

READING TEST

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

You must mark your answers on the separate answer sheet. Do not write your answers in your test book.

PART 5

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

101. Customer reviews indicate that many modern mobile devices are often unnecessarily ----- .
(A) complication
(B) complicates
(C) complicate
(D) complicated
102. Jamal Nawzad has received top performance reviews ----- he joined the sales department two years ago.
(A) despite
(B) except
(C) since
(D) during
103. Gyeon Corporation's continuing education policy states that ----- learning new skills enhances creativity and focus.
(A) regular
(B) regularity
(C) regulate
(D) regularly
104. Among ----- recognized at the company awards ceremony were senior business analyst Natalie Obi and sales associate Peter Comeau.
(A) who
(B) whose
(C) they
(D) those
105. All clothing sold in Develyn's Boutique is made from natural materials and contains no ----- dyes.
(A) immediate
(B) synthetic
(C) reasonable
(D) assumed

PART 6

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

Questions 131-134 refer to the following e-mail.

To: Project Leads
From: James Pak
Subject: Training Courses

To all Pak Designs project leaders:

In the coming weeks, we will be organizing several training sessions for ----- employees. At Pak
Designs, we believe that with the proper help and support from our senior project leaders, less
experienced staff can quickly ----- a deep understanding of the design process. -----, they can
improve their ability to communicate effectively across divisions. When employees at all
experience levels interact, every employee's competency level rises and the business overall
benefits. For that reason, we are urging experienced project leaders to attend each one of the
interactive seminars that will be held throughout the coming month. -----.

Thank you for your support.

James Pak
Pak Designs

131. (A) interest
(B) interests
(C) interested
(D) interesting

132. (A) develop
(B) raise
(C) open
(D) complete

133. (A) After all
(B) For
(C) Even so
(D) At the same time


134. (A) Let me explain our plans for on-site staff training.
(B) We hope that you will strongly consider joining us.
(C) Today's training session will be postponed until Monday.
(D) This is the first in a series of such lectures.

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PART 7

Directions: In this part you will read a selection of texts, such as magazine and newspaper articles, e-mails, and instant messages. Each text or set of texts is followed by several questions. Select the best answer for each question and mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

Questions 147-148 refer to the following advertisement.



Used Car For Sale. Six-year-old Carlisle Custom. Only one owner. Low mileage. Car used to commute short distances to town. Brakes and tires replaced six months ago. Struts replaced two weeks ago. Air conditioning works well, but heater takes a while to warm up. Brand new spare tire included. Priced to sell. Owner going overseas at the end of this month and must sell the car. Call Firoozeh Ghorbani at (848) 555-0132.

147. What is suggested about the car?

- (A) It was recently repaired.
- (B) It has had more than one owner.
- (C) It is very fuel efficient.
- (D) It has been on sale for six months.

148. According to the advertisement, why is Ms. Ghorbani selling her car?

- (A) She cannot repair the car's temperature control.
- (B) She finds it difficult to maintain.
- (C) She would like to have a newer model.
- (D) She is leaving for another country.

Questions 149-151 refer to the following article.

On Monday, Salinas Products, a large food distributor based in Mexico City, announced its plans to acquire the Pablo's restaurant chain. Pablo Benavidez, the chain's owner, had been considering holding an auction for ownership of the chain. He ultimately made the decision to sell to Salinas without seeking other offers. According to inside sources, Salinas has agreed to keep the restaurant's name as part of the deal. Mr. Benavidez started the business 40 years ago right after finishing school. He opened a small food stand in his hometown of Cancún. Following that, he opened restaurants in Puerto Vallarta and Veracruz, and there are now over 50 Pablo's restaurants nationwide.

149. What is suggested about Mr. Benavidez?
- (A) He has hired Salinas Products to distribute his products.
 - (B) He has agreed to sell his business to Salinas Products.
 - (C) He has recently been hired as an employee of a school.
 - (D) He has been chosen to be the new president of Salinas Products.
150. According to the article, where is Mr. Benavidez from?
- (A) Cancún
 - (B) Veracruz
 - (C) Mexico City
 - (D) Puerto Vallarta
151. What is indicated about the Pablo's restaurant chain?
- (A) It was recently sold in an auction.
 - (B) It will soon change its name.
 - (C) It was founded 40 years ago.
 - (D) It operates in several countries.

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Questions 152-153 refer to the following text message chain.

SAM BACH 11:59
My first flight was delayed, so I missed my connection in Beijing.

SAM BACH 12:00
So now, I'm going to be on a flight arriving in Kansai at 18:00.

AKIRA OTANI 12:05
OK. Same airline?

SAM BACH 12:06
It's still Fly Right Airlines. It will be later in the day but still in time for our client meeting.

AKIRA OTANI 12:06
I'll confirm the arrival time. Do you have any checked bags?

SAM BACH 12:10
I do. Would you mind meeting me at the door after I go through customs?

AKIRA OTANI 12:15
Sure thing. Parking spots can be hard to find, but now I'll have extra time to drive around and look.

SAM BACH 12:16
Yes, sorry about that. See you then!

152. What is suggested about Mr. Bach?

- (A) He has been to Kansai more than once.
- (B) He currently works in Beijing.
- (C) He is on a business trip.
- (D) He works for Fly Right Airlines.

153. At 12:15, what does Mr. Otani mean when he writes, "Sure thing"?

- (A) He has confirmed the arrival time of a flight.
- (B) He is certain he will be able to find a parking place.
- (C) He agrees to wait at the door near the customs area.
- (D) He knows Mr. Bach must pass through customs.

Questions 161-164 refer to the following information.

Notice Board Space Available to Community Groups

Mooringtown Library is pleased to invite local community groups to use the free advertising space on its new notice board, located outside the front entrance of the library. Space on the board is available for up to four weeks at a time.

Notices must be approved in advance at the library's front desk and must meet the following requirements. All content must be suitable for public display. The notice must be written or printed on standard-quality paper with dimensions of either 8.5 in x 11 in or 5.5 in x 8.5 in. The desired start and end date for display should be written in the front bottom right corner. — [1] —. Any notices that do not meet these requirements will not be considered and will be discarded. — [2] —.

— [3] —. Submissions are now being accepted at the Mooringtown Library front desk. Please have the actual notice, in the format in which you would like it to appear, with you when you arrive. Within one business day, you will receive a call confirming that your notice has been added to the board. — [4] —.

Mooringtown Library
www.mooringtownlib.co.au

161. What is indicated about advertising space on the Mooringtown Library notice board?

- (A) It is available at no charge.
- (B) It can be used for any length of time.
- (C) It is open to all area businesses.
- (D) It is intended mainly for sporting events.

162. What is NOT a stated requirement for a notice to be placed on the board?

- (A) It must meet certain size requirements.
- (B) It must be marked with posting dates.
- (C) It must be reviewed beforehand.
- (D) It must be signed by a librarian.

163. What should an advertiser bring to the library when making a submission?

- (A) An outline of proposed content
- (B) A final version of the notice
- (C) A completed submission form
- (D) A letter from an organization

164. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

"The name and telephone number of the person posting the notice must be clearly marked on the back."

- (A) [1]
- (B) [2]
- (C) [3]
- (D) [4]

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Questions 176-180 refer to the following advertisement and e-mail.

<http://www.businessaudiopro.com>

Business Audio Pro

Enhance Your Company's Image with a Professionally Recorded Telephone Greeting

A professional, personalized voicemail message creates an excellent first impression. **Business Audio Pro** meets your specifications to record a customized telephone greeting within three business days!

Services We Offer:

1. **Professional Voice Talent for Voicemail Messages**—We have numerous male and female voice actors with a wide range of tones, accents, and dialects. Visit businessaudiopro.com to hear examples of what each actor sounds like and choose the one that best suits your needs.
2. **On-Hold Messages**—We also create professional on-hold messages with pleasant music to enhance your customers' experience.
3. **Customized Script Writing**—Our experienced script writers can help you craft a personalized message that distinguishes you and your business.
4. **Multilingual Voice Production**—For those with a multilingual customer base, we offer services in a wide range of languages.

Send us an e-mail (inquiry@businessaudiopro.com) with your contact information and your specific needs. A representative will call you within 24 hours to discuss your project and provide a price estimate.

To:	inquiry@businessaudiopro.com
From:	j.annesly@anneslydata.com
Date:	June 25
Subject:	Request

I found your notice in the newspaper and wish to use your services for my data-processing and transcription business. I am looking specifically for a professionally recorded voicemail greeting intended for my clients, and I wonder if you would be available to write and record this for me, and how soon. Since I work with English- and Spanish-speaking clients, I would like the message to be recorded in both languages. Please reach out to me at my mobile phone between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. I hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you,

Jody Annesly
Annesly Data
512-555-6879 (mobile)
342 Maymill Road, Fort Worth, TX 70609

- 176.** According to the advertisement, why should customers visit the Business Audio Pro Web site?
- (A) To hear voice samples
 - (B) To add a new phone number
 - (C) To submit a credit card payment
 - (D) To request recording equipment
- 177.** What is suggested about Business Audio Pro?
- (A) It fills orders once a week.
 - (B) It advertises in the newspaper.
 - (C) It specializes in data-processing services.
 - (D) It has recently expanded its business.
- 178.** Who most likely is Ms. Annesly?
- (A) An actor
 - (B) A script writer
 - (C) A sales associate
 - (D) A business owner
- 179.** What service does Ms. Annesly NOT request from Business Audio Pro?
- (A) Professional voice talent
 - (B) On-hold messages
 - (C) Customized script writing
 - (D) Multilingual voice production
- 180.** What will Ms. Annesly most likely do within 24 hours?
- (A) Meet with an actor
 - (B) Visit a recording studio
 - (C) Write a script
 - (D) Speak with a representative

Questions 196-200 refer to the following advertisement, online shopping cart, and e-mail.

Sparky Paints, Inc.

Sparky Paints, Inc., makes it easy to select the right colors for your home. Browse through hundreds of colors on our Web site, www.sparkypaints.com. Select your top colors, and we'll send free samples right to your door. Our color samples are three times larger than typical samples found in home-improvement stores and come with self-adhesive backing, allowing you to adhere them to your walls so you can easily see how colors will coordinate in your home. When you're ready to begin painting, simply select your chosen colors online, and we'll ship the paint of your choice to arrive at your home within 3-5 business days, or within 2 business days for an additional expedited shipping fee.

*Actual colors may differ slightly from what appears on your monitor. For this reason, we recommend ordering several samples in similar shades.

<http://www.sparkypaints.com/shoppingcart>

Sparky Paints, Inc.



Order Summary #3397		Customer: Arun Phan	
Item	Size	Quantity	Price
Caspian Blue SP 237	n/a	1	\$0.00
Deep Sea Blue SP 298	n/a	1	\$0.00
Stormy Blue SP 722	n/a	1	\$0.00
Misty Gray SP 944	Gallon	2	\$50.00
		Tax (8 percent)	\$4.00
		Expedited shipping	\$18.99
		Total	\$72.99

[Proceed to Checkout](#)

From:	Arun Phan <arun.phan@tnet.com>
To:	Customer Support <support@sparkypaints.com>
Date:	March 12
Subject:	Order #3397

Hello,

Thanks for sending my order #3397—it arrived this morning. Unfortunately, the paint was not the one I had asked for. I had selected color SP 944 but received SP 945 (Ocean Waves). They appear right next to each other on your Web site, so the two may have been confused at your end. Could you send me the correct paint, along with additional samples that are close in color to SP 722? That sample worked well in my house; the others looked too green on my walls.

Thank you,

Arun Phan

- 196.** In the advertisement, the word “top” in paragraph 1, line 2, is closest in meaning to
- (A) maximum
 - (B) favorite
 - (C) important
 - (D) upper
- 197.** What are Sparky Paints customers advised to do?
- (A) Apply an adhesive to color samples
 - (B) Visit a store to compare paint colors
 - (C) Adjust the color on their computer monitor
 - (D) Order samples of several similar colors
- 198.** What is most likely true about order #3397 ?
- (A) It arrived within two business days.
 - (B) It included an extra sample.
 - (C) It was shipped in February.
 - (D) It contained four gallons of paint.
- 199.** Which color does Mr. Phan indicate that he likes?
- (A) Caspian Blue
 - (B) Deep Sea Blue
 - (C) Stormy Blue
 - (D) Misty Gray
- 200.** What problem does Mr. Phan mention in his e-mail?
- (A) He received the wrong item.
 - (B) He was charged the wrong price.
 - (C) The delivery time was too long.
 - (D) The instructions were too confusing.

Stop! This is the end of the test. If you finish before time is called, you may go back to Parts 5, 6, and 7 and check your work.