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Reading Comprehension Practice Test Items for the New TOEIC Test
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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 the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

101. ------ you want to receive additional information regarding the services we offer, please log onto our website at www.healthclub.com today.
   (A) If
   (B) For
   (C) Despite
   (D) Whether

102. Sandy Duncan was handpicked by the general manager to head the next project because of ------ experience in this field.
   (A) her
   (B) hers
   (C) herself
   (D) she

103. The changes made in the working conditions at our company resulted in remarkable improvements in all aspects of our business and ------ more so in the morale of our employees.
   (A) all
   (B) any
   (C) even
   (D) although

104. All commuters ------ the main highway to get to the center of the city will face delays of up to an hour today because of on-going construction.
   (A) use
   (B) used
   (C) using
   (D) will use

105. In order to become a member of the country club, applicants have to meet the strict ------ set by the club president.
   (A) require
   (B) requires
   (C) requiring
   (D) requirements

106. The outcome of our meeting today with the board of directors will ------ the course of action we will take this year.
   (A) determine
   (B) determines
   (C) determining
   (D) determination
107. The announcement of John Stanton's retirement was not well received by most of the staff members, but Leslie, his long time friend and colleague, was extremely -------- to hear that Mr. Stanton will now be able to enjoy some leisure time.

(A) happiest  
(B) happily  
(C) happier  
(D) happy

108. Because many of the warehouse workers were out sick today, Mr. Miller had to stock the goods on the shelves --------.

(A) itself  
(B) himself  
(C) herself  
(D) themselves

109. Please accept our -------- apology for the inconvenience this delay is causing all the passengers here at Pearson International Airport.

(A) sincere  
(B) original  
(C) estimated  
(D) completed

110. The majority of the contract -------- that took place during the year were handled by lawyers from a local law firm.

(A) negotiate  
(B) negotiations  
(C) negotiable  
(D) negotiator

111. It will be next to impossible to -------- a room at the Ashton Hotel this week because of the film festival.

(A) reserve  
(B) respond  
(C) connect  
(D) appoint

112. The presentation of this evening's winners will commence -------- at seven following dinner at six.

(A) precise  
(B) precision  
(C) precisely  
(D) preciseness

113. The new sports complex will accommodate an Olympic-sized swimming pool and other --------, including a fitness center and a spa, to name just a few.

(A) facilities  
(B) categories  
(C) qualities  
(D) supplies

114. Our new product will be put through a number of -------- tests before being released to the public.

(A) dependent  
(B) founded  
(C) withhold  
(D) stringent

115. Mr. Chan's main role in the company for the next two weeks is to look -------- the right person to take over Mr. Shaw's position when he leaves at the end of the month.

(A) in  
(B) for  
(C) over  
(D) from

116. People unanimously agreed that John would have performed a great deal better under more -------- circumstances.

(A) favorable  
(B) favorably  
(C) favorite  
(D) favor
117. After a long and difficult strike, the plant workers will show up to work ______ on Monday.
   (A) starting on
   (B) afterwards
   (C) instead
   (D) outside

118. Scarborough General Hospital has two ______ for certified x-ray technicians to start immediately.
   (A) open
   (B) opener
   (C) openings
   (D) openness

119. Mark’s Warehouse Clearance Store is having a sale with savings of up to 40 percent off on all clothing this weekend ______ celebration of its 25th anniversary.
   (A) in
   (B) at
   (C) on
   (D) of

120. Probe Magazine conducted a survey asking one thousand employees who work in low-paying industries to express ______ their biggest concerns are.
   (A) how
   (B) when
   (C) what
   (D) which

121. Should there be any requests for schedule changes, please notify us ______.
   (A) prompt
   (B) prompted
   (C) promptly
   (D) prompting

122. For this weekend only, Bad Boys Electronics Store is celebrating its first year in business with up to thirty percent ______ on all items in the store.
   (A) retail
   (B) market
   (C) economy
   (D) discounts

123. The automobile parts we requested for our customer got here on ______.
   (A) authority
   (B) condition
   (C) schedule
   (D) appointment

124. The advertisements printed in this magazine do not ______ imply endorsement by the management.
   (A) highly
   (B) barely
   (C) gradually
   (D) necessarily

125. The newly installed alarm system, which is directly connected to the police, will go off if the correct security code is not entered ______ 60 seconds of touching the keypad.
   (A) only
   (B) under
   (C) within
   (D) directly

126. The airline requested a ______ call to ensure a seat on my flight back home.
   (A) confirm
   (B) confirmed
   (C) confirming
   (D) confirmation
127. If the task is too complicated to figure out on your own, please don’t hesitate to ask one of our representatives, who are here to help.

(A) you
✓ (B) your
(C) yours
(D) yourself

128. The hard work put in during his younger years made him become financially sound in his later years.

(A) finance
(B) finances
(C) financial
✓ (D) financially

129. Ms. Taylor has called the managers to her in the main conference room to discuss next year’s budget.

(A) met
✓ (B) meet
(C) have met
(D) will meet

130. announcing his retirement, Mr. Kinsley has been busy trying to train his replacement.

(A) Because
(B) Once
✓ (C) Since
(D) While

131. Please fax us the information immediately because I need to the client right away.

✓ (A) notify
(B) speak
(C) report
(D) attend

132. One of the reasons why our sales team has become a leader today is that they are put through a number of vigorous training sessions to keep up with the changes that occur in the market.

(A) prosperous
(B) continuous
(C) straight
(D) mature

133. John is a bit nervous because he will give a speech the board members this afternoon.

(A) by
✓ (B) on
(C) to
(D) during

134. Of the many radio stations in the city, FM 109 is considered to play the listening music.

(A) easy
(B) easiest
✓ (C) more easily
(D) most easily

135. The new, expensive software was purchased to help keep better of the clients we have here at our company.

✓ (A) records
(B) states
(C) points
(D) marks

136. Only after requests by the tenants did the superintendent do something about the broken intercoms in some of the apartments.

(A) repeat
(B) repeated
✓ (C) repeating
(D) repetition
A rain shower ———— by cold winds is expected to reach our region by this evening.

(A) accompany
(B) accompanied
(C) accompanying
(D) will accompany

The special deal offered by our supplier will last only for a ———— time.

(A) limited
(B) minor
(C) partial
(D) lower

something drastic happens before midnight, the postal workers will most likely walk out on their jobs.

(A) Also
(B) Except
(C) Unless
(D) Therefore

The defense attorney contemplated a long time before finally making his decision to ———— the accused in court.

(A) attend
(B) represent
(C) express
(D) perform