

LISTENING TEST

In the listening test, you will be asked to demonstrate how well you understand spoken English. The entire listening test will last approximately 45 minutes. There are four parts, and directions are given for each part.

PART 1

Directions: For each question in this part, you will hear four statements about a picture in your test book. When you hear the statements, you must select the one statement that best describes what you see in the picture by marking the correct answer option: A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet. The statements will not be printed in your test book and will be spoken only one time.

Example:



- (A) There is only one rescue vehicle in the picture.
- (B) One of the buildings in the picture is on fire.
- (C) A large crowd is watching the rescue efforts.
- (D) There are two people trapped in the car.

Statement (A), "There is only one rescue vehicle in the picture," is the best description of the picture, so you should mark answer (A).

Question (1)



Question (2)



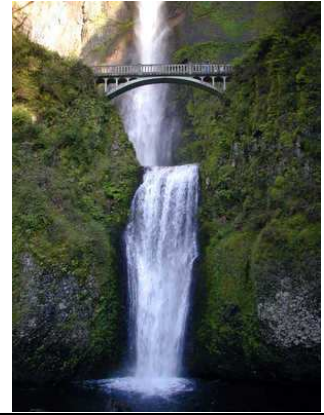
Question (3)



Question (4)



Question (5)



Question (6)



Question (7)



Question (8)



Question (9)



Question (10)



PART 2

Directions: You will hear a question or statement and three responses spoken in English. They will not be printed in your test book and will be spoken only one time. Select the best response to the question or statement and select (A), (B), or (C) to mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Example:

You will hear: Where did you last see Ms. Montgomery?

You will also hear:

- (A) Yes, I can see it on the flat screen.
- (B) It was about three weeks ago.
- (C) At the First Street coffee shop.

The best response to the question “Where did you last see Ms. Montgomery?” is choice (C), “At the First Street coffee shop,” so (C) is the correct answer. You should mark answer (C).

PART 3

Directions: You will hear several conversations between two people. You will be asked to answer three questions about what the speakers say in each conversation. Select the best response to each question and mark answer (A), (B), (C), or (D) on the answer sheet. The conversations will not be printed in your test book and will be spoken only one time.

(41) Where is this conversation most likely taking place?

- (A) In an office
- (B) In a restaurant
- (C) In a gymnasium
- (D) In a grocery store

(43) What will the man probably say next?

- (A) Ranch, please.
- (B) No thank you.
- (C) That would be fine.
- (D) A blue dress.

(45) What mistake did the man make?

- (A) He charged the woman the wrong price.
- (B) He sold the woman the wrong product.
- (C) He asked the woman the wrong question.
- (D) He gave the woman the wrong change.

(47) What does the man ask Jean about?

- (A) Business cards
- (B) Work orders
- (C) Project reports
- (D) Changing jobs

(49) How does the woman feel about the news the man tells her?

- (A) Angry
- (B) Floored
- (C) Surprised
- (D) Encouraged

(51) What are the speakers talking about?

- (A) A condominium
- (B) An apartment
- (C) An office building
- (D) A house

(42) What does the woman ask the man about his steak?

- (A) What kind he wants
- (B) How much it costs
- (C) How he wants it cooked
- (D) When she should serve it

(44) What position does the man probably hold?

- (A) Busboy
- (B) Cashier
- (C) Doorkeeper
- (D) Accountant

(46) What does the woman ask the man to do?

- (A) Give her four quarters for a dollar.
- (B) Charge her an extra \$10.
- (C) Make change for a \$10 bill.
- (D) Sell her \$10 worth of groceries.

(48) Why does the man tell Jean to wait?

- (A) The company's address might change.
- (B) Business cards cost too much money.
- (C) Raymond told Stephen about a mistake.
- (D) She is likely to be promoted to manager.

(50) Who is the woman?

- (A) An architect
- (B) A landlord
- (C) A realtor
- (D) An insurance agent

(52) What does the man want to do?

- (A) View the home online
- (B) Buy the home
- (C) Visit the home
- (D) Take pictures

- (53)** What are the speakers mainly discussing?
- (A) Painting estimates
 - (B) Budgeting concerns
 - (C) Starting times
 - (D) Contract terms
- (54)** What does the woman say about Paint Pros?
- (A) They are unreliable.
 - (B) They have high quality.
 - (C) They charge the lowest price.
 - (D) They cannot start immediately.
- (55)** What does the woman offer to do?
- (A) Negotiate a lower price
 - (B) Confirm a starting date
 - (C) Adjust the budget
 - (D) Respond to all the bidders
- (56)** Where is this conversation most likely taking place?
- (A) At a university
 - (B) At a convention
 - (C) In an office
 - (D) In a supermarket
- (57)** What does Katie want the man to do?
- (A) Interrupt Brad's meeting.
 - (B) Call Jasmine
 - (C) Give Brad a message
 - (D) Correct two invoices
- (58)** What is NOT true?
- (A) Katie works in accounting.
 - (B) Brad will be free at 11 o'clock.
 - (C) Brad is in a meeting.
 - (D) The man will tell Brad that Katie called.
- (59)** What does the man ask Bridget to do?
- (A) Read a catalogue
 - (B) Create mock pages
 - (C) Buy some T-shirts
 - (D) Check for errors
- (60)** Why can't Bridget help immediately?
- (A) She has to finish another task.
 - (B) She needs to make a phone call.
 - (C) She is making some copies.
 - (D) She is pricing T-shirts.
- (61)** Where do the speakers most likely work?
- (A) At a newspaper
 - (B) At a clothing company
 - (C) At a supermarket
 - (D) At an insurance firm
- (62)** Why is the woman calling the man?
- (A) To buy a dishwasher
 - (B) To report a problem
 - (C) To confirm an appointment
 - (D) To request a refund
- (63)** What is the woman having trouble with?
- (A) A utility
 - (B) A tool
 - (C) A warranty
 - (D) An appliance
- (64)** What does the man promise to do?
- (A) Refund the woman's money
 - (B) Replace the woman's dishwasher
 - (C) Send someone to the woman's home
 - (D) Charge the woman for a warranty
- (65)** What is the purpose of the man's phone call?
- (A) To solicit for charity
 - (B) To promote a business
 - (C) To request an interview
 - (D) To offer an annual gift
- (66)** What does the woman imply?
- (A) She does not like the Mission Shelter's work.
 - (B) She has already donated money to another cause.
 - (C) She does not have as much money as last year.
 - (D) She dislikes phone calls from telemarketers.

(67) How does the man convince the woman to donate?

- (A) He reminds her she can get a tax deduction.
- (B) He makes her feel guilty for neglecting the homeless.
- (C) He tells that she can wait until next year to help.
- (D) He promises to refund part of her contribution.

(69) What is the man's current position?

- (A) Salesman
- (B) Department head
- (C) Vice president
- (D) CEO

(68) When is this conversation most likely taking place?

- (A) During an employee review
- (B) During a job interview
- (C) During a media report
- (D) During a sales meeting

(70) What can be inferred about the man?

- (A) He is inexperienced.
- (B) He is nervous.
- (C) He is confident.
- (D) He is immodest.

PART 4

Directions: You will hear several talks given by a single speaker. You will be asked to answer three questions about what the speaker says in each talk. Select the best response to each question and mark answer (A), (B), (C), or (D). The conversations will not be printed in your test book and will be spoken only one time.

(71) What is the main purpose of the report?

- (A) To give shopping advice
- (B) To announce a cereal sale
- (C) To warn shoppers of fraud
- (D) To help shoppers save money

(73) How often does the speaker give shopping tips?

- (A) Daily
- (B) Weekly
- (C) Monthly
- (D) Annually

(75) What problem does Clara Belle Warner have?

- (A) She can't contact Jeff Pritchard.
- (B) She didn't receive financial information.
- (C) She has missed her story deadline.
- (D) Denise hasn't returned her call.

(77) Who is the speaker?

- (A) A businessman
- (B) An artist
- (C) A politician
- (D) A musician

(79) What is true of the speaker's foundation?

- (A) It focuses on orphans.
- (B) It was founded by his father.
- (C) It helps keep children healthy.
- (D) It has helped about 50,000 kids.

(81) What happens in New York City?

- (A) Government e-mail is processed.
- (B) Fiber cables are connected by hand.
- (C) Bits are received via underwater cable.
- (D) Bits are prepared to cross the Pacific.

(72) What does the speaker encourage shoppers to do?

- (A) Buy food in bulk packages
- (B) Consider food volume
- (C) Pay the lowest prices
- (D) Eat more breakfast cereal

(74) What position does Denise likely hold?

- (A) Company CEO
- (B) Newspaper reporter
- (C) Administrative assistant
- (D) Bank officer

(76) What can be inferred about Jeff Pritchard?

- (A) He works with Clara Belle Warner.
- (B) He is an international celebrity.
- (C) He does not like to read newspapers.
- (D) He is in a different part of the country.

(78) What happened when the speaker was 8 years old?

- (A) He became an international star.
- (B) He saw orphans in a park.
- (C) His father declared bankruptcy.
- (D) His family's furniture was stolen.

(80) What is the speaker mainly discussing?

- (A) The structure of the Internet
- (B) The route of one bit of information
- (C) How the Internet works
- (D) The Network Access Point

(82) What is NOT true of the Network Access Point?

- (A) It is located in New York City.
- (B) It is located at a major data-pipe intersection.
- (C) It processes the US government's e-mail.
- (D) It is located in the state of Virginia.

(83) Where would this announcement most likely be heard?

- (A) In an airport
- (B) At a train station
- (C) In a subway
- (D) At a bus stop

(85) What does the speaker ask listeners to do?

- (A) Eat dinner in the food court
- (B) Check in their suitcases
- (C) Get tickets for Eagle Air Flight 644
- (D) Have their boarding passes ready

(87) What does the speaker remind listeners to do?

- (A) Applaud Derek McClaskey
- (B) Silence their electrical devices
- (C) Eat and drink only after the show
- (D) Save their questions until the end

(89) What is being advertised?

- (A) A sale
- (B) A store
- (C) Holiday specials
- (D) New hours

(91) SuperCenter is mentioned as having all of the following EXCEPT

- (A) Electronics
- (B) Sporting goods
- (C) Video games
- (D) Jewelry

(93) What should listeners do first when multiplying a two-digit number by 11?

- (A) Add the digits of the number
- (B) Round the 11 to a 10
- (C) Insert a sum between the digits
- (D) Estimate the answer

(95) What is the main purpose of the message?

- (A) To route telephone calls
- (B) To promote BigCom Cable
- (C) To announce operating hours
- (D) To train BigCom operators

(84) What are passengers for Flight 582 doing?

- (A) Waiting for an arrival
- (B) Checking in their luggage
- (C) Getting on the plane
- (D) Eating at the food court

(86) What will Derek McClaskey talk about?

- (A) His childhood
- (B) Streets of Salt Lake
- (C) A new television show
- (D) His plans for next year

(88) What will happen at the end of Derek's talk?

- (A) Listeners will ask questions
- (B) Derek will sign autographs
- (C) Derek will pose for pictures
- (D) Listeners will see a video clip

(90) What does the speaker say about SuperCenter?

- (A) It has the lowest prices in town.
- (B) It has eight different locations.
- (C) It is having a special holiday sale.
- (D) It is convenient and efficient.

(92) What is the purpose of the talk?

- (A) To review for a test
- (B) To trick the listeners
- (C) To teach a new skill
- (D) To introduce new rules

(94) What does the speaker suggest about the second quick trick?

- (A) It doesn't always work.
- (B) It is fun to use at a party.
- (C) It is easy to remember.
- (D) It was invented by Albert Einstein.

(96) What is the listener calling to inquire about?

- (A) Telephone service
- (B) Internet service
- (C) Cell phone bill
- (D) Cable TV service

(97) What does the speaker say about this phone call?

- (A) The government is recording it.
- (B) A supervisor might be listening to it.
- (C) It will take 20 minutes to complete it.
- (D) It will not go through after 5 p.m.

(98) What can be inferred about Ernest Crowley?

- (A) He was afraid of flying.
- (B) He did not like children.
- (C) He was a local resident.
- (D) He was internationally renowned.

(99) What happened in 1959?

- (A) Ernest Crowley's first jump
- (B) A smoke-jumping tragedy
- (C) Establishment of a program
- (D) Promotion to superintendent

(100) What will happen on Saturday?

- (A) An announcement
- (B) A party
- (C) A mass
- (D) A funeral

This is the end of the listening test. Please continue with the Reading Test.

READING TEST

In the reading test, you will read a variety of texts and answer several different types of reading comprehension questions. The entire Reading Test will last 75 minutes. There are three parts, and directions are given for each part. You are encouraged to answer as many questions as possible within the time allowed.

PART 5

Directions: A word or phrase is missing in each of the sentences below. Four answer choices are given below each sentence. Select the best answer to complete the sentence. Then mark answer (A), (B), (C), or (D).

(101) The new prices are _____ on March 1st.

- (A) effect
- (B) effective
- (C) effecting
- (D) effected

(102) Martin and Scott will give _____ presentation tomorrow.

- (A) his
- (B) its
- (C) their
- (D) theirselves

(103) Orders for banquet tickets will be _____ this afternoon.

- (A) taken
- (B) given
- (C) played
- (D) stationed

(104) Will the last person leaving the office please remember to _____ the lights?

- (A) shut down
- (B) close
- (C) turn off
- (D) cancel

(105) The Butler Building is _____ the corner of Fifth and Vine.

- (A) in
- (B) against
- (C) between
- (D) on

(106) All our steaks are seared in the oven, and then seasoned to _____.

- (A) prediction
- (B) perfection
- (C) perdition
- (D) permission

(107) Would you mind _____ me the phone, please.

- (A) to bring
- (B) bringing
- (C) brought
- (D) brings

(108) The play's long run on Broadway will _____ come to an end tonight.

- (A) totally
- (B) very
- (C) temporarily
- (D) finally

(109) The bank is closed now, _____ you will have to wait until tomorrow to make the deposit.

- (A) so
- (B) as
- (C) because
- (D) and

(110) Could I see your driver's _____ please?

- (A) card
- (B) permit
- (C) license
- (D) identification

(111) We're _____ copy paper. Could you please order some more?

- (A) through with
- (B) down to
- (C) out of
- (D) used up

(112) Lowman Bros. Inc. cordially _____ you to its annual fund-raising dinner.

- (A) invited
- (B) invites
- (C) invite
- (D) inviting

(113) The contract _____ on Dec. 31st.

- (A) expunges
- (B) finishes
- (C) cancels
- (D) expires

(114) If my flight is on time, I should be _____ your office by 2 o'clock.

- (A) at
- (B) near
- (C) over
- (D) on

- (115) Ace Architecture was honored for its commitment to green, _____ development.
(A) sustaining
(B) sustained
(C) sustainable
(D) sustains
- (116) Knowledge of computers is a _____ for this position.
(A) credential
(B) requirement
(C) legality
(D) certificate
- (117) Juan had just finished _____ the project when Keith walked in.
(A) to review
(B) reviewing
(C) reviewed
(D) reviews
- (118) Unlike our competitors, who opened too many stores last year, we need to expand _____.
(A) quickly
(B) exponentially
(C) substantially
(D) gradually
- (119) _____ the economy improves soon, we will have to have another round of layoffs.
(A) Unless
(B) Until
(C) If
(D) Because
- (120) Have you ever _____ to Geneva?
(A) gone
(B) come
(C) been
(D) went
- (121) Increased sales of its new smart phone application have put the firm in the _____ this quarter.
(A) red
(B) green
(C) black
(D) yellow
- (122) You can exchange your item for something of equal or lesser value, provided you have the original _____.
(A) recipe
(B) reception
(C) receptacle
(D) receipt

- (123) Sampson & Sons Inc. will issue _____ annual report on the 19th.
(A) their
(B) its
(C) his
(D) our
- (124) I _____ while you were working out.
(A) was sleeping
(B) had been sleeping
(C) slept
(D) sleep
- (125) Please fill out the form and return it at your _____ convenience.
(A) soonest
(B) least
(C) earliest
(D) quickest
- (126) Flying would have _____ almost twice as much as taking the train.
(A) spent
(B) cost
(C) lasted
(D) paid
- (127) I'll have the estimate for the painting ready for you in a _____ more days.
(A) little
(B) few
(C) several
(D) short
- (128) Congratulations on your _____ to senior vice president.
(A) raise
(B) qualification
(C) advance
(D) promotion
- (129) We did not hire John Delany due to _____ lack of previous experience.
(A) her
(B) their
(C) his
(D) us
- (130) If Kevin's Cleaners _____ be willing to lower their fees by 10 percent, I'd be willing to contract with them.
(A) would
(B) should
(C) could
(D) won't

- (131) We named him Washington, _____ the father of our country.
(A) beside
(B) after
(C) over
(D) before
- (132) We believe that demand is driven largely by _____.
(A) scarcity
(B) scariness
(C) sacrifice
(D) synchronicity
- (133) Are you ready _____ ?
(A) ordering
(B) orders
(C) to order
(D) ordered
- (134) Could I have tea _____ coffee?
(A) rather for
(B) prefer to
(C) better than
(D) instead of
- (135) The company's board of directors rejected ACJ's hostile _____ bid.
(A) makeup
(B) takeover
(C) takeoff
(D) pulldown
- (136) Bonus pay is _____ upon the quality of your performance.
(A) depending
(B) dependent
(C) depended
(D) dependable
- (137) Mr. Morgan is out of the office right now, _____ I expect him back shortly.
(A) but
(B) and
(C) so
(D) therefore
- (138) A federal _____ prevented Mega Bank's financial failure.
(A) deposit
(B) contribution
(C) subsidy
(D) donation

(139) The bond will mature on Dec. 31st, 2020, or the holder's 60th birthday, _____ comes first.

- (A) whenever
- (B) whatever
- (C) whichever
- (D) whoever

(140) Because the firm was losing money, Susan was _____ from her management position.

- (A) put out
- (B) pushed down
- (C) sent up
- (D) laid off

PART 6

Directions: Read the texts that follow. A word or phrase is missing in some of the sentences. Four answer choices are given below each of the sentences. Select the best answer to complete the text by marking (A), (B), (C), or (D).

Question (141)

You will read four passages of text. In each reading passage there will be three blanks to fill in. You will read four possible choices for each blank. You should read the entire passage to make sure you choose the correct choice in context.

Letter

Jan. 15th, 2012
Midwest Bank
2244 Main St., Omaha, NB 44331
Tel: (818) 555-8192

Rudolph Driscoll
874 Tumbleweed Lane, #A-103
Omaha, NB 44332

Dear Mr. Driscoll:

We are writing to inform you that check No. 1384, in the _____ of \$2,500, was presented for payment on Jan. 8th against an account balance of \$2,275. In accordance with your overdraft protection provision, we have paid the check and charged your account a \$30 overdraft fee.

- (A) amount
- (B) total
- (C) value
- (D) price

Question (142)

To avoid further action, please make a deposit to your checking account as soon as possible. If you _____ already done so, you may disregard this notice.

- (A) had
- (B) haven't
- (C) have
- (D) having

Question (143)

We appreciate your patronage of Midwest Bank. If you have any questions, or if there is a way we can service your needs, call our customer assistance line _____ 555-7700 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, or come into one of our six Omaha branches.

- (A) on
- (B) at
- (C) in
- (D) as

Question (144)

ECO-CLEAN

Are you too busy to clean?
We understand.

So relax, and leave the cleaning to us! Our professional, reliable staff will leave your home feeling like new. We use only 100-percent safe, _____ friendly products, so you can rest assured there will be no harmful chemicals or dangerous liquid residue left behind.

- (A) environment
- (B) environments
- (C) environmental
- (D) environmentally

Question (145)

Our prices are among the lowest in the region. And, if you mention this flier, we will give you a 15-percent discount on your first cleaning. Plus, if you are not completely satisfied with our services, we will come again and re-clean the areas you specify free of _____!

- (A) charge
- (B) money
- (C) cash
- (D) guarantee

Question (146)

Why not give us a try? Call 555-4372 for a free cleaning estimate. We are open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday _____ Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. You can also visit us online at www.ecoclean.com. Isn't it about time you had the break you deserve?

- (A) and
- (B) by
- (C) through
- (D) until

Question (147)

Memo

To: All managers
From: Dennis Kruger, CEO
Re: Employee performance reviews

All of you _____ have received forms for annual employee evaluations. If you haven't, contact Candice in human resources as soon as possible. Evaluation forms must be completed by Jan. 10th and returned to human resources. Thank you for your prompt cooperation.

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

Question (148)

You will notice that this year's forms contain a new section that rates employee initiative and group participation. Please be sure to take a few minutes _____ this section before beginning performance reviews. Also remember to have each employee sign the review form.

- (A) explain
- (B) explains
- (C) explained
- (D) explaining

Question (149)

I will be conducting manager evaluations the week _____ Christmas and New Year's, and I hope to have a schedule made up by the 15th.

- (A) next to
- (B) of
- (C) between
- (D) after

Question (150)

E-mail

To: dscott@aceconsulting.net
From: tflowers@jbsanders.com
Subject: confirmation

Dear Dave Scott,

This is to confirm the _____ reached this morning in the conference call between yourself and our president, Jed Sanders. If any of this information is incomplete or inaccurate, please let us know immediately.

- (A) agreement
- (B) conversation
- (C) argument
- (D) election

Question (151)

Ace Consulting has agreed to provide 40 hours of consultation for the JB Sanders Corporation, commencing on March 1st, at a rate of \$120 an hour. Payment will be sent once a month upon _____ of invoice from Ace Consulting. Ace agrees that invoices must be submitted no later than the 20th of each month.

- (A) receiving
- (B) receiver
- (C) receipt
- (D) receive

Question (152)

JB Sanders Corporation has agreed to _____ up a formal contract and send it to Dave Scott for his approval by the end of the week. This contract will remain in effect until Ace Consulting has fulfilled its commitment. At that time, the contract may be extended upon approval of both parties, or a new arrangement may be negotiated.

- (A) make
- (B) tear
- (C) draw
- (D) get

PART 7

Directions: In this part you will read a selection of texts, such as magazine and newspaper articles, letters, and advertisements. Each text is followed by several questions. Select the best answer for each question and mark (A), (B), (C), or (D).

Questions 153-154 refer to the following advertisement.

NEW

CineMatic ST Series IV

digital home theater system

Experience movies
the way they were
meant to be heard.

Immerse yourself in high-quality sound with the easiest home theater solution from Techright.

Sound can bring everything you watch on TV to life with vivid detail -- slamming doors, screeching tires, blaring sirens, ringing church bells. But probably not if you're listening through the speakers built into your TV.

That's why Techright developed the NEW CineMatic ST Series IV digital home theater speaker system. With a single connection to your TV, you can enjoy the full home theater experience with your favorite shows, movies, and sporting events.

Want to hear what you've been missing? Experience the new CineMatic ST Series IV system in your own home risk-free for 30 days, absolutely free, and bring out the full audio potential of your HDTV. You can use your own major credit card to make **12 easy payments**, with no interest charges from Techright.

Free shipping with your order.

To order or learn more: 1-800-555-2323.

Techright.com/CineMatic

Techright

Better sound through innovation

(153) What is being offered?

- (A) A 20-percent discount
- (B) Reduced shipping cost
- (C) A free 30-day trial
- (D) A new credit card

(154) How can customers order?

- (A) By sending in a coupon
- (B) By making a phone call
- (C) By e-mailing the company
- (D) By going to a store

Questions 155-157 refer to the following memo.

MEMO

To: All staff

From: James McGuire, VP

Re: Office remodeling

Remodeling work on the third-floor offices will begin the first of next month. While this work is in progress, third-floor workers will be housed on other floors as follows: the sales department will move to the second floor, and graphic design will move to the fourth floor. Supervisors will arrange these accommodations and show staff in those departments their temporary work stations.

We expect the remodel to take approximately three weeks. During this time, we appreciate your cooperation in sharing space and working together. While the arrangement presents some logistical challenges, we are confident that we can meet them and work with minimal disruption to our normal routine during the remodeling period.

To make this transition as smooth as possible, it would be greatly appreciated if the third floor could be vacated, and everyone were in their new stations and ready to work, at 8 a.m. on the First. If there are questions or concerns with the new arrangement, be sure to tell your supervisors ASAP so we can tackle the problems ahead of time.

Thanks in advance for your patience and cooperation. Once the work is finished on the third floor, we are sure you'll agree that it was worth the time and trouble.

Best,

Alan Shepard, VP

(155) What is the main purpose of this memo?

- (A) To announce a new arrangement
- (B) To reveal the winner of the remodeling bid
- (C) To inform staff of a surprise change
- (D) To remind workers that the company is moving.

(156) What can be inferred about the company?

- (A) It is not very big.
- (B) It occupies several floors.
- (C) It is a manufacturer.
- (D) It is relatively new.

(157) What does the writer request readers do?

- (A) E-mail their supervisors
- (B) Disrupt their routines
- (C) Move to the fifth floor
- (D) Prepare ahead of time

Questions 158-161 refer to the following note.

Dear Jack,

Just a quick congratulatory note to let you know how proud I am of ZipTech's recent success. I know it was the result of lots of hard work. You should be proud of yourself and your staff.

I knew when you left last year that great things were in store for you, though I must admit I didn't know they'd come this quickly. Wow! Sales of \$2 million and BizTimes' "Best New Business of the Year" award?! That was more than any of us here could have imagined.

I remember when you started as an intern five years ago. Time flies, doesn't it? I knew from the moment we met that you had the talent and ambition to succeed with your own company. Now that you've had a taste of it, don't rest on your laurels. I don't have to worry; I'm sure you won't.

It would be great to get together again when you have time. I'll treat you to lunch. I know it's a busy time of year. Please give me a call when you have time. I look forward to it.

Best,

Dennis

(158) What can be inferred about Dennis and Jack?

- (A) They were college roommates.
- (B) They are related to each other.
- (C) They are former colleagues.
- (D) They have not known each other long.

(159) What is the main purpose of the note?

- (A) To arrange a date for lunch
- (B) To inquire about employment
- (C) To inform of an award
- (D) To offer congratulations

(160) What is true of ZipTech?

- (A) It had sales of \$2 million.
- (B) It was started by Dennis.
- (C) It began five years ago.
- (D) It is a one-person business.

(161) What advice does Dennis offer Jack?

- (A) Hire more workers.
- (B) Keep working hard.
- (C) Take a vacation.
- (D) Plan to retire early.

Questions 162-163 refer to the following coupon.

SUBmission Sandwiches

50% OFF*

Any Choose 2

Choose 2 for \$5

Club Sandwiches Chopped salads Bowls of Soup Mini-sandwiches

Pesto Turkey Chicken Caesar Broccoli Cheese Alpine Chicken

Beef & Cheddar Classic Cobb Chicken Noodle Sonoma Turkey

Tuna Steak & Bleu Tomato Basil Bistro Steak Melt

Italian Honey Mustard Chicken Chili Italiano

* with the purchase of a regular fountain drink

Valid in-store only expires 12/31/2010

(162) How can a customer receive a 50-percent discount?

- (A) By presenting the coupon to the cashier
- (B) By ordering two of the items on the coupon
- (C) By buying a regular Coca Cola
- (D) By buying one "Choose 2" at regular price

(163) Which of the following is NOT true?

- (A) The coupon will be honored through the end of 2010.
- (B) The coupon does not apply to delivery orders.
- (C) With the coupon, two items together will cost \$2.50.
- (D) The coupon is applicable to multiple orders.

Questions 164-165 refer to the following advertisement.

Darby's

Ask your friends about us

"The service is consistently outstanding. The friendly wait staff always makes us feel at home."

-- Evan G., Jackson, MI

"Kids eat free on Wednesdays and Thursdays. With a family of seven, you can't beat that."

-- Monica Carr, Seattle, WA

"Darby's are always clean and bright -- even the bathrooms. We feel comfortable there."

-- Michael Jenson, Chicago, ILL

"My husband and I LOVE the combo plates. There are so many good choices, we're never bored."

-- Tamara Goldstein, Phoenix, AZ

(164) What type of business is Darby's?

- (A) A restaurant
- (B) A hotel
- (C) A coffee shop
- (D) A theater

(165) What is mentioned in the advertisement?

- (A) Prices
- (B) Locations
- (C) Combination plates
- (D) Specials

Questions 166-168 refer to the following movie review.

Hind Sight

Valley Cinema: 11, 1:45, 4, 6:30, 9

A remake of the murdered French filmmaker Claude Chabrol's 1987 drama of the same name, "Hind Sight," directed by Stephen Toussant (who ought to get behind the camera more often), gets a lot of mileage out of the confident and wistful performances of Susan Evans and Sean Robinson as Jan and Dave, a married couple who meet up for various rendezvous in Dave's restaurant while engaged in different role-playing fantasies. Gradually, we learn that the two are hiding and flirting in other personas so they can reconnect after a horrific experience, though by the time that would-be revelation comes, the movie - which had to wait two years to find a distributor - is about more than secrets. It's about watching two always-fine actors do a lot with very little.

-- John Hartzell

(166) What does John Hartzell suggest about Stephen Toussant?

- (A) He was a student of Claude Chabrol's.
- (B) He plagiarized the original movie.
- (C) He is a mediocre actor.
- (D) He is a skilled director.

(167) The phrase "gets a lot of mileage" is closest in meaning to

- (A) Derives much trouble
- (B) Receives good value
- (C) Depends on too heavily
- (D) Cares for irresponsibly

(168) What is John Hartzell's opinion of the movie?

- (A) It relies on good acting.
- (B) Its script is superbly written.
- (C) It should have been longer.
- (D) It will be an instant classic.

Questions 169-172 refer to the following letter.

Dear Subscribing Family:

*We know you'd be the first to say you have an award-winning kid. Which is why only an award-winning magazine is good enough -- **SCIENCE ILLUSTRATED FOR KIDS**.*

*It's satisfying to know that kids love a magazine that has won so many prestigious awards and is playing a role in promoting science education across the country. Over 10 million kids enjoy our magazine every month, and critics agree: **SCIENCE ILLUSTRATED FOR KIDS** is a great read!*

Now it's time to renew your subscription. Just fill out the attached reply card and mail it to us with your payment in the enclosed envelope. Be sure to mail by the date shown so your child will not miss out on any of the upcoming excitement.

***SCIENCE ILLUSTRATED FOR KIDS** is a great value for the whole family. Kids love learning about fascinating science topics. Parents feel great because it brings families together by sharing an interest in science. Spend some time reading the next issue your young scientist and see why children get so involved with **SCIENCE ILLUSTRATED FOR KIDS**!*

*Thank you for subscribing to **SCIENCE ILLUSTRATED FOR KIDS**. We're very excited about our upcoming issues. We'll have great stories, superb illustrations, easy-to-do experiments, and features your youngster won't want to miss.*

Sincerely,

Michael Barton

Michael Barton

CIRCULATION DIRECTOR

(169) What is the purpose of the letter?

- (A) To solicit a renewal
- (B) To introduce a magazine
- (C) To promote a cause
- (D) To offer a special deal

(170) What does the writer ask readers to do?

- (A) Try the magazine for free
- (B) Ask their children's opinion
- (C) Make a telephone call
- (D) Send in a reply card

(171) How does the writer promote the magazine?

- (A) By offering a free gift
- (B) By emphasizing its low price
- (C) By stressing its high quality
- (D) By enclosing a complimentary issue

(172) What does the writer say about upcoming issues?

- (A) They will be offered at a discount.
- (B) He is excited about their content.
- (C) They will feature bonus sections.
- (D) He thinks they will win awards.

Questions 173-175 refer to the following minutes of a meeting.

Healthy Habits LLC

Board Meeting Minutes: Feb. 1, 2010

7 p.m., board room

Board Members:

Present: Bhata Bhattacharia, Jon White Bear, Douglas Carver, Elizabeth Drucker, Pat Kyumoto, Jack Porter, Mary Rifkin and Leslie Zevon
Absent: Melissa Johnson

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present:

Exec. Director: Sheila Swanson

Other: Susan Johns, Consulting Accountant

Proceedings: . Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Elizabeth Drucker

. (Last month's) meeting minutes were amended and approved

. Chief Executive's Report:

- Recommends that if we not able to find a new facility by the end of this month, the organization should stay in the current location over the winter. After brief discussion, Board agreed.

- Staff member, Jackson Browne, and Swanson attended the National Practitioner's Network meeting in Atlanta last month and gave a brief extemporaneous presentation. Both are invited back next year to give a longer presentation about our organization. After brief discussion, Board congratulated Swanson and asked her to pass on their congratulations to Browne as well.

- Drucker asserts that our organization must ensure its name is associated with whatever materials are distributed at that practitioner's meeting next year. The organization should generate revenues where possible from the materials, too.

- Swanson mentioned that staff member, Sheila Anderson's husband is ill and in the hospital. MOTION to send a gift to Anderson's husband, expressing the organization's sympathy and support; seconded and passed.

. Finance Committee report provided by Chair, Elizabeth Drucker:

- Drucker explained that consultant, Susan Johns, reviewed the organization's bookkeeping procedures and found them to be satisfactory, in preparation for the upcoming yearly financial audit. Funds recommends that our company ensure the auditor provides a management letter along with the audit financial report.

. - Drucker reviewed highlights, trends and issues from the balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement. Issues include that high accounts receivables require Finance Committee attention to policies and procedures to ensure our organization receives more payments on time. After brief discussion of the issues and suggestions about how to ensure receiving payments on time, MOTION to accept financial statements; seconded and passed.

. Board Development Committee's report provided by Chair, Douglas Carver:

- Carver reminded the Board of the scheduled retreat coming up in three months, and provided a drafted retreat schedule for board review. MOTION to accept the retreat agenda; seconded and passed.

- Carver presented members with a draft of the reworded By-laws paragraph that would allow members to conduct actions over electronic mail. Carver suggested review and a resolution to change the By-laws accordingly. Kyumoto suggested that Swanson first seek legal counsel to verify if the proposed change is consistent with state statute. Swanson agreed to accept this action and notify members of the outcome in the next Board meeting.

. Other business:

- Porter noted that he was working with staff member, Jacob Smith, to help develop an information management systems plan, and that two weeks ago he (Porter) had mailed members three resumes from consultants to help with the plan. In the mailing, Porter asked members for their opinions to help select a consultant. Porter asked members for their opinions. (NOTE: Zevon noted that she was also a computer consultant and was concerned about conflict of interest in her Board role regarding this selection, and asked to be ABSTAINED from this selection. Members agreed.) The majority of members agreed on Lease-or-Buy Consultants. MOTION to use Lease-or-Buy Consultants; seconded and passed.
- Swanson announced that she had recently hired a new secretary, Karla Writewell.
- . Assessment of the Meeting:
- Kyumoto noted that the past three meetings have run over the intended two-hour time slot by half an hour. He asked members to be more mindful and focused during discussions, and suggested that the Board Development Chair take an action to identify solutions to this issue. Chair, Carver, agreed.
- . Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
- . Minutes submitted by Secretary, Bhata Bhattacharia.

(173) What does the chief executive recommend about the organization?

- (A) It should move to a new location by the end of the month.
- (B) It should begin an advertising campaign to hire new workers.
- (C) It should delay moving unless a new facility is found soon.
- (D) It should reduce its current number of workers by 20 percent.

(174) What did Douglas Carver suggest doing?

- (A) Seeking legal counsel
- (B) Having a Board retreat
- (C) Notifying Board members
- (D) Introducing a resolution

(175) Why did Leslie Zevon abstain from selecting a computer consultant?

- (A) She was worried about a potential conflict of interest.
- (B) She is going to be out of town during the selection process.
- (C) She does not feel knowledgeable enough about computers.
- (D) She will be leaving the organization shortly.

Questions 176-180 refer to the following page from a brochure.

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Tim's Travel Packages

Centurion Hotel

Basic -- Three days and two nights double bed. Complimentary breakfast. Twenty-percent discount on rental car. Two-for-one coupon for one day at Awesome World theme park. **\$250**

Deluxe -- Three days and two nights queen bed. Complimentary breakfast. Thirty-percent discount on rental car. Free one-day admission for two at Awesome World theme park. **\$350**

Grande -- Three days and two nights king bed suite. Complimentary breakfast and one dinner. Fifty-percent discount on rental car. Two-for-one admission for three days at Awesome World theme park. **\$500**

Super Grande -- Three days and two nights in a presidential suite. Complimentary breakfasts and dinners. Free car rental. Free three-day passes for two to Awesome World. **\$750**

-- Prices are per person.

-- All packages include transportation to and from the airport, and free daily local newspaper delivered to your door.

(176) Which package includes airport transportation?

- (A) Basic
- (B) Deluxe
- (C) Super Grande
- (D) All of them

(177) What is true of the Grande package?

- (A) It includes a presidential suite.
- (B) It includes a free newspaper each day.
- (C) It includes a 30-percent car-rental discount.
- (D) It includes free one-day admission at Awesome World.

(178) For three people, how much would the Basic Package cost apiece?

- (A) \$250
- (B) \$500
- (C) \$750
- (D) \$1,000

(179) What can be inferred about the Centurion Hotel?

- (A) It is world-famous.
- (B) It is 20 stories high.
- (C) It is near Awesome World.
- (D) It is historic.

(180) What is NOT true of the Deluxe Package?

- (A) It includes a queen bed.
- (B) It includes free breakfasts.
- (C) It includes a car-rental discount.
- (D) It includes a two-for-one coupon.

Questions 181-185 refer to the following article and letter.

Manufacturing Magazine

Volume 33, No. 4

April 2010

Revolutionary plastic

By Adam Munster

A motto at EarthFirst Products Inc. is to "go green wherever you are." In this case, wherever includes the cash register.

The manufacturer of environmentally-friendly plastics, started six years ago with \$200,000 in seed money, projects revenues of \$6 million this year and about \$10 million the next. But EarthFirst President Tim Orsborne does not expect the growth to stop there.

"The sky's the limit," said Orsborne. "In the world of plastic, the potential is enormous. People use disposable food-service items every day. It's a gigantic market."

EarthFirst carved its niche in this estimated \$15 billion-a-year industry by making biodegradable plastic bags from natural plant and vegetable sources rather than petroleum. It has since expanded into cutlery, including plates, trays, cups, and take-out boxes. Its website claims that if EarthFirst made all plastic disposable products in America, it could reduce annual oil consumption by 350 million barrels.

The company uses a blend of organic polymers, proteins, and plant starches such as corn and tapioca to make products that biodegrade in landfills within 36 months. Traditional plastic bags, made of high-density polyethylene, do not biodegrade and persist on the planet up to 1,000 years, according to Chicago-based ReusableBags.com.

More than 200 Taco Loco restaurants use EarthFirst's products, and the company recently struck similar deals with eight Office Universe Business Centers and 128 Super Store delicatessens.

Depending on the market, Orsborne said EarthFirst goods sell in grocery stores for about the same to 10 percent more than traditional plastic cutlery, plates, and cups. His goal is to give businesses and retail customers a "green plastic" alternative, then let them decide if it's worth the slightly higher price.

Orsborne said EarthFirst is also testing compostable products -- bioplastics that decompose within 180 days in a commercially controlled composting facility. But since there are only 48 such facilities in the United States, the chief focus will continue to be on biodegradable plastics.

"We're becoming the incubator for big plastic producers out there. We want to make sure that our core values are built into the product," Orsborne said.

"Did we develop sustainable materials? Sustainable packaging? I want to be able to reduce our carbon footprint."

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Regarding the article in your April issue about EarthFirst plastic products: Bravo for Tim Orsborne!

Even though they cost more, EarthFirst plastic forks, knives, spoons and plates are well worth it. I bought some for our company party last month. My supervisor initially complained about the price, but after I showed her the article, she enthusiastically supported my decision.

Looking at the huge mound of dirty dishes afterward, it was comforting to know that they would biodegrade back into the soil, instead of sitting atop a pile of trash for years and years.

We all need to do our part to help the environment. Buying EarthFirst products is a small but reasonable step toward attaining that end. Keep up the good work, Mr. Orsborne!

Bryan Bosworth

Omaha, Neb.

- (181)** Why does Tim Orsborne expect EarthFirst to keep growing?
- (A) Its products are cheaper than its competitors'.
 - (B) There is a large market for disposable plastics.
 - (C) EarthFirst is an old, established brand name.
 - (D) He is reducing the company's carbon footprint.
- (182)** In the article, the word "biodegradable" in paragraph 4, line 2, is closest in meaning to
- (A) ability to decompose
 - (B) ability to fall apart
 - (C) ability to withstand heat
 - (D) ability to hold food
- (183)** What is Bryan Bosworth's opinion of EarthFirst products?
- (A) They are too expensive.
 - (B) They are high quality.
 - (C) Their higher price is justified.
 - (D) They're not worth the money.
- (184)** Why does Bryan Bosworth mention his supervisor?
- (A) To illustrate close-minded thinking
 - (B) To refute a claim made in the article
 - (C) To demonstrate office procedure
 - (D) To make a point about changing perceptions
- (185)** According to the article, what is true of traditional plastic bags?
- (A) They biodegrade within 36 months.
 - (B) They can last up to 1,000 years.
 - (C) They are made of low-density polyethylene.
 - (D) They are made of polymers and proteins.

Questions 186-190 refer to the following delivery order and email reply.

Home Matrix

Delivery Order

Delivery number 4706-375558V36

Ref # Item description ordered delivered

R01 R13 insulation, 15 in. roll, 40 sq. ft. 12.00 12.00

R02 Pocket door frame 1.00 1.00

R03 Cotton canvas drop cloth 1.00 1.00

R04 N-95 drywall sanding respirator 1.00 1.00

R05 H-17 5" CE IC airtight housing 5.00 5.00

R06 Int. PVA Primer 5 gal. 1.00 1.00

R07 1/2 in. 4x8 drywall--tapered edge 50.00 40.00 back order

R08 Decra rotary dimmer, white 1.00 1.00

R09 New work box, 1 gang 22.5 CU each 30.00 30.00

R10 T49 - 6 " CE airtight one-piece metal 8.00 8.00

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(188) What is the main purpose of the e-mail?

- (A) To complain
- (B) To empathize
- (C) To threaten
- (D) To cajole

(189) In the e-mail, the word "prompt" in paragraph 4, line 1, is closest in meaning to

- (A) full
- (B) immediate
- (C) improved
- (D) impartial

(190) Why weren't 10 sheets of drywall able to be delivered?

- (A) They wouldn't fit in the delivery truck.
- (B) They were damaged and had to be returned.
- (C) Home Matrix did not have them in stock.
- (D) Joe Buchanan has not paid for them yet.

Questions 191-195 refer to the following public notice and response

NOTICE

Bus route change

Beginning Monday, May 5th, the number 312 bus will be changing its route and pick-up times. On Main Street, the bus will no longer stop at Elm, Sycamore, and Fir streets. It will add stops at Pine and Spruce streets.

Also, the 312 bus will travel east and west along Second Avenue, instead of Third. It will continue to stop at the same cross streets.

Finally, the bus will be changing the timing of its stops. Starting with the current 6 a.m. run, the 312 will now arrive at each stop on the quarter hour, instead of the half. The bus will continue to operate 12 hours daily, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

We hope these changes will make the 312 more convenient for more people. The new 312 schedule is now available for free at all city 24/7 convenience stores. To see the schedule posted online, visit www.citybus.com. If you have any questions or comments about the changes, please call 555-8444 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email supervisor@citybus.com.

To: supervisor@citybus.com

From: danadavis@jmail.net

Subject: Bus 312 route change

Hello,

I'm writing in regard to the recent changes for city bus 312. I have been riding the 312 for about three years now, catching the 7 o'clock bus at the Main and Elm stop each morning.

I'm dismayed at the changes, because the bus will no longer stop at Main and Elm. The stop has moved to Pine Street, which is nearly three blocks away from Elm. And uphill, to boot! What was the city's thinking in cutting down the number of stops along Main?

Also, the new timing of the 312 stops is inconvenient for me. I start work at 7:30. Catching the bus at 7 left me plenty of time to get to work, even if traffic was bad. Catching it at 7:15 threatens to make me later for work and stresses me out. Catching it earlier, at 6:45, gets me to work too soon while forcing me to wake

up earlier than necessary.

I am sure there are others who share my concerns. Hopefully near future the city will consider making alterations in the new route and stop times based on customer comments.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dana Davis

(191) According to the notice, what time will the 312 bus make its first stop on May 5th?

- (A) 6 a.m.
- (B) 6:15 a.m.
- (C) 7 a.m.
- (D) 7:45 a.m.

(192) Where can people get a free copy of the new bus schedule?

- (A) At City Hall
- (B) In the newspaper
- (C) At a convenience store
- (D) In the city library

(193) In the e-mail, the word "dismayed" in paragraph 2, line 1, is closest in meaning to

- (A) disconcerted
- (B) fascinated
- (C) furious
- (D) overjoyed

(194) What is Dana Davis' complaint about the new bus stop at Main and Pine?

- (A) It is hard to find.
- (B) It is too crowded.
- (C) It is poorly signed.
- (D) It is too far away.

(195) What can be inferred from the notice about Main Street?

- (A) It is not very busy.
- (B) It is five miles long.
- (C) It runs north and south.
- (D) It parallels Sycamore Street.

Questions 196-200 refer to the following schedule and notice.

Class Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5:45 AM		Cycle Zone	Body Works Plus Abs	Cycle Zone	Body Works Plus Abs		
8:30 AM	Body Works Plus Abs		Mat Pilates	Yoga	Mat Pilates		Step Sculpt
9:00 AM		Aqua Fit		Aqua Fit		Aqua Fit	Aqua Fit
9:15 AM	Cycle		Cycle		Cycle		Cycle
9:45 AM		Yoga	Kickbox Cardio	Body Works Plus Abs	Step Plus Abs	Yoga	Kickbox Cardio
11:00 AM							Yoga
5:30 PM		Cycle		Cycle		Cycle	
5:45 PM		Step Plus Abs	Body Works Plus Abs	Step Plus Abs	Body Works Plus Abs	Boot Camp Conditioning	
6:00 PM		Aqua Fit		Aqua Fit			
6:45 PM			Cycle		Cycle		
7:00 PM		Kickbox Cardio	Latin Impact	Body Works Plus Abs	Step Plus Abs		
8:00 PM		Mat Pilates	Yoga	Mat Pilates	Yoga		

For more information about any of these programs, call SF Fitness at 502-913-2735.

For the latest updates, including schedule changes and special events, call our 24-hour automated information line at 502-913-2736.

NOTICE

SF Fitness will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 26th. All classes that day are cancelled. Some may be rescheduled; please contact your instructor for further details.

On Friday, Nov. 27th, the 9 a.m. Aqua Fit and 5:45 p.m. Boot Camp Conditioning classes have been cancelled.

On Saturday, Nov. 28th, the 9 a.m. Aqua Fit class has been cancelled, and the 11 a.m. yoga class has been postponed until 1 p.m., due to air-duct cleaning in the yoga room.

Want to sign up for classes, which are free to SF Fitness members? See Vicki at the front desk, or register online at www.sffintess.net.

(196) What is the main purpose of the notice?

- (A) To promote new classes
- (B) To announce schedule changes
- (C) To increase enrollment
- (D) To proclaim a holiday closure.

(197) How many times will the Aqua Fit class meet during Thanksgiving week?

- (A) One time
- (B) Two times
- (C) Three times
- (D) Four times

(198) According to the schedule, which of the following is true?

- (A) The Kickbox Cardio class is available only on Saturday.
- (B) The Bootcamp Conditioning class meets early Friday afternoons.
- (C) BodyWorks Plus Abs classes are held four times a week.
- (D) The Latin Impact class is held two times each week.

(199) According to the notice, why was the yoga class rescheduled?

- (A) Because of Thanksgiving
- (B) Because the instructor is ill
- (C) Due to a gas leak
- (D) Due to cleaning work

(200) How can someone learn more about a class?

- (A) By telephoning SF Fitness
- (B) By calling the information line
- (C) By registering online
- (D) By seeing Vicki at the front desk