

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. We will need to find a place to _____ the damaged equipment until the mechanic arrives.
- (A) find
 - (B) store
 - (C) regard
 - (D) build
102. The _____ of our sales staff cannot be overstated as they are the face of our firm.
- (A) important
 - (B) importance
 - (C) importing
 - (D) importantly
103. The company outing was held at the Gardenway Resort, a _____ vacation spot on the coast.
- (A) delight
 - (B) delighted
 - (C) delighting
 - (D) delightful
104. I told you that the problem with too much employee turnover is that I always end up doing everyone else's job _____.
- (A) myself
 - (B) himself
 - (C) themselves
 - (D) yourself
105. There was no word yet as to where the ceremony would be _____, but the Benson Hotel Ballroom was suggested by several people in attendance.
- (A) held
 - (B) restated
 - (C) taken
 - (D) accepted

106. The supplies _____ by the clerical department were delivered earlier in the day.
- (A) conditioned
 - (B) requisitioned
 - (C) positioned
 - (D) mentioned
107. Martha had been unhappy with her position for a long time so her resignation was not _____ a surprise.
- (A) such
 - (B) as
 - (C) of
 - (D) for
108. Having branch offices around the globe presents difficulties for us, although the Internet helps to shrink the _____.
- (A) size
 - (B) width
 - (C) distance
 - (D) amount
109. Their products are mostly top-end, but some of their accessories are _____ in terms of pricing.
- (A) competed
 - (B) competitive
 - (C) competition
 - (D) competitor
110. To _____ be able to take some time off after completing that advertising campaign feels great.
- (A) usually
 - (B) finally
 - (C) restfully
 - (D) competently
111. She mentioned the inventory problem _____ I even asked about the rumors.
- (A) earlier
 - (B) in advance
 - (C) before
 - (D) while

112. The waste materials _____ during the manufacturing process are carefully disposed of by the hazardous materials crew.
- (A) are producing
 - (B) are produced
 - (C) have been produced
 - (D) produced (which are produced)
113. Thanks to _____ relentless pursuit of excellence, Molly found herself at the top of the corporate heap.
- (A) she
 - (B) her
 - (C) hers
 - (D) herself
114. All cargo is to be _____ at the port of entry as well as prior to being loaded onto our trucks.
- (A) inspection
 - (B) inspecting
 - (C) inspector
 - (D) inspected
115. We previously offered the models you inquired about, but they are no longer shown in our most _____ catalog.
- (A) present
 - (B) frequent
 - (C) recent
 - (D) evident
116. The CEO chose to give up some of his stock options _____ a higher yearly salary.
- (A) in exchange for
 - (B) by way of
 - (C) in reaction to
 - (D) to do with
117. While the software will no longer be updated, we will still continue _____ the product through our online customer service center.
- (A) support
 - (B) in support of
 - (C) supporting
 - (D) supported

118. Freeman Industries has reported increased revenues for seven quarters _____.
(A) primarily
(B) consecutively = in a row
(C) costly
(D) monetarily
119. She wasn't positive that Frank was responsible, although she commented that the evidence _____ pointed in his direction.
(A) definition
(B) definitely
(C) definite
(D) definitive
120. Starting next month the law offices of Nevins and Sanders will begin _____ stronger privacy protections in the interest of their clients.
(A) to implement
(B) implementation
(C) implemented
(D) to be implemented
121. It was a close election, decided _____ the large number of unemployed voters who participated in the election.
(A) from
(B) to
(C) with
(D) by
122. The number of employees at the Winnesaw plant increased thanks to the many _____ that occurred at the end of last year.
(A) hire
(B) were hired
(C) hiring
(D) hirings
123. The airline suffered _____ another setback when the pilot's union made new demands for schedule reductions.
(A) such
(B) either
(C) yet
(D) somewhat

124. In order to ensure that the warranty remains valid, the printer needs to be _____ installed.
- (A) correct
 - (B) correction
 - (C) corrected
 - (D) correctly
125. After interviewing all the candidates, Ms. Julia concluded that Nigel is _____ the most qualified person for the position.
- (A) far above
 - (B) too far
 - (C) so far
 - (D) by far
126. If you find any of the required forms missing from your orientation packet, please contact the personnel department _____ in order to get the paperwork completed as soon as possible.
- (A) recently
 - (B) frequently
 - (C) promptly
 - (D) actually
127. The scientific breakthrough occurred when the results of the _____ were finally fully understood.
- (A) experimentation
 - (B) inflation
 - (C) destination
 - (D) summation
128. The clients seemed uninterested in hearing our proposal because of the _____ time they gave us to make our case.
- (A) short
 - (B) few
 - (C) briefer
 - (D) part
129. TGA Enterprises stands _____ their products, extending an industry-leading 5-year "no questions asked" service agreement to their customers.
- (A) beyond
 - (B) behind
 - (C) before
 - (D) beside

130. Not merely a leading web page designer, Jill Forsythe actually _____ in the construction of Internet based retail portals.
- (A) specially
 - (B) specializes
 - (C) specialist
 - (D) specialty
131. No one thought that Mr. Drumond's presentation was as _____ as Donna Farrels', yet he still got the contract.
- (A) convince
 - (B) convinced
 - (C) convincing
 - (D) convincingly
132. Engineers feared that too many electrical cables in close _____ might result in an unwanted electromagnetic field, which could affect the computer hard drives if not properly shielded.
- (A) roles
 - (B) proximity
 - (C) vacancy
 - (D) power
133. The _____ of departures is determined by the number of potential passengers at any given time during the day.
- (A) duration
 - (B) frequency
 - (C) length
 - (D) load
134. Until the supposed benefits actually _____, the brokerage firm insisted on taking a conservative approach.
- (A) materialized
 - (B) material
 - (C) materialization
 - (D) materialism

135. Officials at Restin Tecnology said the industrial espionage was _____ during a routine check of computer usage and bandwidth allocation.
- (A) occurred
 - (B) exposed
 - (C) restored
 - (D) inspected
136. Though not their primary _____, the ancillary health effects of Herbamin products were nonetheless discovered by university scientists.
- (A) process
 - (B) aim
 - (C) proposal
 - (D) session
137. _____ the number of inquiries we received through our toll-free information hotline, we've had a very busy week.
- (A) Despite
 - (B) Even though
 - (C) Regardless
 - (D) With
138. That our distribution pipeline runs smoothly is _____ to our profitability.
- (A) critical
 - (B) some criticism
 - (C) critically
 - (D) a critic
139. The terminated employee insisted that she was not _____ responsible for the mishap at the factory.
- (A) wholly
 - (B) quickly
 - (C) unusually
 - (D) severely
140. The manufacturer originally assured us that we could order replacement parts _____ we wished.
- (A) even
 - (B) whomsoever
 - (C) even if
 - (D) whenever

Part 6

Directions: Read the texts below. A word or phrase is missing in some of the sentences. For each empty space in the text, select the best answer to complete the text. Then mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

Questions 141-144 refer to the following article.

Many consumers have questions _____ the newest technology

141. (A) concern

(B) about

(C) from

(D) of

integrated into the packaging of many products sold in supermarkets and clothing stores around the nation: RFID tags.

RFID stands for Radio Frequency Identification. These tags, when _____

142. (A) stimulate

(B) stimulating

(C) stimulated

(D) stimulation

by a device emitting a specific radio frequency, respond by providing identification about the item. Currently, RFID tags are used by many large retail and supermarket chains to assist them in controlling inventory.

However, some consumer groups say that RFID tags _____ a threat to

143. (A) require

(B) protect

(C) proffer

(D) pose

privacy. Theoretically, the information contained of an RFID tag can contain anything, from the size of the clothing, where it was purchased, and even when it was purchased. While these bits of information seem innocuous enough, some fear that as tags become more _____, they may be used to track consumers and, in the wrong hands, could

144. (A) restive

(B) resistant

(C) sophisticated

(D) wide

lead to criminal activity.

Questions 145-148 refer to the following report.

Stress in the Workplace KILLS!

By Willis Weekist

Stress has an effect on workers. This is a proven fact. But just how much does stress _____ workers? That is a question that has recently been addressed by

145. (A) affect
(B) affects
(C) affection
(D) affecting

researchers at the Institute for Socialistic Utopian Research. Their findings are shocking, _____ say the least.

146. (A) I
(B) to
(C) they
(D) or

In a study completed late last year, researchers at the institute estimate that 97% of deaths in the United States and other industrialized countries were caused, directly or indirectly, _____ factors related to working.

147. (A) by
(B) of
(C) with
(D) either

According to the summary of the study's findings written by the head researcher Marcus N. Engel, "Work kills. People spend their whole lives working and, even if they retire, they eventually die." _____ for further information on the study made by

148. (A) Requesting
(B) Request
(C) Requests
(D) Requested

this reporter were not answered in a timely manner.

Questions 149-152 refer to the following article.

Illegal Downloads Decreasing

The number of illegal downloads of music, movies and other media

_____ decreased over the past year according to an Internet watchdog

149. (A) have

(B) has

(C) has been

(D) having been

group. Figures compiled over the past 12 months indicate that _____

150. (A) while

(B) despite

(C) notwithstanding

(D) nevertheless

downloading of pirated songs and films is still a significant problem, industry efforts to curb the practice seem to be having some effect.

"It's a start, anyway," said Nathan Woodman of the Society for the Legal Availability of Music, producer of the study. SLAM is a group that encourages record companies to make music available online for free. "However, record companies still _____ too

151. (A) cost

(B) charge

(C) price

(D) market

much for their product and that means the illegal activity will continue."

Software piracy was not included in the SLAM figures. However, the ease with which software can be infected by viruses and trojans has already resulted in fewer people _____ illegal downloads of pirated material.

152. (A) risk

(B) risky

(C) risked

(D) risking (who risk)

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 the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

Questions 153-154 refer to the following e-mail.

From: Kevin Molochoi

To: Terrence Hysop

Subject: I may be delayed...

Terrence,

I may have to be late for our meeting tomorrow. We had agreed on coffee at 10:00 am at the Best Bun Diner, but I'm afraid I may be delayed waiting for a package to arrive. I'd like to push it back to 10:30, if that is OK with you.

The good news is that I have information on all the items you requested. I'll also bring samples of the marble tiles for the lobby floor and several different types of wood that you might choose from for the flooring in your inner office.

Let me know you received this and confirm the rescheduled.

K.

153. What is Kevin's purpose of writing the e-mail?

- (A) to request samples
- (B) to inform a client that his order will be delayed
- (C) to tell Terrence he must cancel an appointment
- (D) to reschedule meeting

154. What can be inferred from the e-mail?

- (A) Kevin expects Terrence to be angry.
- (B) Terrence has never met Kevin before.
- (C) Kevin works in the flooring business.
- (D) Terrence often has trouble receiving e-mails.

Questions 155-156 refer to the following information.

Assembly Instructions

Before beginning assembly, please confirm that you have all of the necessary parts:

- 12 2" wood screws
- 10 1 1/2" wood screws
- 4 7" x 26" wooden panels
- 4 7" x 18" wooden panels
- 6 hex screws
- 1 hex key (for assembly)

★ Important!

It is important that the panels be assembled in the correct order. Each panel has a number stamped on the unfinished face. Assemble the panels according to numerical order.

Failure to do so may result in your inability to complete the unit.

★ Caution

Do not overtighten the wood screws, as this may cause the wood paneling to split. Use only hand tools in assembly. Do NOT use power tools, including electric screwdrivers.

155. What must be done first?

- (A) The panels must be numbered.
- (B) The presence of the parts must be verified.
- (C) The panels must be finished on both sides.
- (D) All power tools must be turned off.

156. What is the reader warned about?

- (A) The size of the screws
- (B) The risk of damaging the wood
- (C) The importance of using power tools
- (D) The inability to see numbers on a panel

Questions 157-160 refer to the following letter.

Lombard Developing
3345 Nelson St.
Orlando, FL 76398-0098

Dear Benjamin Colfax,

Thank you for your interest in our vacation giveaway. You have been selected to receive a free 3-day 2-night stay at our Key Grande Vacation Home facility. This is an all-inclusive package and requires nothing from you except that you attend our sales presentation introducing the newest phase of building at Key Grande Vacation Homes.

You requested a reservation for the August 27-29 weekend and we will be able to accommodate that request. During your stay, we invite you to use our facilities including the four swimming pools, the

gym, tennis courts, and 18-hole golf course, as well as our state-of-the-art media center featuring nightly movies, public computers, and video gaming room.

A package will arrive within the next five days with more information and a request for your confirmation.

157. Why does Benjamin Colfax receive the letter?

- (A) He recently purchased a home.
- (B) He requested reservations for a free vacation.
- (C) He must give a sales presentation.
- (D) He needed a list of available facilities.

158. What is required of Mr. Colfax?

- (A) Payment in advance
- (B) Attendance at a presentation
- (C) Participation in some outdoor activities
- (D) An introduction to the guests

159. What does the letter imply?

- (A) Lombard Development is a good company to work for
- (B) Key Grande Vacation Homes are reasonably priced.
- (C) Lombard Development uses free vacations as a marketing strategy
- (D) Wade Lopez will be giving a presentation

160. What will happen within five days?

- (A) Mr. Colfax will arrive at Key Grande
- (B) The offer will be rescinded
- (C) Mr. Colfax will receive further information
- (D) The Key Grande development will be completed

Questions 161-163 refer to the following article.

Hammond Textiles to Close

Hammond Textiles, once one of the leading employers in the area announced that they will close the dyeing facility at Grangeville as of March 31st. The closure will mean the loss of another 300 jobs in a community already devastated by a collapsing economy.

The announcement from Hammond is just the latest blow to Grangeville, which, over the course of the past six months has seen closings or significant downsizings of nearly a dozen manufacturing firms that had previously been the driving force of the region's prosperity. Mayor Wanda Clifton was at a loss for words. "I don't know what to say," she said. "This is obviously going to be a very painful adjustment."

Hammond officials, in a statement released to the press at the time of the announcement cited several reasons behind their decision to close the plant, none of

which were related to Grangeville itself. **Decreased demand** for their trademarked heavy woolens, **increased competition** from overseas textile manufacturers, and increased **government regulations** all played a role in the company's decision.

"We regret having to do this," said Hammond president, **Michael Hammond**. "Grangeville has always been good to us, but these are tough times and difficult decisions had to be made. **I wish there was something else we could do"**

161. What is the article mainly about?

- (A) The economic climate of Grangeville
- (B) The policies of Grangeville's mayor
- (C) The loss of hundreds of textile industry jobs**
- (D) The difficulty of manufacturing textiles

162. Which of the following is NOT cited as a factor in the decision announced in the article?

- (A) The quality of workers in the Grangeville area**
- (B) A **competitive** marketplace
- (C) **Less demand** for products
- (D) Measures imposed by the **government**

163. How the attitude of Michael Hammond best be characterized?

- (A) Selfish
- (B) Sympathetic**
- (C) Tough
- (D) Competitive

Questions 164-166 refer to the following notice.

Important Notice

To: Users of Company Expense Accounts

From: Accounting Department

RE: Record Keeping

With the departure of former Accounting Department manager, Harry Bloomfield, and the hiring of Penney Fromevan, **new regulations will be implemented regarding the use of company expense accounts.**

1. **Receipts are required for all charges** against your company expense account.

Hand-written receipts will NOT be accepted unless there is some way to verify their authenticity.

2. Meal allowance on company trips has been reduced to **\$35.00 per day for company personnel. Client meals can still be charged to the account in any amount.**

3. **Gasoline for company vehicles must now be charged to a "Fuel and Maintenance" account.** This has been done to track fuel consumption and to take advantage of recent

government fuel-saving incentives.

These regulations are going into effect for all expense account charges on or after October 1st. If you have company travel that begins prior to that date but extends beyond that date, you will be asked to report the entire trip in accordance with the newer regulations. For details on these new reporting procedures, please visit www.dripco.com/corporate/policies/accounting.index.html

164. What is the purpose of the notice?

- (A) To announce a change in policy
- (B) To announce the hiring of a new accountant
- (C) To suggest ways to save fuel
- (D) To urge delaying travel until a later date

165. What does the notice mention about **meals for client**?

- (A) They must be charged to a special account
- (B) There is no limit on the amount that can be charged
- (C) They can only be charged if the client is going to take a trip
- (D) They should not exceed \$35.00 in price

166. Which of the following is NOT mandated in the notice?

- (A) A new way to charge gasoline purchases
- (B) A requirement to use authentic handwriting on the amount
- (C) A limited on the amount employees can spend on meals charged to an expense account
- (D) The submission of receipts for all spending

Questions 167-169 refer to the following letter.

Davidson Manufacturing
Trenton, NJ

Dear Ms. Hanley,

I am writing in response to your advertisement for an efficiency consultant posted in Industry Watch Magazine and on their web site. I feel that I may be just the person that you are looking for.

In your advertisement, you indicated that you were looking for a candidate with a strong **educational background**. I did my undergraduate work at Flutgers and I was just awarded my PhD late last year from Harkward University.

Your ad also mentioned that **an experienced candidate** would be more attractive. Again, I seem to be ideal for the position. I currently work at Wegman Labs on a **consulting contract which is due to expire On April 30th**. My responsibilities have included the implementation of a Six Sigma efficiency program. At the risk of sounding arrogant,

may I say that the program has been successful beyond expectations, so much so that the company seems no longer to need me.

Your advertisement also stated that you hoped applicants would be open to relocation. I am willing to move anywhere within the continental United States.

If you are satisfied with these preliminary qualifications, I hope that you will contact me for an interview. You will find my contact information below.

Sincerely,

Clark Ghent

309 Salem St.

Green Bay, WI

Phone: (555) 777-9876

167. From what has Mr. Ghent received most of his experience?

- (A) His studies at Flutgers
- (B) His work at Wegman Labs
- (C) His development of Six Sigma principles
- (D) His research for his PhD dissertation

168. Why is Mr. Ghent looking for a job?

- (A) He has recently been fired
- (B) He just graduated from university
- (C) His contract will not be renewed
- (D) He wants to leave Green Bay

169. Which of the following was NOT likely mentioned in the advertisement posted by Davidson Manufacturing?

- (A) Education history
- (B) Employment history
- (C) Travel experience
- (D) Willingness to move

Questions 170-173 refer to the following agenda.

Agenda for January 17th sales meeting

Introduction and Opening Remarks:

The chairperson is expected to make a few opening remarks. During his remarks, he will introduce Ms. Nellie Roberts, the incoming sales director for the northern region.

Remarks by Nellie Roberts:

Miss Roberts is expected to address concerns about slow sales and missed sales targets. She will also present her proposal for the merging of the northern region with part of the eastern region into a larger northeastern sales sector.

Nominations for the Board of Directors:

Carl Jedidiah's retirement will open a spot on the board. Nominations for candidates to fill the vacancy will be accepted during the meeting. A general discussion about the candidates will also occur. The nomination process is not limited to the meeting (See the notice on page 6 of your meeting packet).

Time and Date: January 17, 10:30 am

Location: Conference Room 7

Chairperson: Lisa Bowman

Recording Secretary: Lewis Nesmith

170. Who will be the first person to speak?

- (A) Nellie Roberts
- (B) Carl Jedidiah
- (C) Lisa Bowman
- (D) Lewis Nesmith

171. What will Nellie Roberts speak about?

- (A) Her qualifications for her new position
- (B) Her experience during a merger
- (C) Her hope to replace Carl Jedidiah
- (D) Her impression of recent sales activity

172. Which of the following will NOT occur during the meeting?

- (A) A new sales director will be introduced
- (B) A new board member will be appointed
- (C) A merger of regions will be proposed
- (D) Participants will have an opportunity to discuss issues of their own choosing

173. What can be inferred from the agenda?

- (A) Readers have received documents in addition to the agenda
- (B) The chairperson is going to retire
- (C) The meeting is open to the general public
- (D) Only nominations from the chairperson will be accepted after the meeting

Questions 174-177 refer to the following e-mail.

From: Orpheus Hackerman
To: Sunny Data Corp
Subject: Accessing My Files

Dear Customer Service,

I was told to provide as detailed an account as possible of the problems I have been having with your service. I hope that this information will enable you to rectify the situation.

On July 5th, I subscribed to your Internet-based **archiving service**. I intended to use the service to back up my two hard drives, one full of my personal documents and other files and the other comprised of materials related to my business.

On the morning of July 6th, following the directions that were on your website, I attempted to back up files from my first hard drive by uploading it to the folder in my account called "Personal." This seems to have worked correctly. However, **while uploading my business documents to a second folder, entitled "Business," the transfer was interrupted**. Since that time, I have been unable to access any of the files I uploaded, including the files in the Personal folder that seemed OK.

On the morning of July 7th, I tried to send a request for assistance using the html form on your web site. However, when I tried to submit my request, the system responded that my username and **password** were invalid.

I have not lost any information; the files that I backed up are all still here on my hard drive, but I can't say I feel very comfortable using your service. **It's already July 17th** and the issue has still not been resolved.

Therefore, I'm requesting that all of my files be deleted and that you refund my credit card for the \$99.99 that I was charged for the **yearly fee**. I expect that this will be accomplished before July 20th. I won't be recommending your service.

Orpheus Hackerman

174. Why was the e-mail written?

- (A) **In response to a request for further information**
- (B) To praise the service of a company
- (C) To inquire about the availability of a service
- (D) In hopes of gaining a recommendation

175. At what point did Mr. Hackerman's problems begin to occur?

- (A) While creating a folder
- (B) **During a data transfer**
- (C) When using a credit card
- (D) After requesting a new user name

176. Which of the following is NOT true?

- (A) **Mr. Hackerman has lost valuable computer files**
- (B) Sunny Data is an **archiving service**
- (C) Mr. Hackerman's paid a **yearly fee**
- (D) Sunny Data services must be accessed using a **password**

177. When was the e-mail written?

- (A) July 5th
- (B) July 6th

(C) July 17th

(D) July 20th

Questions 178-180 refer to the following letter.

December 18

Ken Desmond

Department Supervisor

Clerical Group 14

Vector Corporation

Mr. Desmond,

I am writing to you as a matter of courtesy. As you may have discovered, you did not receive the holiday bonus check that your coworkers received this year. This was not an oversight. **Your work over the past twelve months, as you know, has been less than satisfactory.** Your constant **tardiness**, your belligerence at **meetings**, and the several **harassment charges** that were filed against you are more likely to get a man fired than to earn him a bonus.

I strongly suggest that you reevaluate your priorities. **If this job is important to you, you must make changes**—immediate changes—in both your attitude and your behavior. Ms. Morales, the Division Supervisor, convinced me to give you one final chance, given that it is the holiday season. To show my respect for her, I have done so, but will not do so again.

This is your final warning.

Merle Haggard

Personnel Director

178. What does the letter mainly concern?

(A) How to be courteous

(B) An oversight

(C) How to earn a bonus

(D) The quality of Mr. Desmond's work

179. Which of the following was NOT cited in the letter?

(A) Lack of **punctuality**

(B) Behavior during **meetings**

(C) Accusations of **misconduct**

(D) The amount of the company's holiday bonus

180. What does the letter imply?

(A) Mr. Desmond's is in danger of losing his job

- (B) Ms. Morales is a relative of Mr. Desmond
- (C) Merle Haggard respects Ken Desmond
- (D) Mr. Desmond will soon receive a bonus check

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

Wanted: Antiques

You may have priceless treasures hidden right under your nose! **Garibaldi Antiques pays cash for antique items** including **furniture, silverware** and **china**, sculptures, **paintings**, photographs, and machinery. We buy estates. **Call to arrange for an appraiser** to come to your home or bring your piece to us. We offer the best prices in the business. No consignment sales accepted.

Garibaldi Antiques

44321 New Denver Rd.

Brenton, MI 56446

(555) 888-8888

See the extensive collection of items we have for sale on our web page at

www.gbldioldstuff.com

Garibaldi Antiques

44321 New Denver Rd.

Brenton, MI 56446

Dear Sir,

I'm writing in regards to a recent inheritance that I have come into. My grandmother recently passed away and left me her home and everything in it. **She lived in Brenton, while I live over 300 miles away in Detroit. I would like to set up a meeting between my lawyer there in Brenton and a representative from your company** to give me an estimate on the entire contents of the home. I understand that she had quite a collection of **jewelry** that may interest you. I also wondered if you might accept the contents of the house on consignment and simply accept a percentage of the resale proceeds as payment for your services. I look forward to hearing from you directly at my return address on the envelope or through **my lawyer, whose address I have listed below.**

Sincerely,

J. Mason

Jason Mason

Solomon Associates

1243 Harrison Terrace

Brenton, MI 56446-909

(555)888-0009

181. What does Garibaldi Antiques do?

- (A) Auction furniture
- (B) Produce antiques
- (C) Arrange funerals
- (D) Buy and sell old item**

182. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as an item of interest to Garibaldi?

- (A) Pictures
- (B) Furniture
- (C) Clothing
- (D) Plates and utensils

183. How can someone arrange to meet with a Garibaldi representative?

- (A) By contacting their lawyer
- (B) By going to their web page
- (C) By calling a phone number
- (D) By offering a good price

184. What can be inferred from the letter about Mr. Mason?

- (A) He lived with his grandmother
- (B) He recently moved
- (C) He lives too far away to meet with an appraiser in person
- (D) He doesn't expect payment for his grandmother's jewelry

185. What is Solomon Associates?

- (A) Mr. Mason's place of business
- (B) An antique shop located in Detroit
- (C) His grandmother's executor
- (D) Mr. Mason's lawyer's firm

Questions 186-190 refer to the following announcement and e-mail.

Join the Community Watch Team!

We're looking for a few good men and women to join the Community Watch Team. Do you have the right stuff?

We are a group of civic-minded citizens who patrol the neighborhood on a nightly basis. We work in tandem with local law enforcement officials to discourage crime by our presence on the streets. Since the formation of Community Watch, burglaries in the area have dropped over 80%. Through our efforts, we have made our neighborhoods safe for law-abiding citizens.

We need seven people who are available for patrols at least two nights per week. No special training is necessary, though if you have a special skill, we'd appreciate your expertise (self-defense, first aid, etc.). Must be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate. Senior citizens are welcome.

We hope to see you at our Open House on April 17 at 8:00 pm at our field office at 43 Hefflin Ave. Contact us at comm.watch@rotnail.com

From: Kimberly Chiu
To: comm.watch@rotnail.com
Subject: I might like to join

I saw your notice and I am interested in joining up. I have two questions, though. First, I won't be graduating from high school until June, but **would it still be OK to attend the open house?** Also, I 'm only available **one weekday evening**. You might be interested to know that I have a black belt in judo. Let me know what you think!

Kimberly Chiu

186. What is the Community Watch team?
- (A) A group of police officers
 - (B) A team of concerned citizens**
 - (C) A group of burglars
 - (D) A team of high school students
187. Why does the announcement mention **burglaries**?
- (A) As a warning to citizens
 - (B) In order to emphasize the need for the group
 - (C) As a way to discourage crime
 - (D) In order to show how effective the group is**
188. Which of the following is NOT a requirement for joining the group?
- (A) **Availability** for patrols
 - (B) A **high school** degree
 - (C) An **age of 18** years or more
 - (D) Expertise in a specific field**
189. What is the purpose of the e-mail?
- (A) To complain about the Community Watch
 - (B) To request a change in the rules
 - (C) To inquire about some of the group's requirements**
 - (D) To ask about appropriate clothing for the open house
190. What can be inferred from the e-mail?
- (A) The writer is not an idea candidate for the group**

- (B) The writer is likely lying about her status
- (C) The writer is under 18 years of age
- (D) The writer has decided to leave the Community Watch team

Questions 191-195 refer to the following article and letter.

Forest Fairways Opens

Local Golfers Express Satisfaction

Forest Fairways, the latest in a chain of low-priced, high-quality golf courses to be opened across the nation, opened for business yesterday and got rave reviews from our local golf fans. The 18-hole course was designed by Sandisen D. Bunker, the Norwegian golf legend, and should provide a challenge to golfers in the area for years to come.

Aesthetically, the course is beautiful, built on land purchased from the city in the northeastern corner of the Green Acres forest preserve. The clubhouse is modern, with changing and shower facilities, a small gym, and a restaurant featuring light fare and drinks. **Sandisen Bunker designs all of his courses with families in mind** (he is a father of 14) so it was no surprise to **see the mini-golf course for the kids**.

Perhaps the most innovative aspect of the Forest Fairways course is that it is covered with closed-circuit cameras, enabling family members who remain behind in the clubhouse restaurant to follow the golfers' progress.

Hartford Magazine
Editorial Department
44132 Mesaview Dr.

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is **Deirdre Bouvire, superintendent of the newly opened Forest Fairways Golf Course**. I was pleased to see the article in your edition of last weekend. However, there were a couple of slight errors that you might correct if you write about the course in the future.

First, the course was not built on the Green Acres forest preserve. That land is protected by law. **The course actually borders the forest preserve on some farmland purchased from Jensen Freid**. We merely needed **permission from the local government to allow the construction trucks to use the access road** that runs through the protected area.

Also, your article gave the impression that golfers could be watched along the whole course via CCTV. Actually, we have cameras only on the tees.

Finally, though it's just a small point. Mr. Sandisen Bunker and his wife just welcomed their 15th into the world last month!

Sincerely,

Deirdre Bouvire

191. What does the article suggest for the defining characteristic of Froest Fairways?

- (A) Its beauty
- (B) Its price
- (C) Its location
- (D) Its level of difficulty

192. Where was the golf course constructed?

- (A) In Norway
- (B) In a forest preserve
- (C) In a nearby city
- (D) On some farmland

193. Why does the article mention a mini-golf course?

- (A) As evidence of the family-friendly atmosphere
- (B) To highlight one of Sandisen Bumker's inventions
- (C) To account for the high price
- (D) To suggest an alternative to the clubhouse restaurant

194. Who is Deirdre Bouvire?

- (A) A newspaper editor
- (B) A golfer
- (C) A reporter
- (D) A golf course administrator

195. Why was permission needed from the government?

- (A) To purchase some land
- (B) To preserve some forest
- (C) To install some cameras
- (D) To use a road

Questions 196-200 refer to the following two letters.

Bridal Designers

45 Lovely Lane

Freeton, OH

Dear Kelly Hunter,

After reviewing your résumé and looking through the photographs you included in your portfolio, we are pleased to offer you a position as **assistant designer** in our downtown boutique. These are the terms we are offering:

Annual Salary: **\$45,000**

Cash bonuses for design awards

Health insurance

A company car

If you are inclined to accept our offer, please notify us at your earliest possible convenience, preferably no later than July 17.

Sincerely

Lonnie Hendrix

The Bride's Nest

698 Modern Dr.

Freeton, OH

Dear Ms. Hunter,

We were very impressed by our talk with you during your recent interview and are prepared to offer you the **assistant manager** position at our Freeton store. Your duties will be a combination of managerial and **design work**. Please accept the compensation package listed below **as a starting point for discussion**:

Salary: **\$40,000 + Profit Sharing**

Health Insurance

Dental Insurance

2 weeks paid vacation

We'd like to set up a meeting with you to discuss your interest in the position. We are, however, constrained by **the fact that the position is already vacant. We need to have someone** in place at the Freeton location by July 10, at the latest.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Gaia Tanaka

196. What type of position are both companies trying to fill?

(A) Manager

- (B) Insurance Adjuster
- (C) Designer
- (D) Photographer

197. What do both companies offer Kelly Hunter?

- (A) A company car
- (B) Profit sharing
- (C) Health care coverage
- (D) Yearly income of at least \$45,000

198. What can be inferred about Bridal Designers?

- (A) They interviewed Kelly Hunter
- (B) They reward prize-winning designs
- (C) They need to hire a new manager
- (D) Lonnie Hendrix will quit on July 17th

199. What does Gaia Tanaka imply about the Bride's Nest compensation offer?

- (A) It could be increased
- (B) It may be rescinded
- (C) It includes all income taxes
- (D) It is better than most other managers receive

200. Why does Ms. Tanaka request a prompt reply?

- (A) She needs the position filled as soon as possible
- (B) There are other applicants waiting to be notified
- (C) The Freeton store is about to open for business
- (D) She must rent a location for the shop

■ 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.