However, when the meals were served on board, I was told that there was no diabetic meal requested. I had to ask four times, and became quite _____ before the cabin crew would search for the meal which I had reason to believe was there. Mistakes may happen, but this seemed like unnecessary rudeness.

- 142.** (A) complicated
 (B) motivated
 (C) interrogated
 (D) agitated

You can understand my concern, I'm sure, because eating regular meals, made up of the right foods, is _____ for managing this illness. Regrettably, I'm not sure that I would feel confident traveling with you in the future.

Sincerely,
 John Baker

- 143.** (A) critical
 (B) pivotal
 (C) detrimental
 (D) valuable

Questions 144 - 146 refer to the following news article.

More than £160m will be spent on music and video downloads in the UK this year, according to a _____.

- 144.** (A) fortune
 (B) summary
 (C) poll
 (D) review

Market analysts predict that digital downloads will be worth £163m in 2008 - up 45.5% on last year. And digital spending will continue to _____, reaching £600m a year by 2012, according to the UK Music and Video Retailers 2008 report.

- 145.** (A) sink
 (B) float
 (C) glide
 (D) soar

But CD and DVD spending has slowed, with the _____ UK music and video marks down 2.9% to £4bn in 2008.

- 146.** (A) altogether
 (B) whole
 (C) overall
 (D) absolute

Questions 147 - 149 refer to the following memo.

MEMO

TO: All Staff
FROM: Management
April 4

As you know, we are expecting a visit from health inspectors this week. I would like to remind you _____ the importance for our restaurant to avoid any problems with the health inspection. It is essential that you carry out your usual cleaning and sanitation procedures with the uppermost care this week. Do not take _____.

- 147.** (A) for
 (B) in
 (C) of
 (D) with

- 148.** (A) cutbacks
 (B) shortcuts
 (C) cutoffs
 (D) downturns

I would particularly like to remind staff to check on the storage of meat products. Make _____ meats are kept on the upper shelf in the refrigeration unit, because the temperature is not high enough on the lower shelf.

Thank you for your cooperation,
 Lisa Thomson
 Management

- 149.** (A) sure
 (B) clear
 (C) obvious
 (D) careful

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

To: Mark Ackerman Aker@globalnet.com
From: Deborah Leach leachd@abc.co
Subject: PARKING LOT REFURBISHMENT
Cc: C.C. Summers summcc@abc.co
 Erin Young youne@abc.co

Date: 2 June, 2007 14:12:25

Dear Mr. Ackerman,
 This is to inform you that we have carefully _____ your estimate for the parking lot refurbishing. We are planning to contract with you for this work.

- 150.** (A) recalled
 (B) reviewed
 (C) renewed
 (D) remitted

We are unable to let this contract immediately however, as final approval of expenditures of this nature must come from the head office in New York.

We expect to receive approval or disapproval _____ the next 30 days. At such time, we will contact you with instructions accordingly.

- 151.** (A) on
 (B) within
 (C) since
 (D) among

If we may be of any assistance in the meantime please feel free _____ this office.

Sincerely,
 Deborah Leach, Secretary
 ABC Stationers
 Denver, Colorado
 Tel: 605 885 5624

- 152.** (A) when you contact with
 (B) contacting
 (C) to contact
 (D) to contact with

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 (A) almost
 (B) so
 (C) much
 (D) too
102. The company must _____ fifty new employees by September 15, next year.
 (A) be hired
 (B) have hired
 (C) hire
 (D) to hire
103. Unfortunately, due to the company's financial problems, they will have to severely _____ on staff.
 (A) cut back
 (B) look out
 (C) fall down
 (D) fire off
104. Personal phone calls _____ from the office telephone.
 (A) will not consent
 (B) have no permission
 (C) cannot be made
 (D) haven't allowed
105. The pharmacist couldn't fill the prescription because the doctor's handwriting was _____.
 (A) illiterate
 (B) illegible
 (C) illuminated
 (D) illimitable
106. We cleaned the restaurant all night in order to _____ all the health code regulations.
 (A) defeat
 (B) satisfy
 (C) originate
 (D) bypass
107. Rarely _____ this much in November.
 (A) snows
 (B) it does snow
 (C) does it snow
 (D) has snowed
108. _____ our competitors, our store is open 24 hours a day for your convenience.
 (A) Unlike
 (B) Instead of
 (C) Likely to
 (D) Similar
109. If your subscription to *US Today* expires, you may _____ it online.
 (A) renew
 (B) reveal
 (C) repossess
 (D) renovate
110. Kate Fox has been _____ to the board of directors.
 (A) designed
 (B) appointed
 (C) campaigned
 (D) contacted
111. All the sponsors _____ by the organization president.
 (A) will be recognized
 (B) will recognize
 (C) recognized
 (D) recognizing
112. _____ consumer demand, our products will be packaged using recycled products.
 (A) Therefore
 (B) Due to the fact that
 (C) Because
 (D) In response to

- 113.** This state-of-the-art air mattress comes with a two-year _____ of quality.
 (A) grant
 (B) guardian
 (C) gratuity
 (D) guarantee
- 114.** So far, everyone who has heard the news is thrilled _____.
 (A) about them
 (B) by them
 (C) about it
 (D) by then
- 115.** Establishing a good working relationship _____ management and the workforce is a challenge.
 (A) between
 (B) among
 (C) amid
 (D) within
- 116.** CD prices are dramatically _____ this year than they were in the previous three years.
 (A) more
 (B) higher
 (C) expensive
 (D) taller
- 117.** The conference's turnout has nearly _____ in the last few years.
 (A) consumed
 (B) twice
 (C) replicated
 (D) doubled
- 118.** The regional vice president is _____ conducting company evaluations.
 (A) delegated for
 (B) responsible to
 (C) in charge of
 (D) obligated by
- 119.** Although my office is beautifully decorated, it is too small for my filing cabinet _____ desk chair.
 (A) nor
 (B) and
 (C) or
 (D) but
- 120.** This new computer was very expensive, so please handle it with _____.
 (A) care
 (B) careful
 (C) carefully
 (D) carelessness
- 121.** Ms. Barkume's _____ will explain the details of the new mail policy.
 (A) complementary
 (B) assistant
 (C) commuter
 (D) extra
- 122.** _____ possible, Mr. Brown tries to visit all of the company's offices.
 (A) Whether
 (B) Whatever
 (C) Whenever
 (D) However
- 123.** _____ Mr. Arnold replace Mr. Dendler, his salary would be doubled.
 (A) Were
 (B) Although
 (C) However
 (D) Should
- 124.** Tutors are nice because they are qualified teachers that are devoted _____ to one student.
 (A) solely
 (B) lonely
 (C) unique
 (D) individual
- 125.** The conference room _____ for the meeting was on the sixth floor.
 (A) selected him
 (B) which selected
 (C) he selected
 (D) that selected
- 126.** The two electrical companies announced plans for a joint _____.
 (A) venture
 (B) apparition
 (C) cooperation
 (D) advantage
- 127.** Henry _____ last week from conductor to supervisor.
 (A) promoted
 (B) had promoted
 (C) was promoted
 (D) was promoting
- 128.** The manager ordered new uniforms for the _____. last month.
 (A) personal
 (B) staff
 (C) stuff
 (D) directors
- 129.** Every once _____ a while, Patrick treats his customers to a free dessert.
 (A) in
 (B) for
 (C) to
 (D) until
- 130.** Please list your e-mail address and fax number with all _____.
 (A) persuasion
 (B) correspondence
 (C) expedition
 (D) commotion

131. The proposals for tomorrow's meetings are _____ the record books on the bottom shelf.
- (A) overall
 - (B) besides
 - (C) underneath
 - (D) to the left
132. Members of the hiring committee all agreed that his resume was _____.
- (A) impressed
 - (B) impressing
 - (C) impressive
 - (D) left an impression
133. This year's high turnover rate was extremely _____ the company's directors.
- (A) disappointment
 - (B) disappointed in
 - (C) disappointing to
 - (D) disappointed by
134. Selecting the location of a new restaurant is _____ to its success.
- (A) critical
 - (B) dependent
 - (C) existential
 - (D) reliant
135. You have two _____ to choose from; you can either leave tonight or wait for the evening flight tomorrow.
- (A) suggestions
 - (B) options
 - (C) proposals
 - (D) departures

136. My illness really _____ my ability to work efficiently.
- (A) addressed
 - (B) accelerated
 - (C) dispensed
 - (D) impeded
137. His tense tone made it very _____ that Joe was feeling very stressed.
- (A) sure
 - (B) clear
 - (C) accurate
 - (D) hopeless
138. Brooke was hired by our company because she was intelligent and _____.
- (A) dismal
 - (B) prejudiced
 - (C) reliable
 - (D) urgent
139. The cheese and crackers are snacks that the associates _____ during the seminar tomorrow.
- (A) can eat
 - (B) to eat
 - (C) are eating on
 - (D) are eaten
140. When accepting her award, Meghan thanked her husband for being so _____ throughout her career.
- (A) obstructive
 - (B) surreptitious
 - (C) intrusive
 - (D) supportive

Part 6: Text Completion

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.

Once again, truth is stranger than fiction, and this enthralling cat-and-mouse game was _____ by the exploits of audacious Frank W. Abagnale Jr., known as the *Skywayman*. From the time he ran away from his troubled home at age 16 to his capture at 21, Abagnale passed himself off as a co-pilot on Pan Am, an emergency room physician, a lawyer and a millionaire.

141. (A) inspired
 (B) retired
 (C) expired
 (D) wired

He was so skilled at 'paperhanging' (check fraud) - and had such chutzpah - that, for years, he was able to outwit and outmaneuver FBI Agent Carl Hanratty, who patiently pursued him _____ the world while developing a curious surrogate-father/son relationship with the daring identity thief.

142. (A) through
 (B) along
 (C) around
 (D) into

Perceptively directed by Steven Spielberg from Jeff Nathanson's expertly-plotted screenplay, based on Abagnale's memoir, it's a cockeyed version of the American dream: an ingenious, jet-setting grifter who scammed bad checks in 50 states and 26 countries, bilking banks of \$2.5 million, yet who's still haunted by the sins of his parents which fractured his family. After serving five years, Abagnale was _____ from prison on the condition that he teach law enforcement how to prevent fraud. Now he has his own security firm and lectures at the FBI Academy.

143. (A) sentenced
 (B) omitted
 (C) kicked out
 (D) released

Most people plan financially long-term, but they don't have a long-term physical plan. They plan for retirement, but they don't prepare for what I call physical "re-firement" in the _____ years in life. Re-firement is to ignite, to excite. That's where my energy comes from.

144. (A) last
 (B) lately
 (C) later
 (D) latter

The commitment

I wrestled on and off in high school. What I noticed was, when you're a wrestler, you're in the best shape of your life. But after the season, I'd go back to my lifestyle of overeating. Then we'd go back for practice, and it was like hell week. You'd feel like you wanted to throw up. In 11th grade, I decided to never let myself get out of _____ again. It's too much work.

145. (A) health
 (B) shape
 (C) fitness
 (D) grade

In the details

People aren't used to focusing on their muscles the way I make them focus. It's attention to detail, never sacrificing your form for an extra repetition. If you do everything correctly, you'll have better results in a shorter _____ of time.

146. (A) era
 (B) period
 (C) episode
 (D) part

I'm glad you are all here today. Obviously, the more communications we can have about issues that worry you, the easier it is for us to _____ to problems. Governors are problem-solvers. And so is the President. Our job is to identify problems, and deal with them. And the best way to do so is in the spirit of cooperation.

- 147.** (A) answer
 (B) respond
 (C) solve
 (D) resolve

That's sometimes hard in Washington, I readily admit. This is not a town that thrives upon cooperation, like most state capitals. But we'll _____ to work hard to help you, because by helping our governors, we really help our people. That's the job of a President.

- 148.** (A) follow
 (B) continue
 (C) maintain
 (D) remain

Yesterday in my toast, I said the war on drugs goes on, and it does. I wish I _____ otherwise, but that's not a true assessment of the world. We are chasing the Mafia; we're dealing with criminals and proliferation. But this war still goes on. It's important for you to know that.

- 149.** (A) could report
 (B) am reporting
 (C) should report
 (D) might report

Absentee Landlords were a highly _____ issue in the history of Ireland. During the course of 16th and 17th centuries, most of the land in Ireland was confiscated from Irish Catholic landowners during the Plantation of Ireland and granted to British settlers.

- 150.** (A) significant
 (B) considerable
 (C) eminent
 (D) immense

Seized land was given to English nobles and soldiers, some of _____ rented it out to Irishmen while they remained residents of England. Over the centuries, resentment grew as not only were the absentee landlords Protestant (while most tenants were Catholic), but their existence meant that the wealth of the land was always exported.

- 151.** (A) whose
 (B) who
 (C) that
 (D) whom

In the years _____ the Irish Potato Famine, the land issue with the Irish Land League's Land War had become extremely important in Ireland. The land issue was one of the historic factors that resulted in Ireland's troubled history to this day.

- 152.** (A) that following
 (B) followed
 (C) following
 (D) had followed

Section II: Reading

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Part 5: Incomplete Sentences

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.

Example:

The mother held her newborn _____.

- (A) loving
- (B) lovely
- (C) lovingly
- (D) love

Correct answer: (C)

101. Although she was a successful writer, she admitted to feeling _____ working by herself.

- (A) solely
- (B) lonely
- (C) only
- (D) individually

102. With online banking, people can _____ bills with a few simple clicks of the mouse.

- (A) be paid
- (B) to pay
- (C) have paid
- (D) pay

103. More evidence reveals that Eastern Medicine cures diseases _____ Western Medicine, but without the risk of serious side effects.

- (A) as good as
- (B) best of
- (C) better of
- (D) as well as

104. Although they are sometimes difficult to listen to, complaints can provide valuable _____ that can help a company's method of operation.

- (A) feedback
- (B) calculation
- (C) review
- (D) consideration

105. Before starting the job, all new hires must _____ a drug test.

- (A) undergo
- (B) underline
- (C) undertake
- (D) undermine

106. _____ have been slight improvements in jobless rates this last month, the highest unemployment figures in fifty years were recorded this year.

- (A) Because of the
- (B) Despite the
- (C) Although there
- (D) However there

107. The conference room is _____ to Ms. Danner's office on the first floor.

- (A) beside
- (B) above
- (C) besides
- (D) next

108. _____ doctors' offices ask that you cancel your appointment at least 24 hours in advance.

- (A) The more
- (B) Most of
- (C) Most
- (D) More of

- 109.** The graduate wrote her last name phonetically, so that it wouldn't be _____ at the commencement ceremony.
 (A) misdirected
 (B) misused
 (C) misguided
 (D) mispronounced
- 110.** _____ of the bad weather, the meeting has been postponed.
 (A) Because
 (B) Consequently
 (C) Due to
 (D) Although there was
- 111.** The interns used to meet with Mr. Calkins weekly to discuss _____ progress.
 (A) its
 (B) their
 (C) theirs
 (D) them
- 112.** Job candidates are _____ interviewed more than once to ensure their competence.
 (A) often
 (B) nearly
 (C) somehow
 (D) ever
- 113.** The seminar began so early in the morning that most of the attendees _____ during the first presentation.
 (A) slept it off
 (B) shook it off
 (C) dozed off
 (D) pumped up
- 114.** The evaluation is based _____ productivity, attitude and improvements as an employee.
 (A) at your
 (B) on your
 (C) at yours
 (D) on yours
- 115.** Detective Mark Raas will oversee the murder _____.
 (A) invention
 (B) interference
 (C) inception
 (D) investigation
- 116.** Philadelphia is one of the United States' _____ and most historic cities.
 (A) archaic
 (B) antique
 (C) aged
 (D) oldest
- 117.** _____ crucial decisions that affect the whole company is one of the CEO's many responsibilities.
 (A) Receiving
 (B) Doing
 (C) Making
 (D) Asking
- 118.** New, up and coming business can be risky endeavors, but the challenge really _____ to young entrepreneurs.
 (A) attracts
 (B) draws
 (C) appeals
 (D) interests
- 119.** Fellow researchers at the lab were amazed to find out that Mr. Palmer had written this 100-page thesis by _____.
 (A) themselves
 (B) himself
 (C) itself
 (D) myself
- 120.** The company held a dinner in order to thank Ms. Vossen for her generous _____ investment in the company that enabled them to hire 50 more employees.
 (A) financial
 (B) finances
 (C) financier
 (D) financing
- 121.** Neither Jerry's speech _____ Helen's presentation impressed the potential clients.
 (A) also
 (B) nor
 (C) but
 (D) and
- 122.** All company meal plans _____ at the end of the year and new ones will need to be issued.
 (A) terminate
 (B) fail
 (C) lose
 (D) expire
- 123.** Some bosses intentionally place their employees in high-stress situations in order to _____ their ability to work under pressure.
 (A) locate
 (B) test
 (C) extract
 (D) attempt
- 124.** In order to keep things running smoothly, representatives will be seated in alphabetical _____.
 (A) sequence
 (B) system
 (C) order
 (D) rank
- 125.** Before he left the company for retirement, Mr. Roshon wrote meticulous notes on his duties so that his _____ would feel prepared.
 (A) predecessor
 (B) successor
 (C) descendant
 (D) inheritor

- 126.** Jonathan asked that we all acquaint ourselves with the notes _____, so we didn't have to waste any of the meeting time with explanations.
 (A) beforehand
 (B) previously
 (C) forward
 (D) ahead
- 127.** Mattress King is _____ its prices for the entire month before Christmas.
 (A) sweeping
 (B) swarming
 (C) slitting
 (D) slashing
- 128.** The number of girls who play soccer in the U.S. _____ substantially since the women's national team won the World Cup.
 (A) rises
 (B) have risen
 (C) has risen
 (D) is risen
- 129.** George failed to meet his deadline and was _____ given a warning by his editor.
 (A) consequently
 (B) evidently
 (C) lastly
 (D) secondly
- 130.** _____ the interview going well, I still don't feel confident that they will offer me the job.
 (A) Despite
 (B) Even though
 (C) Although
 (D) While
- 131.** Employees know that they will always be held _____ for their work and therefore never mess around.
 (A) accounted
 (B) accountant
 (C) uncountable
 (D) accountable
- 132.** Mr. Jannsons, to _____ the parcel was addressed, forwarded the package to the company president.
 (A) him
 (B) whose
 (C) his
 (D) whom
- 133.** Technological _____ has allowed offices to work much more efficiently.
 (A) movement
 (B) advancement
 (C) culmination
 (D) action
- 134.** The conference hall has a room _____ of two hundred people.
 (A) capacity
 (B) ability
 (C) faculty
 (D) agility
- 135.** The factory is currently _____ to see if they are following all health and safety regulations.
 (A) is inspecting
 (B) to inspect
 (C) having been inspected
 (D) being inspected
- 136.** Highly stressed individuals _____ by doctors to exercise, in order to relieve tension and prevent heart disease or stress-related illnesses.
 (A) are encouraging
 (B) encourage
 (C) encouraged
 (D) are encouraged
- 137.** The union said the _____ would continue until the CEO met their demands to provide better health benefits.
 (A) clash
 (B) quarrel
 (C) disagreement
 (D) strike
- 138.** Please take a seat and the doctor will see you _____ she is done with her current patient.
 (A) as soon
 (B) when
 (C) after that
 (D) while
- 139.** The manager was impressed that the new employee _____ in reaching his sales goal on the first day.
 (A) achieved
 (B) managed
 (C) succeeded
 (D) accomplished
- 140.** The downtown hotel has a _____.
 (A) 3-night minimum reservation policy
 (B) policy 3-night reservation minimum
 (C) minimum policy 3-night reservation
 (D) 3-night reservation policy minimum

Part 6: Text Completion

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.

Portugal has always been and _____ continue to be one of the world's most enchanting countries. Portugal has a rich seafaring past, superb beach resorts, wistful towns and a landscape wreathed in olive groves, vineyards and wheat fields.

141. (A) would
 (B) can
 (C) will
 (D) may

Littered with UNESCO World Heritage sites and graced by one of Europe's most relaxed and attractive capitals, it also _____ refreshingly affordable.

142. (A) awaits
 (B) delays
 (C) remains
 (D) hangs

Savoring life slowly is a Portuguese passion, and much of the best is humble - traditional folk festivals; simple, honest food drowning in olive oil; music that _____ at the heart strings, recalling past love and glories; and markets overflowing with fish, fruit and flowers.

143. (A) pulls
 (B) punches
 (C) pushes
 (D) pants

_____ kind of change in your life can cause stress. It does not make a difference if the change is good, like a promotion at work, or bad, like an illness. Stress can be very useful because it can make us take action and learn new and effective ways of dealing with change. Too much stress can be harmful, though; so it is important to find effective ways of coping with stress.

144. (A) All
 (B) Any
 (C) Another
 (D) Other

One way of coping with stress is exercise. Exercise _____ to physical fitness. People who are more physically fit tend to have fewer stress-related health problems. They are likely to have fewer symptoms of depression, such as trouble sleeping at night, sleeping too much during the day, overeating, or not eating, when they exercise regularly.

145. (A) distributes
 (B) attributes
 (C) tributes
 (D) contributes

A combination of low fitness and high stress can leave you vulnerable _____ more illnesses, like colds and flu. Improved fitness and lower stress can help improve both physical and mental health. It is believed that fitness activities, especially aerobic-type exercises, are helpful in improving cardiopulmonary fitness and in reducing anxiety.

146. (A) to get
 (B) to getting
 (C) in getting
 (D) for getting

For more than eight decades, the name Walt Disney has been preeminent in the field of family entertainment. From humble _____ as a cartoon studio in the 1920s to today's global corporation, *The Walt Disney Company* continues to proudly provide quality entertainment for every member of the family, across America and around the world.

- 147.** (A) beginnings
 (B) commencements
 (C) openings
 (D) introductions

The *Disney Legends* program was established in 1987 to acknowledge and honor the many individuals whose imagination, talents, and dreams have created the Disney magic. Since its inception, the program has honored many gifted animators, imaginers, song writers, actors and business leaders as _____ a significant impact on the Disney legacy.

- 148.** (A) to make
 (B) in making
 (C) made
 (D) having made

During a 43-year Hollywood career that spanned the development of the motion picture medium as a modern American art, Walter Elias Disney was a pioneer, innovator, and the possessor of one of _____ fertile imaginations the world has ever known.

- 149.** (A) the very
 (B) many
 (C) the most
 (D) some

The challenge at this stage is to _____ the opportunity, to take the risk, to realize an innovative, new, rewarding and productive future. With the strength that has made FIA and the Tech Ed program what it is today, the choice is an easy one - help our community meet the challenges of the 21st century.

- 150.** (A) seize
 (B) earn
 (C) make
 (D) keep

The need for effective computer training and education cannot be overstated. The technical training _____ of our community are overwhelming and mirror the needs of most other inner-city populations. The new program is ready to be launched as a national model for all inner-city community organizations everywhere, for building a future, uplifting individuals, creating self-sufficiency.

- 151.** (A) retirements
 (B) measurements
 (C) requirements
 (D) monuments

Thank you for your support and assistance to FIA, and the community residents it serves. We look forward to your _____ of our request and the opportunity to submit a formal proposal for your review. We will be pleased to submit additional information if you so wish. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

- 152.** (A) hesitation
 (B) consideration
 (C) revelation
 (D) apprehension

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Example:

The mother held her newborn _____.

- (A) loving
- (B) lovely
- (C) lovingly
- (D) love

Correct answer: (C)

101. _____ liberal arts graduates go on to receive graduate degrees.
- (A) More than most
 - (B) More and most
 - (C) The majority of
 - (D) The most of
102. When it was first invented, people were afraid that the TV would be a dangerous _____.
- (A) accommodation
 - (B) luxury
 - (C) quality
 - (D) freight
103. Since it is an upscale restaurant, one must _____ a table in advance.
- (A) have to reserve
 - (B) be reserved
 - (C) reserve
 - (D) have been reserved
104. Ms. Drews felt like she had big shoes to fill since her _____ was so remarkable.
- (A) predictor
 - (B) predator
 - (C) preliminary
 - (D) predecessor
105. Flash photography or video recording _____ in the auditorium.
- (A) are not allowing
 - (B) will have no rights
 - (C) are not permitted
 - (D) will have no admission
106. I'll be out for breakfast as soon as I _____ my hair.
- (A) do
 - (B) make
 - (C) take
 - (D) put
107. Unfortunately, the Pod200 is currently out of stock; would you like to buy _____ item?
- (A) different
 - (B) alternative
 - (C) further
 - (D) another
108. The cost of the shuttle bus from the airport to the hotel is _____ \$40.
- (A) approximately
 - (B) relatively
 - (C) plausibly
 - (D) reliably
109. This comfortable couch comes in _____ colors and patterns.
- (A) dozens of
 - (B) many of
 - (C) numerous of
 - (D) variety of
110. It is unfortunate that she made such a bad first impression when _____ her boss.
- (A) she has met
 - (B) met
 - (C) meeting
 - (D) she meets
111. They all went out for drinks to celebrate completing the most important business _____ of the year.
- (A) transaction
 - (B) translation
 - (C) transplant
 - (D) transcendence
112. The *Dragonfly Inn*, in downtown Duluth, sits _____ Lake Superior.
- (A) overhearing
 - (B) overruling
 - (C) overshadowing
 - (D) overlooking

- 113.** Repairing the fax machine is _____ of utmost importance to those in the administration office.
 (A) collectively
 (B) currently
 (C) relatively
 (D) gradually
- 114.** Clever advertisements are the most effective way of _____ the consumer.
 (A) contracting
 (B) warning
 (C) reaching
 (D) perceiving
- 115.** Dr. Arnold's presentation was _____ by a short introduction of who she was and what some of her career highlights had been.
 (A) receded
 (B) preceded
 (C) precluded
 (D) retreated
- 116.** We cannot give you a cash refund, but we _____ your account.
 (A) are to be credited
 (B) are going in credit
 (C) will credit
 (D) are about crediting
- 117.** There are no _____ that the union will retract their demands any time soon.
 (A) symptoms
 (B) displays
 (C) signs
 (D) features
- 118.** Mr. Dendler's resignation came as a _____ to everyone at the firm.
 (A) surprise
 (B) surrender
 (C) surmise
 (D) surplus
- 119.** You can make an outstanding first impression and improve your credibility as a professional _____ simply wearing a sharp outfit.
 (A) as
 (B) if just
 (C) that
 (D) by
- 120.** For your _____, Rainbow Mart will be open on Sundays.
 (A) request
 (B) desire
 (C) assistance
 (D) convenience
- 121.** Syracuse's new freshman point guard is going to be the one _____ this season.
 (A) watching
 (B) to watch
 (C) watches
 (D) who watches
- 122.** No one could believe that Sandra and I completed the project _____.
 (A) by us
 (B) by our own
 (C) on ourselves
 (D) ourselves
- 123.** _____ the university to approve the research proposal, we would have to have the study completed by January 2009.
 (A) Providing
 (B) As long as
 (C) Were
 (D) Hoping that
- 124.** I am so _____ of Paul for all his accomplishments.
 (A) proud
 (B) hopeful
 (C) disappointed
 (D) uneasy
- 125.** Sexual harassment in the office is more _____ than one might think.
 (A) often
 (B) introvert
 (C) common
 (D) normal
- 126.** Everyone was shocked to hear Mr. Blum _____ from the job.
 (A) fired him
 (B) had fired
 (C) who had fired him
 (D) who was fired
- 127.** If you are not satisfied with the DVDs, you can return _____ within forty days for a full refund.
 (A) yourselves
 (B) it
 (C) yourself
 (D) them
- 128.** He took the jacket _____ to the dry-cleaner's to get it cleaned.
 (A) that we bought it
 (B) that we bought
 (C) that had bought
 (D) that bought it
- 129.** The *Star Gazette* is the _____ newspaper in all of Columbus, Ohio.
 (A) lead
 (B) leading
 (C) leader
 (D) leadership
- 130.** Linda promised not to leave the company until they had found a _____ for her.
 (A) reputation
 (B) reprisal
 (C) repetition
 (D) replacement

- 131.** Not wanting the responsibility, Connie declined the position for head of purchasing _____ and graciously.
 (A) barely
 (B) aggressively
 (C) respectfully
 (D) regularly
- 132.** The topics of the meeting were carefully outlined in the _____.
 (A) menu
 (B) curriculum
 (C) blueprint
 (D) agenda
- 133.** All computers on the company's network have now been _____ with the latest software.
 (A) updated
 (B) exhibited
 (C) downloaded
 (D) labeled
- 134.** Please write your name, home phone number and home _____ on this form legibly, so that we have all the correct information.
 (A) direction
 (B) address
 (C) route
 (D) residence
- 135.** The most dedicated fans attended the game _____ the pouring rain.
 (A) even though
 (B) although
 (C) despite
 (D) regardless
- 136.** Not only children _____ adults can enjoy this new animated film.
 (A) but also
 (B) as well as
 (C) besides
 (D) and
- 137.** Rarely _____ encountered this many difficulties.
 (A) that they have
 (B) have they
 (C) having had
 (D) they have
- 138.** Members became apprehensive when negotiations reached a(n) _____.
 (A) position
 (B) standstill
 (C) arrangement
 (D) rejection
- 139.** Now that the factory has _____, hundreds of people are out of work.
 (A) cut out
 (B) gone over
 (C) closed down
 (D) left out
- 140.** The possibility of getting a raise usually serves as a high _____ for workers to do their very best.
 (A) incentive
 (B) interference
 (C) intention
 (D) incision

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If you need to make a business presentation you may find these useful hints and tips could make your next presentation fly.

Why are you presenting?

This is the first thing that you will need to ask yourself. Why are you presenting? Is there an important message to give or are you simply making up numbers? Are you looking to raise your personal profile or are you standing _____ for someone who has dropped out?

141. (A) out
 (B) to
 (C) on
 (D) in

Your competitive advantage

We have sat through thousands of business presentations - and many can be quite boring affairs. The one common factor that we see a lot is bullet points. These are a very ineffective way of communicating. If there is only one piece of advice that you could follow from us, it would be to use pictures rather than bullet points. Business research shows that the chances of _____ your objectives increase from around 33% up to around 66%. And that is a major competitive advantage.

142. (A) conceiving
 (B) receiving
 (C) achieving
 (D) contriving

Rehearsing

This is an absolute _____. You may be quick-witted and like to ad lib, but I'll tell you one thing. Learn your speech word for word and you will be able to ad lib better!

143. (A) have to
 (B) must
 (C) ought to
 (D) should

Dressing up as a baseball player won't get you into the owner's box at Oriole Park at Camden Yards any more than wearing a general's uniform will gain you admission to the White House. So the fact that the Transportation Security Administration has lost track of more than 3,700 uniforms and security badges over the past five years isn't necessarily a grave security threat to the nation. But it's not exactly inspiring confidence in the TSA or the Department of Homeland Security, _____.

144. (A) either
 (B) neither
 (C) isn't it
 (D) as well

Agency _____ are quick to point out that the TSA uniform and an ID card by themselves won't get anyone into sensitive areas of an airport. Gaining access to the checked baggage areas, for instance, requires a different badge altogether. And because TSA security staff work in teams, an unfamiliar face is likely to be recognized quickly.

145. (A) formals
 (B) authors
 (C) officials
 (D) trainers

If travelers are left _____ TSA's competence and judgment, the agency's plan to sell advertising on the trays that are used at security checkpoints could provide the final straw. Clearly, somebody must have decided that weary travelers aren't put upon enough while waiting for the metal detectors and X-ray machines. Now, propriety can be assaulted, too.

146. (A) hoping
 (B) adopting
 (C) longing
 (D) doubting

The TUC is committed to supporting people around the world in their struggle to achieve decent healthcare, education, employment, freedom _____ persecution and discrimination and the right to have a say in how they are governed. These development issues are an integral and historic part of the trade union movement's commitment to global solidarity.

- 147.** (A) and
 (B) from
 (C) for
 (D) on

The TUC's development work is divided into three areas:

The TUC lobbies and campaigns for broad development issues like more and better aid for developing countries or the cancellation of debt. Much of this work is done in _____ with other organizations such as international trade union bodies or non-governmental organizations.

- 148.** (A) together
 (B) partnership
 (C) jointly
 (D) likelihood

The TUC's charity - the Global Solidarity Fund - enables British trade unionists to support workers around the world who face _____, or experience life-threatening disasters.

- 149.** (A) discrimination
 (B) exaltation
 (C) inspection
 (D) determination

Participants in the stock market range from small individual stock investors to large hedge fund traders, who can be based anywhere. Their orders usually end up with a professional at a stock exchange, who _____ the order.

- 150.** (A) excludes
 (B) excavates
 (C) extracts
 (D) executes

Some exchanges are physical locations where transactions are carried out on a trading floor, by a method _____ open outcry. This type of auction is used in stock exchanges and commodity exchanges where traders may enter "verbal" bids and offers simultaneously.

- 151.** (A) called for
 (B) named after
 (C) known as
 (D) recognized by

Actual trades are based on an auction market paradigm where a potential buyer bids a specific price for a stock and a potential seller asks a specific price for the stock. When the bid and ask prices match, a sale takes place on a first _____ first served basis, if there are multiple bidders or askers at a given price.

- 152.** (A) come
 (B) option
 (C) arrival
 (D) prefer

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- (B) lovely
- (C) lovingly
- (D) love

Correct answer: (C)

101. To _____ does this beautiful new car belong?

- (A) which person
- (B) who
- (C) whom person
- (D) whose people

102. I studied English _____ in college.

- (A) Literacy
- (B) Literally
- (C) Literary
- (D) Literature

103. I see you did a lot of shopping! What did you _____?

- (A) receive
- (B) get
- (C) sell
- (D) provide

104. I am really disappointed _____ you. I expected you to make better decisions.

- (A) in
- (B) at
- (C) to
- (D) of

105. I wouldn't come near me; I'm still _____ and I wouldn't want you to get sick as well.

- (A) outrageous
- (B) delicious
- (C) suspicious
- (D) contagious

106. My mother is coming today! Her flight _____ at 2 pm.

- (A) had arrived
- (B) has arrived
- (C) has been arriving
- (D) arrives

107. _____ of all, you don't even have your driver's license, so why should I let you borrow my car?

- (A) Primarily
- (B) Initial
- (C) First
- (D) Principally

108. I am _____ upset that I cannot even look at you right now!

- (A) very
- (B) so
- (C) too
- (D) much

109. Howard received an award in _____ of his good work at the company.

- (A) recognition
- (B) observation
- (C) compression
- (D) elimination

110. Doing the job fast is _____ important than doing the job right.

- (A) least
- (B) as
- (C) less
- (D) not as

111. Forgive me for _____, but I have something important to say and it cannot wait.

- (A) interviewing
- (B) interrupting
- (C) interweaving
- (D) intersecting

Practice Test 6

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Section II: Reading

112. Will you please _____ these cookies and tell me if you like them or not?
(A) flavor
(B) spice
(C) taste
(D) crave
113. My boss is _____ me to a different department, so I'll be working in a new office.
(A) transcending
(B) transferring
(C) transforming
(D) transgressing
114. I am not sure whether _____ I want to go with them.
(A) and if
(B) or not
(C) but why
(D) or else
115. This home _____ in 1899. We don't know who owns it now.
(A) was to build
(B) built
(C) was building
(D) was built
116. That is the man _____ life we saved.
(A) whose
(B) whom
(C) who
(D) which
117. He got on the bus and then took a seat _____ the driver.
(A) just ahead of
(B) in front of
(C) underneath
(D) right behind
118. I would _____ to travel by bus. I hate trains and cars.
(A) either
(B) rather
(C) sooner
(D) prefer
119. Patrick can run _____ than David can.
(A) more faster
(B) much quicker
(C) as fast as
(D) more quickly
120. You'll have to pay a _____ if you get caught speeding.
(A) ticket
(B) fine
(C) probation
(D) receipt
121. It's _____ you two didn't get to spend more time together; you could have become good friends.
(A) a shame
(B) shameful
(C) ashamed
(D) shameless
122. I'm really _____ that I won't get the job. I really need it.
(A) excited
(B) thrilled
(C) nervous
(D) exhausted
123. I like the style of this shirt, but it is so _____ I can barely breathe.
(A) loose
(B) tight
(C) flexible
(D) light
124. Please arrive _____ tomorrow; this is a very important meeting, and we must start promptly.
(A) on time
(B) per hour
(C) at the moment
(D) on the second
125. I don't want to go with you to the party and _____ does Joe.
(A) either
(B) whether
(C) so
(D) neither
126. What do they think I _____ do about the current situation?
(A) would
(B) ought
(C) should
(D) have
127. I _____ you would stop complaining! You're really starting to annoy me.
(A) wish
(B) hope
(C) want
(D) need
128. You naughty kids! You've _____ my lamp!
(A) broke
(B) broken
(C) been breaking
(D) been broken
129. Did you get the _____ back from your medical exam yet?
(A) answers
(B) responses
(C) solutions
(D) results
130. Do you think Harvard will _____ you into their graduate program?
(A) expect
(B) except
(C) accept
(D) access
131. Michael always dreamed _____ his own company, and now his dream's going to come true.
(A) to starting
(B) of starting
(C) to having started
(D) of a start
132. Not _____ is allowed on this floor, only staff members.
(A) everyone
(B) no-one
(C) anyone
(D) someone

133. I'd like to _____ this song to my girlfriend.

- (A) deduct
- (B) decline
- (C) delegate
- (D) dedicate

134. Dating the opponent is really a _____ of interest, and I strongly advise against it.

- (A) confluence
- (B) conform
- (C) conflict
- (D) confirmation

135. My house is getting fumigated; do you think you could put me _____ for the night?

- (A) out
- (B) on
- (C) in
- (D) up

136. You had better hurry up and leave, or you'll _____ the train!

- (A) miss
- (B) lack
- (C) lose
- (D) fail

137. When you arrive, just _____ on the door and someone will definitely let you in.

- (A) touch
- (B) ring
- (C) punch
- (D) knock

138. I'm not in the _____ for going out. Let's stay in and watch TV.

- (A) feeling
- (B) emotion
- (C) mood
- (D) attitude

139. You _____ attend! This is by no means an optional event.

- (A) could
- (B) should
- (C) can
- (D) must

140. I exercise _____, so I am in good shape.

- (A) infrequently
- (B) invariably
- (C) often
- (D) seldom

Part 6: Text Completion

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.

The international system has witnessed dramatic changes in the recent past. Developments around the globe and at home challenge us to rethink the role of the United States in the international _____.

141. (A) community
(B) area
(C) section
(D) neighborhood

What is this nation's place in this increasingly complex global picture? How do we best promote respect for human rights and the growth of freedom and justice? What can we do to nurture and preserve international security and world peace?

Our country _____ knowledgeable and thoughtful students like you - the next generation of leaders - to build peace with freedom and justice among nations and peoples.

142. (A) asks to
(B) relies on
(C) depends on
(D) needs for

In the belief that questions about peace, justice, freedom, and security are _____ to civic education, we established the National Peace Essay Contest to expand educational opportunities for America's youth.

143. (A) trivial
(B) superficial
(C) vital
(D) necessary

_____ being without Spencer Tollackson for just Saturday's game at Iowa, Gophers coach Jim Molinari said Wednesday that the team's starting center might need three more weeks to recover from two broken bones in his left hand.

144. (A) In addition
(B) Otherwise
(C) Beforehand
(D) Instead of

The 6-9 Tollackson was _____ in a collision at the end of the first half of Saturday's loss at Wisconsin. Another player ran into Tollackson's outstretched arm and his hand was bent backward.

145. (A) damaged
(B) injured
(C) offended
(D) wounded

A magnetic resonance imaging exam showed that the young player has a broken bone in his thumb and a "crushed" bone in his hand.

If Tollackson, the team's leading rebounder and third-leading scorer, misses three more weeks, he will miss five very important games.

"That's a big part of the Big Ten season," Molinari said. "It's unfortunate. It's unfortunate for him, it's unfortunate for us. He was really seeing the _____ of trying to work really hard."

146. (A) value
(B) rate
(C) cost
(D) amount

In the film, Kevin Costner plays Ray Kinsella, a baseball fan, '60s Berkeley graduate, and Iowa farmer. One day, as he is standing in the middle of his expansive corn fields, Ray _____ a voice; it tells him: "If you build it, he will come."

- 147.** (A) heard
 (B) would hear
 (C) is hearing
 (D) hears

Then Ray has a vision and somehow concludes that if he builds a baseball field in the middle of his corn, Shoeless Joe Jackson will arise from _____ to play ball once again. And even though it depletes his family's savings and his neighbors think he's crazy, Ray clears away the corn and builds a baseball field, complete with bleachers and flood lights. "If you build it, he will come." And then, Shoeless Joe does come - bringing with him several of his dead teammates.

- 148.** (A) the death
 (B) the dead
 (C) dead
 (D) dying

FIELD OF DREAMS is a touching fairy tale, full of life, wonder, mystery, spirit, and humor. But while it generally avoids excessive melodrama, it unfortunately does at times go overboard, and by the end it gets down-right sappy. In general, however, FIELD OF DREAMS is an emotionally satisfying fantasy - one I can _____ to everyone but unromantic cynics.

- 149.** (A) contend
 (B) comprehend
 (C) apprehend
 (D) recommend

CSU stands head and shoulders _____ all of the other universities in California when it comes to preparing students to enter the workforce.

- 150.** (A) on top
 (B) under
 (C) higher
 (D) above

The CSU provides the majority of the skilled professional workers that are critical to the state's knowledge-based industries - industries like agriculture, engineering, business, technology, media and computer science. As you know, a better-educated workforce leads to more higher-paying, knowledge-based jobs, which in turn _____ to more growth and benefit for the entire state as well as for the regional and local communities.

- 151.** (A) results
 (B) brings
 (C) leads
 (D) guides

That means that the CSU is a driving force behind California's economic development. In fact, the California State University is vital to California's economic prosperity.

And the economic benefits are enormous. CSU-related expenditures create over \$13 billion in economic impact and support over 207,000 jobs in California. When higher alumni earnings are taken into account, the CSU's impact _____ \$53 billion, supporting 527,000 jobs in the state.

- 152.** (A) reaches
 (B) wrecks
 (C) allows
 (D) touches

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 (B) lovely
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 (D) love

Correct answer: (C)

101. There seems to be a _____ in this computer program because it won't work no matter what I do.
 (A) hole
 (B) bug
 (C) rat
 (D) snag
102. The company's new _____ is very innovative.
 (A) product
 (B) produce
 (C) production
 (D) prospect
103. What a fantastic idea! How did you ever think it _____?
 (A) of
 (B) up
 (C) through
 (D) over
104. The team leader gave an encouraging speech to try to raise the team's _____.
 (A) morals
 (B) morale
 (C) stress
 (D) strategy
105. Everyone, apart from Rob and Jenny, _____ late for the meeting yesterday.
 (A) was
 (B) were
 (C) are
 (D) is
106. Theresa is unlikely to accept the contract unless she can _____ higher fees.
 (A) compromise
 (B) instigate
 (C) captivate
 (D) negotiate
107. You've taken on a lot; are you sure this goal is _____?
 (A) real
 (B) realistic
 (C) realized
 (D) realist
108. I would like _____ about the vacancy you had advertised.
 (A) to enquire
 (B) enquiring
 (C) to be enquired
 (D) enquires
109. It is not a good time to borrow money because the interest _____ are very high.
 (A) rates
 (B) prices
 (C) units
 (D) points
110. Ellen carefully _____ the car into the narrow parking space.
 (A) levered
 (B) led
 (C) maneuvered
 (D) manipulated
111. "Don't be so _____. It may not seem like it now, but your hard work will pay off."
 (A) arrogant
 (B) insolent
 (C) impertinent
 (D) impatient
112. The office is quite _____ but at least we have the necessary things like desks and computers!
 (A) inadequate
 (B) basic
 (C) plush
 (D) plain

113. We will send you an _____ with your order and you can pay then.
(A) invoice
(B) inventory
(C) investment
(D) input
114. I will accept the position with _____.
(A) please
(B) pleasing
(C) pleasant
(D) pleasure
115. Are you _____ with Mr. Jones, our company president?
(A) met
(B) introduced
(C) acquainted
(D) communicated
116. The _____ of computer science currently offers many job opportunities.
(A) company
(B) field
(C) knowledge
(D) platform
117. Sophia was exhausted, _____ she kept working.
(A) altogether
(B) therefore
(C) though
(D) yet
118. Mary is an _____ part of the team; without her organizational skills, none of us would be able to find anything!
(A) insignificant
(B) independent
(C) integral
(D) integrated
119. I _____ to the city center now, if you would like a lift.
(A) will going
(B) go
(C) am going
(D) to go
120. Jo's cheerful _____ gives the office a friendly feeling.
(A) instigation
(B) description
(C) disposition
(D) inclination
121. Mr. Tyler and Mr. Seth decided to _____ because they would be able to achieve more if they worked together.
(A) adapt
(B) comply
(C) collaborate
(D) moderate
122. I think I over _____ George's abilities; he doesn't seem able to cope with the deadlines.
(A) estimated
(B) judged
(C) counted
(D) reached
123. If you _____ close the window, it would be much appreciated; I'm a bit cold.
(A) might
(B) ought to
(C) happen to
(D) occur
124. There was a rumor in the company that the job would be given to a well-known _____ candidate.
(A) internal
(B) interval
(C) infernal
(D) inverse
125. I have complete confidence _____ your ability to solve this problem.
(A) for
(B) in
(C) of
(D) with
126. Are we required to _____ the computer training course?
(A) attend
(B) commit
(C) assign
(D) contain
127. We need to take these steps to _____ our profits.
(A) maximum
(B) maximize
(C) maximal
(D) maximization
128. After applying for dozens of jobs, Elizabeth was finally _____ for an interview.
(A) called
(B) drawn
(C) offered
(D) named
129. We could stay in the Holiday Inn, but I would _____ stay in a Bed and Breakfast.
(A) either
(B) however
(C) neither
(D) rather
130. The traffic accident was one more _____ that he did not need that day.
(A) adversary
(B) adversity
(C) inversion
(D) aversion

- 131.** The small companies could not _____ with the low prices of the large producer.
 (A) contradict
 (B) compete
 (C) commit
 (D) comprehend
- 132.** Nobody will stand up for you if you don't stand up for _____.
 (A) you
 (B) yours
 (C) yourself
 (D) your own
- 133.** If you do not _____ with the dress code, you may be disciplined.
 (A) comply
 (B) reply
 (C) apply
 (D) imply
- 134.** In July, the tourist office was _____ up for a busy month.
 (A) gearing
 (B) breaking
 (C) running
 (D) turning
- 135.** Michael always wears expensive _____ name suits.
 (A) real
 (B) brand
 (C) product
 (D) firm
- 136.** Don't forget to list your car among your other _____ when filling out the tax form.
 (A) profits
 (B) extras
 (C) liabilities
 (D) assets
- 137.** If it _____ not for Adams quick thinking, we would have lost the client.
 (A) is
 (B) be
 (C) was
 (D) had been
- 138.** On the _____ of last year's marketing data, I think we should focus our efforts on product three.
 (A) basis
 (B) background
 (C) bias
 (D) breadth
- 139.** The restaurant where we had lunch had a tranquil _____.
 (A) atmosphere
 (B) demeanor
 (C) compliment
 (D) personality
- 140.** This quarter we would like to see our product enjoy a wider _____, and perhaps even go international.
 (A) distribute
 (B) distributing
 (C) distribution
 (D) distributional

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Questions 141 - 143 refer to the following e-mail.

To: Sales Staff
From: John Johnson
Date: October 12
Re: Bonus

Dear Employees,

Now that the figures are in, I can _____ that we've had the most successful summer season yet.

- 141.** (A) reply
 (B) confirm
 (C) rely
 (D) assure

This is, of course, in a large part, thanks to you, *Flyaway Travel's* dedicated sales staff. We at management would like to recognize the _____ you have made to our successful season, so we are issuing a bonus.

- 142.** (A) contributive
 (B) contribution
 (C) contributor
 (D) contributing

The bonus will appear in your November paycheck, and will be calculated _____ a percentage of your salary.

Thanks to all of you for making the summer season such a success!

Sincerely,

John Johnson,
 Personnel Division
 Flyaway Travel

- 143.** (A) as
 (B) of
 (C) with
 (D) for

Questions 144 - 146 refer to the following news article.

Some of America's largest banks are expected to announce plans later to form a \$75bn joint fund to invest in US sub-prime mortgage debt.

The banks, including Citigroup and JP Morgan, are seeking to _____ confidence in the sector and prevent a further dip in the price of such investments. The banks are said to fear more cuts in the price of sub-prime mortgage debt, which is hitting their balance sheets.

- 144.** (A) finance
 (B) lead
 (C) deflate
 (D) boost

Higher mortgage rates have sparked a record number of sub-prime home loan defaults. This has caused a wider credit squeeze as banks and other investors have been less _____ to lend to each other.

- 145.** (A) willing
 (B) optimistic
 (C) realistic
 (D) patient

Analysts say the big US banks hope their move will prevent the current holders of sub-prime mortgage securities _____ dumping them on the market at knock-down prices. Such a "fire sale" could intensify the credit crisis.

- 146.** (A) by
 (B) with
 (C) from
 (D) of

Questions 147 - 149 refer to the following letter.

Dear Ms. Clark

We are sorry to hear that you have been experiencing problems with your new digital camera.

While we do ask that our customers contact their dealer in the event of a problem, we recognize that, in your case, this would be impossible. Therefore, if you will carefully package the _____ in its original carton and send it to us, our "doctors" will put it through a thorough examination to determine the source of the problem.

- 147.** (A) unit
 (B) piece
 (C) fragment
 (D) entity

If the problem turns out to be a minor _____, we shall make the repair and then return the camera to you within thirty days. If our determination is that the unit is defective, we will send you an immediate replacement.

- 148.** (A) refurbishment
 (B) inconvenience
 (C) renewal
 (D) adjustment

Again, I am sorry that you experienced this difficulty and wish to thank you for your patience and for _____ our product.

Sincerely,
 Thomas Vining
 Service Department

- 149.** (A) purchasing
 (B) earning
 (C) gaining
 (D) requiring

Questions 150-152 refer to the following document.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

For Post number ZT34559

• Install Brink's Home Security authorized equipment in customer homes and businesses in accordance _____ established standards and procedures. Design layouts of the security system utilizing thorough knowledge of the equipment and its capabilities. Assist in the promotion and sale of extra equipment.

- 150.** (A) with
 (B) to
 (C) of
 (D) from

• Test backup batteries, keypad programming and all security features in order to ensure proper functioning, and to diagnose malfunctions.

• Demonstrate systems for customers, and explain details such as the _____ and consequences of false alarms.

- 151.** (A) aims
 (B) rules
 (C) happenings
 (D) causes

• Keep informed of new products and developments.

• _____ a thorough explanation of the Protective Service Agreement, system capabilities and system operation to the customer.

- 152.** (A) Distribute
 (B) Provide
 (C) Avail
 (D) Arrange

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101. The menu at the new restaurant is quite ____; I'm sure everyone will find something they like the sound of.
 (A) varied
 (B) plain
 (C) delicious
 (D) changeable
102. If you have any ____ about the service you received, you can fill out a complaint form.
 (A) interjection
 (B) objection
 (C) opinion
 (D) inclination
103. The _____ of the steering committee made the business much more effective.
 (A) creative
 (B) creating
 (C) re-create
 (D) creation
104. Electricity is expensive because we have only one supplier which has a _____.
 (A) royalty
 (B) monopoly
 (C) ruling
 (D) majority
105. The letter from Ms. Wells seems to have vanished without a _____.
 (A) whisper
 (B) peep
 (C) trace
 (D) flash
106. _____ being ill with the flu, Mr. Smith gave an excellent presentation.
 (A) However
 (B) Nevertheless
 (C) Therefore
 (D) Despite
107. In our office, on Fridays, people can wear jeans, T-shirts and other _____ clothes.
 (A) casual
 (B) dowdy
 (C) formal
 (D) curious
108. There were 30 applicants, all of whom were well qualified. This field is just too _____.
 (A) competitive
 (B) complicated
 (C) progressive
 (D) comprehensive
109. For international flights it is important _____ at the airport at least two hours early.
 (A) being
 (B) you are
 (C) to be
 (D) be
110. This brand of shoes is quite ordinary; however, their advertising campaign is truly _____.
 (A) innovating
 (B) innovation
 (C) innovated
 (D) innovative
111. Laura, could you please _____ this e-mail to Todd as I don't have his e-mail address?
 (A) pass off
 (B) forward
 (C) put through
 (D) reply
112. I _____ the job application last Thursday, but I don't expect to hear anything for a while.
 (A) interviewed
 (B) offered
 (C) placed
 (D) submitted

Practice Test 8

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Section II: Reading

113. The researchers are aiming _____ their results in a highly regarded journal.
(A) publishing
(B) published
(C) to publish
(D) publish
114. Julie was late again today, and her boss told her _____.
(A) off
(B) in
(C) for
(D) which
115. Why did you agree to work such long hours?
If I were you I would have _____.
(A) refused
(B) reclined
(C) redoubled
(D) reformed
116. I would like to make a(n) _____ for a table for eight at 1pm please.
(A) invitation
(B) reservation
(C) conservation
(D) application
117. The _____ for this computer comes in seven languages.
(A) manual
(B) mandate
(C) magazine
(D) manufacture
118. We can assure you that our product is _____ any of the competition.
(A) best than
(B) better than
(C) the best
(D) as good
119. People often _____ their money in real estate.
(A) invest
(B) impound
(C) increase
(D) finance
120. The goods may _____ if for any reason you are not satisfied.
(A) return
(B) have returned
(C) be returned
(D) be returning
121. If you were injured in the workplace, you should be eligible for _____.
(A) compensation
(B) redundancy
(C) demotion
(D) promotion
122. _____ Alan came up with the idea, he should present it at the meeting.
(A) Although
(B) However
(C) Therefore
(D) Since
123. Katherine was _____ to the position of manager after only working for the company for one year.
(A) advanced
(B) promoted
(C) increased
(D) evaluated
124. We will have to make _____ in our budget this month because profits are down.
(A) holes
(B) leaps
(C) tucks
(D) cuts
125. If you are expecting _____, you are very likely to be disappointed.
(A) prefectures
(B) perfectionist
(C) perfecting
(D) perfection
126. George was worried _____ what to wear to the job interview.
(A) for
(B) from
(C) about
(D) at
127. You should iron that shirt because it is full of _____.
(A) stains
(B) lines
(C) tears
(D) creases
128. We are _____ on you to have the report done by Friday; don't let us down.
(A) rooting
(B) leaning
(C) counting
(D) believing
129. Maurice is the last person you would describe as _____; he is sure to tell you about all his achievements.
(A) proud
(B) retiring
(C) modest
(D) meek
130. Anna did exactly what I would have done _____ if I was in her shoes.
(A) my own
(B) for me
(C) herself
(D) myself

- 131.** I think Mr. White was impressed ____ presentation.
 (A) by our
 (B) at the
 (C) from our
 (D) on the
- 132.** It's a bit _____ to celebrate now; best wait until the contract is signed!
 (A) premeditated
 (B) pressing
 (C) premature
 (D) predetermined
- 133.** The office space was tasteful and _____.
 (A) invited
 (B) inviting
 (C) invitation
 (D) invitingly
- 134.** Tom is a(n) _____ who says people should not be motivated by money.
 (A) idealist
 (B) pessimist
 (C) optimist
 (D) philanthropist
- 135.** It is an honor to be working with such _____.
 (A) prestigious
 (B) preposterous
 (C) intimidating
 (D) infamous
- 136.** The plane was delayed _____ high winds.
 (A) accounting for
 (B) causing
 (C) regarding
 (D) due to
- 137.** Maria's cafe is _____ and so she is thinking of opening another.
 (A) bursting
 (B) thriving
 (C) pining
 (D) striving
- 138.** Very little got done at the meeting as no one was _____.
 (A) prepared
 (B) going to prepare
 (C) preparing
 (D) to prepare
- 139.** _____ one of the positions would be a great opportunity; you will just have to pick whichever sounds best!
 (A) Neither
 (B) Rather
 (C) Either
 (D) Both
- 140.** One of our _____ this quarter is to increase sales by 30 percent.
 (A) liabilities
 (B) aspirations
 (C) inclinations
 (D) objectives

Part 6: Text Completion

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 letter.

Dear Mr. Chambers

Thank you for your letter of 14th June in which you explained the circumstances behind your request for an _____ of time to remit your payment on invoice #44596.

- 141.** (A) extent
 (B) extending
 (C) extension
 (D) extendable

We do appreciate your straightforwardness and have noted on your account that your payment will be made on 1st November.

You have been a loyal customer of ours for quite some time and if this gesture on our part helps to _____ your current situation, we are certainly pleased to _____ assistance.

Sincerely,
 Martha Brookside
 Fairmile Auto

- 142.** (A) silence
 (B) appease
 (C) prevent
 (D) ease

- 143.** (A) give as
 (B) help with
 (C) be of
 (D) offer for

Questions 144-146 refer to the following announcement.

Sainsbury's in light bulb giveaway

Supermarket _____ Sainsbury's will give away one million energy-saving light bulbs at its stores on Saturday.

- 144.** (A) outlet
 (B) branch
 (C) chain
 (D) link

Timed for when the clocks go back, Sainsbury's said it wanted to _____ people to save electricity during the dark months ahead. To claim their bulb, customers will have to take an energy-saving pledge to try to recycle bags and switch to showers from baths. The chain will also be urging customers to unplug their mobile phone chargers, dry clothes outside instead of in tumble dryers and keep the fridge and freezer running more efficiently.

- 145.** (A) require
 (B) force
 (C) reward
 (D) encourage

Sainsbury's will be handing out Philips 11W energy saver bulbs, equivalent to a regular 60 watt bulb, that usually retail for £2.

Switching to just one energy-saving light bulb, which uses 80% less energy _____ traditional bulbs, saves in the region of £7 every year.

- 146.** (A) from
 (B) rather than
 (C) than the
 (D) instead of

Questions 147 - 149 refer to the following letter.

February 21
 Josephine Brown
 81 Yew Crescent
 York YH3 8GE

Dear Ms. Brown

Following on from our interviews on the 5th of February, we would like to inform you that you have been chosen as one of 20 candidates to move on to our second _____ of interviewing on the 12th of March.

Your interview is scheduled for 1pm. Please let us know if you will be able to attend.

- 147.** (A) screen
 (B) term
 (C) round
 (D) attempt

All the interviews will be held in the main meeting rooms of the Grand Hotel on Regents Street. If you do require travel expenses, bring your receipts _____ interview, and please give them to Ms. Simpson who will be signing the candidates in.

- 148.** (A) to the
 (B) into
 (C) for you
 (D) with your

We wish you luck, and will point out that whatever the _____ of the interviews, we were highly impressed with your CV as you were chosen from out of over 200 candidates.

Sincerely,

Alan Wright,
 Director
 Recruitment

- 149.** (A) turnover
 (B) turnout
 (C) outset
 (D) outcome

Questions 150 - 152 refer to the following news article.

A report by *Barclays Wealth* questioned 790 wealthy individuals from around the world on their investment _____. It found that only 48% of respondents planned to buy further investments in stocks over the next three years, down from 64% over the past 36 months.

- 150.** (A) preferred
 (B) preferences
 (C) preferential
 (D) preferably

This comes following recent _____ on the world-wide stock markets, sparked by record loan defaults in the US mortgage market and a resulting shortfall in global credit, which has affected two continents.

- 151.** (A) demand
 (B) consciousness
 (C) turbulence
 (D) clarity

By contrast, 15% of respondents said they planned to invest in private equity funds, up from 11% over the past three years; while 21% said they expected to invest in hedge funds, up from 20%.

The report added that _____ the increase in popularity of such alternative investments, just 27% of respondents said they understood how hedge funds worked, while only 36% said they knew how private equity schemes operated.

- 152.** (A) despite
 (B) however
 (C) although
 (D) therefore

Section II: Reading

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Part 5: Incomplete Sentences

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.

Example:

The mother held her newborn _____.

- (A) loving
- (B) lovely
- (C) lovingly
- (D) love

Correct answer: (C)

101. If you can't behave _____, you will lose your job.
- A. sensible
 - B. senseless
 - C. sensibly
 - D. sensibility
102. I'm very _____ about this new contract.
- A. considered
 - B. concerned
 - C. conserved
 - D. consisted
103. We have _____ a room for you at the hotel.
- A. reservations
 - B. reservation
 - C. reserving
 - D. reserved
104. Has Mr Browning returned my call _____?
- A. still
 - B. soon
 - C. yet
 - D. once
105. I don't think he can handle this project by _____.
- A. him
 - B. himself
 - C. his
 - D. his own
106. All employees are paid on the first _____ month.
- A. at each
 - B. of the
 - C. for every
 - D. with any
107. You need to _____ your application by Friday.
- A. submit
 - B. reply
 - C. respond
 - D. reveal
108. Make sure you have cleaned the office _____ before you leave.
- A. thorough
 - B. thoroughness
 - C. thoroughly
 - D. more thorough
109. Employees are _____ that eating is not allowed in the factory.
- A. remembered
 - B. reminded
 - C. recalled
 - D. memorized
110. Head Office is located in the _____ of the country.
- A. region
 - B. county
 - C. township
 - D. capital
111. Mrs Green can talk to you now. Thank you for _____.
- A. waiting
 - B. waited
 - C. to await
 - D. the await
112. We need to find out _____ this company really belongs.
- A. whose
 - B. those who
 - C. to whom
 - D. whoever

- 113.** I have a difficult deadline _____ this week.
 A. having met
 B. to meeting
 C. meeting
 D. to meet
- 114.** Industrial pollution is the subject of _____ conferences taking place all over the world.
 A. any
 B. every
 C. several
 D. enough
- 115.** He is one of _____ interesting speakers on this subject.
 A. the most
 B. the more
 C. more
 D. more than
- 116.** I am amazed they moved your desk next to _____.
 A. myself
 B. mine
 C. mine own
 D. my
- 117.** For the expert _____ for the layman, this book has something to offer.
 A. in addition
 B. further
 C. as well as
 D. too
- 118.** I'm afraid this problem is _____ our control.
 A. underneath
 B. beyond
 C. below
 D. within
- 119.** The boss is going to give one of his long _____ again.
 A. speakings
 B. speaks
 C. speakers
 D. speeches
- 120.** I have no _____ of this project.
 A. knowledge
 B. idea
 C. thought
 D. concept
- 121.** Nobody's application was as impressive as _____.!
 A. her
 B. herself
 C. hers
 D. she
- 122.** We need to approach this company with a great deal of _____.
 A. cautious
 B. cautiously
 C. cautionings
 D. caution
- 123.** Please _____ your reservation 24 hours before you arrive.
 A. conduct
 B. conceive
 C. confirm
 D. conserve
- 124.** Brian did _____ job that his boss promoted him.
 A. a such good
 B. such a good
 C. so well
 D. such well a
- 125.** Stress is greater at the top of the company _____.
 A. than of
 B. from at
 C. than at
 D. as in
- 126.** All applicants must send a CV at least five days _____.
 A. advanced
 B. beforehand
 C. forward
 D. firstly
- 127.** A bank loan can _____ a variety of forms.
 A. make
 B. receive
 C. perceive
 D. take
- 128.** You need a balanced diet to stay _____.
 A. healthy
 B. healthily
 C. with health
 D. on healthy
- 129.** Unemployment is _____ to affect many countries.
 A. possibly
 B. suitably
 C. likely
 D. hardly
- 130.** The management seems to have very little _____ for the health and safety of the workers.
 A. perception C. belief
 B. regard D. manners

- 131.** From an early age, his enthusiasm _____ to him being very popular at work.
 A. has led
 B. leads
 C. leading
 D. did led
- 132.** Practically _____ in the group had lived and worked abroad.
 A. no one
 B. each one
 C. anyone
 D. someone
- 133.** Don't be _____ by her aggressive manner; she's a good boss really.
 A. put away
 B. put across
 C. put through
 D. put off
- 134.** Working on Sundays is _____, but it makes a good impression.
 A. volunteer
 B. voluntarily
 C. volunteering
 D. voluntary
- 135.** We are pleased to inform _____ have been accepted for the position.
 A. you of your
 B. you that you
 C. you that your
 D. yourself of you
- 136.** Replacing the computers every six months seems quite _____ to me.
 A. unnecessary
 B. unnecessarily
 C. necessitate
 D. necessarily
- 137.** Our products are superior _____ of our competitors.
 A. than these
 B. from those
 C. of these
 D. to those
- 138.** _____ our profits increase, we will have to fire some workers.
 A. In the case
 B. Because
 C. Unless
 D. Due to
- 139.** I have _____ to this magazine at a very good rate.
 A. received
 B. distributed
 C. subscribed
 D. sustained
- 140.** Your acceptance for the job _____ on your passing the exam.
 A. has a dependency
 B. can dependable
 C. it depends
 D. is dependent

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Questions 141-143 refer to the following text.

At the Zoo

A man was delivering penguins to the zoo when his van broke _____ on the highway. A fellow stopped to see if he could be of assistance. "Oh, I'm in some real trouble here," said the first man. "I've got to take these penguins to the zoo today, and now I'm not sure I'll get there."

141. (A) away
 (B) down
 (C) off
 (D) over

The helpful fellow volunteered to put the penguins in the back of his car and take them to the zoo. The man with car trouble gratefully _____ this offer and promised to get to the zoo as soon as possible. A little later, the man was on the road again and went immediately to the zoo. He looked everywhere but did not see the helpful fellow or any of the penguins. In a panic, he drove back into town. Just as he was wondering what in the world to do next, he saw the "volunteer" walking across the street with all the penguins waddling along behind him.

142. (A) received
 (B) agreed
 (C) consented
 (D) accepted

He ran up and said, "What are you doing here? I thought you were going to take the penguins to the zoo!" and the volunteer replied, "I did, and we had such a good time there; we decided to come into town for ice cream."

Moral: When _____ with volunteers, clear instructions and good training is always necessary.

143. (A) working
 (B) you working
 (C) work
 (D) having worked

Questions 144-146 refer to the following article in a periodical.

Ever since the publication of *The Origin of Species* in 1859, evolution has been a source of controversy. In general, controversy has _____ on the philosophical, social, and religious implications of evolution, not on the science of evolution itself; the proposition that biological evolution occurs through the mechanism of natural selection is completely uncontested within the scientific community.

144. (A) centered
 (B) aimed
 (C) targeted
 (D) directed

As Darwin recognized early _____, perhaps the most controversial aspect of evolutionary thought is its applicability to human beings. Specifically, many object to the idea that all diversity in life, including human beings, arose through natural processes without a need for supernatural intervention. Although many religions, such as Catholicism, have reconciled their beliefs with evolution through theistic evolution, creationists object to evolution on the basis that it contradicts their theistic origin beliefs.

145. (A) in
 (B) towards
 (C) on
 (D) into it

In some countries - notably the United States - these tensions between scientific and religious teachings have fueled the ongoing creation-evolution controversy, a social and religious conflict especially focusing on politics and public education. _____ other fields of science, such as cosmology and earth science, also conflict with literal interpretations of many religious texts, evolutionary biology has borne the brunt of these debates.

146. (A) Nonetheless
 (B) While
 (C) However
 (D) After all

Questions 147 - 149 refer to the following text.

An important _____ in understanding the supply and demand theory is elasticity. In this context, it refers to how supply and demand change in response to various stimuli.

- 147.** (A) concept
 (B) conscript
 (C) contract
 (D) contempt

One way of defining elasticity is the percentage change in one variable divided by the percentage change in another variable (known as arch elasticity because it calculates the elasticity over a range of values, in contrast _____ point elasticity that uses differential calculus to determine the elasticity at a specific point). Thus it is a measure of relative changes.

- 148.** (A) by
 (B) of
 (C) with
 (D) from

Often, it is useful to know how the quantity supplied or demanded will change when the price changes. This is known as the price elasticity of demand and the price elasticity of supply. If a monopolist decides to increase the price of their product, how will this affect their sales revenue? Will the increased unit price offset the _____ decrease in sales volume?

- 149.** (A) probably
 (B) possibly
 (C) likely
 (D) perhaps

Questions 150 - 152 refer to the following text.

Although human migration has existed throughout human history, immigration in the modern _____ refers to movement of people from one nation-state to another. Immigration implies long-term permanent residence (and often, eventual citizenship) by the immigrants: tourists and short-term visitors are not considered immigrants.

- 150.** (A) term
 (B) sign
 (C) sense
 (D) trend

However, seasonal labor migration (typically for periods of less than a year) is often _____ as a form of immigration. The global volume of immigration is high in absolute terms, but low in relative terms. The UN estimated 190 million international migrants in 2005, about 3% of global population. The other 97% still live in the state in which they were born, or its successor state.

- 151.** (A) treated
 (B) referred
 (C) alluded
 (D) dealt

The modern idea of immigration is related to the development of nation-states and nationality law. Citizenship of a nation-state confers an inalienable right of residence in that state, but residence of immigrants is subject to conditions set by immigration law. The nation-state made immigration a political issue: _____ definition it is the homeland of a nation defined by shared ethnicity and/or culture, and in most cases immigrants have a different ethnicity and culture. This has led to social tensions, xenophobia, and conflicts about national identity, in many developed countries.

- 152.** (A) according
 (B) regarding
 (C) as for
 (D) by

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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.

Example:

The mother held her newborn _____.

- (A) loving
- (B) lovely
- (C) lovingly
- (D) love

Correct answer: (C)

101. Our sales _____ significantly since this time last year.
- (A) increase
 - (B) increased
 - (C) have increased
 - (D) are increasing
102. Mr. Smith comes _____ New Zealand. He's not Australian.
- (A) by
 - (B) to
 - (C) from
 - (D) in
103. The company was _____ to meet the terms of our contract.
- (A) obligated
 - (B) encouraged
 - (C) requested
 - (D) surprised
104. The carpets _____ just last week.
- (A) washed
 - (B) were washing
 - (C) had washed
 - (D) were washed
105. It's risky to _____ a debt in this unstable economy.
- (A) take on
 - (B) overtake
 - (C) take up
 - (D) take over
106. Mr. Murphy has become wealthy due to his _____ investments.
- (A) timid
 - (B) hasty
 - (C) rash
 - (D) shrewd
107. It would be an honor _____ with you again in the future.
- (A) collaborate
 - (B) to collaborate
 - (C) collaborating
 - (D) to be collaborated
108. Mrs. Cross insists that we arrive _____ time.
- (A) in
 - (B) on
 - (C) for
 - (D) at
109. Will you _____ your hasty decision?
- (A) reconsider
 - (B) resist
 - (C) neglect
 - (D) renovate
110. I'm sorry you were disappointed with our product; I'll see that it never _____ again.
- (A) arrives
 - (B) becomes
 - (C) attempts
 - (D) happens
111. The newest of the computers is the first _____ that broke.
- (A) something
 - (B) ones
 - (C) some
 - (D) one
112. Although the Steak House would be _____, I was hoping we could try someplace new.
- (A) perfect
 - (B) adequate
 - (C) unsavory
 - (D) terrible

- 113.** Could you tell me the best way to _____ Mr. Campbell?
- (A) meet
 - (B) call
 - (C) speak
 - (D) reach
- 114.** Can you give an example illustrating how you might perform _____ pressure?
- (A) around
 - (B) in
 - (C) from
 - (D) under
- 115.** Robert is always _____ to others; of course I'll give him a hand if he needs it!
- (A) helping
 - (B) helpful
 - (C) helps
 - (D) helpless
- 116.** He would rather have _____ for his work than any financial reward.
- (A) notification
 - (B) renumeration
 - (C) recognition
 - (D) elevation
- 117.** Those travelling by mini-bus must _____ in the parking lot by 7am.
- (A) go
 - (B) embark
 - (C) join
 - (D) meet
- 118.** _____ car is parked in the loading area?
- (A) Who
 - (B) Who's
 - (C) Whose
 - (D) What's
- 119.** The furniture at the office _____ last week.
- (A) were replaced
 - (B) replaced
 - (C) was replaced
 - (D) have been replaced
- 120.** Do you want to _____ the premiere?
- (A) participate
 - (B) explore
 - (C) visit
 - (D) attend
- 121.** It's 3pm; you really _____ take a lunch break.
- (A) needn't
 - (B) ought to
 - (C) would
 - (D) hadn't
- 122.** It's raining but, _____, we must still go.
- (A) nevertheless
 - (B) however
 - (C) despite
 - (D) although
- 123.** _____ traveled extensively in his youth, he was ready to settle down.
- (A) Having
 - (B) He had
 - (C) Having been
 - (D) Has he
- 124.** Would you _____ refrain from talking during the film?
- (A) kind
 - (B) kindest
 - (C) kinder
 - (D) kindly
- 125.** How dare you _____ my honesty!
- (A) misunderstand
 - (B) command
 - (C) regard
 - (D) question
- 126.** I will need either Jenner _____ Todd to come with me on Tuesday.
- (A) or
 - (B) nor
 - (C) and
 - (D) not
- 127.** We can't offer the cheapest product _____ we can offer the best quality.
- (A) and
 - (B) only
 - (C) but
 - (D) because
- 128.** All staff must be informed about the new _____ on returns.
- (A) proposal
 - (B) text
 - (C) law
 - (D) policy
- 129.** _____ than drive, she decided to walk.
- (A) Better
 - (B) Either
 - (C) Rather
 - (D) Other
- 130.** _____ you're leaving, be sure to turn off the lights.
- (A) Before
 - (B) With
 - (C) On
 - (D) As

- 131.** I'm sorry, please ____; don't let me interrupt!
- (A) linger
 - (B) halt
 - (C) commence
 - (D) continue
- 132.** It's no use ____; we're too busy right now for anyone to have next week off.
- (A) to insist
 - (B) insisted
 - (C) insisting
 - (D) being insisted
- 133.** The whole team is going on a(n) ____ to build morale.
- (A) excursion
 - (B) intervention
 - (C) investigation
 - (D) journey
- 134.** John needs to learn to speak ____!
- (A) polite
 - (B) politics
 - (C) politely
 - (D) politeness
- 135.** The audience, as well as the performers, ____ exhausted after the play.
- (A) have been
 - (B) are
 - (C) were
 - (D) has
- 136.** Applications received ____ the 24th of June will not be considered.
- (A) by
 - (B) from
 - (C) after
 - (D) on
- 137.** Tim's creative problem ____ has saved the day again!
- (A) solved
 - (B) solves
 - (C) solving
 - (D) solution
- 138.** It would be to your ____ to do a master's degree.
- (A) compliment
 - (B) intention
 - (C) increase
 - (D) advantage
- 139.** Unfortunately ____ of the candidates we interviewed were satisfactory.
- (A) either
 - (B) both
 - (C) neither
 - (D) one
- 140.** The two companies decided to ____ instead of continuing to compete.
- (A) battle
 - (B) merge
 - (C) comply
 - (D) surrender

Part 6: Text Completion

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Questions 141-143 refer to the following e-mail:

To: Bill Fletcher
From: Michelle Reid
Date: June 7
Re: Request for information

Dear Mr. Fletcher,
I am e-mailing you concerning your job application for the position of assistant set designer at Big Sky Studios. Your application interests us, but we need some other _____ documents.

- 141.** (A) supporting
(B) support
(C) supported
(D) supporter

First of all, in the portfolio section of your application you _____ several amateur productions for which you were responsible for the set design.

- 142.** (A) claim
(B) list
(C) tell
(D) arrange

We would like to see photographs, or other visual evidence, of the work that you did. If you do not have this, you may want to ask the venue where the performance was held. They often keep video records.

Also, you said that references could be provided on your CV. We would indeed like to receive the names and contact information for two referees.

Please provide us with the above information as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need assistance, you _____ contact me at this e-mail address, or call 345 388 8978.

- 143.** (A) must
(B) may
(C) ought
(D) would

Sincerely,
Michelle Reid,
Human Resources

Questions 144-146 refer to the following information:

You have no job security, even if you think you do. Consultants, even good consultants, are often considered a necessary evil by customers who use them, and it's _____ easy to stop using one. It doesn't require firing or confrontation, just "we don't need you any more" or even just not calling.

- 144.** (A) excepting
(B) an exception
(C) exceptional
(D) exceptionally

This has happened to me several times: a sure thing, with many years of history, stopped on a dime when a customer's customer canceled a project, or when another customer was bought by a bigger enterprise.

This is not personal to your customer; it's just business but when your gravy train _____ without notice, it's very personal. And terrifying.

- 145.** (A) explodes
(B) evaporates
(C) precipitates
(D) appears

The best way to approach this is to diversify. If you have only one ongoing project, you can find yourself out of work with no more notice than the time it takes the phone to ring.

_____ being aggressive about finding more than one customer, and even making it a point to value a backlog of work, you have a fighting chance at dodging the vaporizing-customer bullet.

- 146.** (A) But
(B) Therefore
(C) Either
(D) By

Questions 147-149 refer to the following job requirements:

QUALIFICATIONS - Assistant Budget and Accounts Officer

Education

This position requires an advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in business administration, finance, economics or related field. _____, a first-level university degree with a relevant combination of academic qualifications and relevant extensive experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

147. (A) However
 (B) Therefore
 (C) In addition
 (D) Indeed

Work Experience

A minimum of 7 years _____ responsible administrative experience is required. Experience in health insurance administration, preferably in the United States health and life insurance environment, or in international or intergovernmental organizations, is desirable.

148. (A) progressively
 (B) progressive
 (C) progressing
 (D) progress

Languages

English and French are the _____ languages of the organization. For this post, fluency in spoken and written English is required. Knowledge of the other language is an advantage.

149. (A) serious
 (B) secondary
 (C) essential
 (D) working

Other Skills

Advanced computer skills including spreadsheet and database applications are required.

Questions 150-152 refer to the following letter:

May 24

Maryann Larson
 4563 West Larch Drive

Dear Ms. Larson,

I was very sorry to hear that you were not satisfied with your purchase. We take great pride in creating high quality and dependable cameras, and so it is a cause of _____ concern to hear that a customer purchased a defective product. I was also dismayed to learn that the outlet where you purchased the camera would not accept a return because you purchased the item on sale.

150. (A) considerate
 (B) considerable
 (C) considerably
 (D) considering

As you know, I'm sure, our cameras have an outstanding reputation and we have many satisfied customers. So, if you would like to give us another chance, and exchange the camera you purchased for another of the same model, you may give the enclosed form to the retailer where you bought the camera, and they are _____ to fill out the form, return your camera to us, and immediately issue you with a new camera.

151. (A) ordered
 (B) appeased
 (C) obligated
 (D) automated

Or, if you _____ faith in our product and would prefer to receive your money back, please send the camera to us, and when we receive it we will issue to you a complete refund.

152. (A) are losing
 (B) will lose
 (C) have lost
 (D) lose

Sincerely,

Bob Balfour,
 Customer Service Department