

## READING TEST

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

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

### PART 5

**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. The most likely ..... of the malfunction is yet to be determined.
- (A) purpose
  - (B) cause
  - (C) theme
  - (D) action
102. We would appreciate it if you could ensure cell phones are switched off ..... the presentation.
- (A) while
  - (B) until
  - (C) during
  - (D) at the beginning
103. If you leave the files with me, I'll be sure to look ..... the matter at a later date.
- (A) down
  - (B) for
  - (C) out
  - (D) into
104. This is a one-time only proposition; you can ..... it or leave it.
- (A) decide
  - (B) purchase
  - (C) take
  - (D) plan
105. .... the caterers were unable to provide the services they had promised, we were given a 25% discount.
- (A) Although
  - (B) Due to
  - (C) Because
  - (D) While
106. Ecotourism is not only entertaining and exotic; it is also highly educational and .....
- (A) rewarded
  - (B) rewards
  - (C) is rewarded
  - (D) rewarding

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107. The blueprints for the new plant will be ..... for review no later than November 18th.
- (A) on  
(B) available  
(C) growing  
(D) printing
108. The dye ..... available sooner, but there was a problem with the supplier.
- (A) would have been  
(B) wasn't  
(C) should be  
(D) has to be
109. More than 80% of the voters felt that the new governor should give ..... to reducing taxes.
- (A) priority  
(B) plan  
(C) commitment  
(D) judgment
110. .... there was a heavy downpour, Marcus was still able to make it to the council meeting on time.
- (A) Because  
(B) Despite  
(C) Though  
(D) Regardless
111. It was discovered that the virus which ..... the crash was written by a teenager.
- (A) resulted  
(B) has resulted  
(C) caused  
(D) causing
112. Early in his studies John decided that he wished to ..... in international corporate law, so he could work overseas.
- (A) special  
(B) specialize  
(C) specific  
(D) specializing
113. Those recently granted a promotion ..... to an informal lunch this afternoon with the CEO.
- (A) is invited  
(B) invite  
(C) invited  
(D) are invited
114. We have our name cards ..... on the highest quality paper.
- (A) print  
(B) printing  
(C) prints  
(D) printed
115. Our new store ..... on the corner of 5th and B Streets, near the Municipal Museum.
- (A) will be located  
(B) located  
(C) locates  
(D) which is located
116. Your office can save a lot of money on energy simply by ..... timed motion-sensors on all lights.
- (A) you install  
(B) installing  
(C) the installation  
(D) it's installed
117. Do not operate this machinery when ..... the influence of alcohol or mood-altering drugs.
- (A) in  
(B) it is  
(C) there are  
(D) under
118. .... interesting part of the presentation was the hands-on demonstration of the new features.
- (A) The most  
(B) It was an  
(C) It's  
(D) I thought

119. A start-up business is at its ..... vulnerable during the first two years.
- (A) very
  - (B) more
  - (C) most
  - (D) the most
120. Donald Shilling, the recipient of this year's prestigious E Award, ..... to donate his prize money to charity.
- (A) he chooses
  - (B) is chosen
  - (C) has chosen
  - (D) choose
121. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off for the ..... of today's play.
- (A) duration
  - (B) durable
  - (C) during
  - (D) durability
122. Only ..... does an automobile receive such acclaim from both the American and European markets.
- (A) often
  - (B) rarely
  - (C) occasional
  - (D) frequently
123. The graph shows a serious downturn in sales; however, next quarter's gains are expected to ..... this loss.
- (A) live up to
  - (B) make up for
  - (C) go in for
  - (D) put up with
124. There may be minor disruptions to electrical ..... between 6 am and 8 am this coming Friday.
- (A) services
  - (B) server
  - (C) servings
  - (D) servitude
125. Those wishing to be considered for paid leave should put ..... requests in as soon as possible.
- (A) they're
  - (B) there
  - (C) theirs
  - (D) their
126. .... an emergency water landing, your seat cushion may be used as a flotation device.
- (A) In case of
  - (B) When
  - (C) If encounter
  - (D) Whenever
127. Our new laptop is ..... slim and lightweight; it has a battery that just won't quit.
- (A) not only
  - (B) only
  - (C) also
  - (D) incredibly
128. .... from recent marketing surveys, this product should do well in urban markets.
- (A) Deciding
  - (B) Planning
  - (C) Judging
  - (D) Deriving
129. The ..... for the office raffle will be two tickets to the upcoming championship game.
- (A) winners
  - (B) results
  - (C) choice
  - (D) prize
130. Due to damage from the storm, we have no choice ..... to close the factory in Manila.
- (A) as
  - (B) unless
  - (C) only
  - (D) but

131. .... is first to arrive in the office is responsible for checking voice mail.
- (A) Bob
  - (B) The person
  - (C) Whoever
  - (D) Whom
132. Please be sure to ..... two copies of the report and leave them on my desk.
- (A) making
  - (B) make
  - (C) made
  - (D) makes
133. Environmentalists are strongly opposed to the ..... this dam and are gaining a following.
- (A) construction of
  - (B) plan
  - (C) building
  - (D) concept
134. .... a slow beginning, all signs point to a successful negotiation.
- (A) Because
  - (B) Although
  - (C) Despite
  - (D) Accordingly
135. Reporters ..... to carry a recording device with them at all times.
- (A) remind
  - (B) must remind
  - (C) are reminded
  - (D) are reminding
136. The opinions expressed in the following commentary do not ..... those of the film studio.
- (A) show
  - (B) cut
  - (C) reduce
  - (D) reflect
137. Millicent Omsburg, ..... after 20 years of service, will introduce the interim chairperson at tomorrow's press conference.
- (A) retires
  - (B) retire
  - (C) retired
  - (D) retiring
138. Instead of facing a drawn-out trial, Mikelsen ChemCo has decided to ..... out of court.
- (A) judge
  - (B) settle
  - (C) honor
  - (D) plead
139. Tiki-chan, a video game ..... on a popular Japanese cartoon, is expected to hit stores this Christmas.
- (A) based
  - (B) involve
  - (C) focus
  - (D) going
140. The northwest district has been unable to meet its sales ..... yet again.
- (A) quotas
  - (B) quotients
  - (C) quotes
  - (D) quorums