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Practice Test #4 for

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Notes for Test of English Writing Ability

You may use this space to make notes or an outline for the writing test.
However, you **must** write the essay on the separate, lined paper provided.

THINK ABOUT IT, WRITE ABOUT IT!

MSU-CELC Test of English Writing Ability

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WRITING ABILITY SECTION:

For this section of the test, a proctor has given you a special answer form.

Using a Number 2 pencil **ONLY**, write as much as you can, as well as you can, in an original composition on **ONE** of the two topics below. You have 35 minutes to complete the composition.

1. Some people choose their clothes in order to send a message about who they are. Other people believe that what they wear is less important than what they say and how they act. Which argument makes sense to you? Be sure to support your answer with examples, reasons, and explanations.

OR

2. Within a family, brothers and sisters often have disagreements and don't get along. How do you think that parents should handle this? Be sure to support your answer with examples, reasons, and explanations.



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LISTEN TO THIS!

MSU-CELC Test of English Listening Ability

You should have the following items in front of you: a test answer sheet, a test booklet, and a Number 2 pencil. If you are missing any of these items, raise your hand, and a test proctor will assist you.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LISTENING ABILITY SECTION:

- This listening section has three main parts. Part 1 consists of several short conversations, and Part 2 has longer conversations. Part 3 contains an extended monologue and an extended dialogue.
- There are 40 questions on this listening test. For each question, choose the ONE BEST answer.
- For each question, find the letter on the answer sheet that corresponds to the answer you have chosen. Use your pencil to completely fill in the circle for your answer.
- If you are not sure of the answer, take your best guess. Unanswered items will be scored as incorrect.
- You are allowed to write in the test booklet.



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Part 1: Short Conversations

For each question in your test booklet, you will hear a short conversation. Each conversation has a short title to tell you what it is about. Listen to the conversation and choose the letter of the choice that best answers the question that appears in your test booklet. You will not hear the question; you will see it and read it. You will read it quietly to yourself. Use your pencil to mark your answer on your answer sheet. You are allowed to take notes in the test booklet.

Example X:**A missing textbook**

When did the boy last have his math book?

- a. in the morning
- b. in the afternoon
- c. a few days ago

The concert

- 1. How will the money be used?
 - a. club dues and parking costs
 - b. clothing and transportation
 - c. artwork and admission fees

Sitting by the pool

- 2. What is the man going to do?
 - a. look for a snack
 - b. go for a swim
 - c. buy a drink

Looking for keys

- 3. What would the young woman like to do?
 - a. use her father's car
 - b. ask her father for help
 - c. take her father with her

Grocery store check out

- 4. Why did the man NOT receive a lower price?
 - a. The store clerk made a mistake.
 - b. The sale was for something else.
 - c. The sale ended last week.

Using the computer

- 5. What is the boy doing before lunch?
 - a. talking to a friend
 - b. writing an email
 - c. finishing his homework

A schedule change

- 6. Why does the man ask the woman to stay late?
 - a. The restaurant will be busier than normal.
 - b. One of the servers is unable to work.
 - c. There will be an employee meeting.

Geography project

7. Why does the student want to use simple maps?
- a. He thinks they will be easier to understand.
 - b. They take up less space on his computer.
 - c. He is making them himself and wants to save time.

Evening entertainment

8. Why does the woman suggest watching TV?
- a. TV shows are typically shorter than movies.
 - b. Movies always make her feel tired.
 - c. She generally prefers TV programs to movies.

Shopping for a special dress

9. What will the man and girl do next?
- a. take a rest
 - b. buy the blue dress
 - c. visit a different store

Part 2: Longer Conversations

In this section you will hear longer conversations. Before listening to each conversation, you will read three to five questions. Listen to each conversation and answer the questions that appear in your test booklet.

Guitar lessons

10. How many songs could the boy play before taking lessons?
- a. none
 - b. a few
 - c. several
11. What is easier for the boy now?
- a. playing written music
 - b. playing different styles of music
 - c. writing songs
12. What is one reason that the man likes playing guitar?
- a. It helps him concentrate on school.
 - b. It helps him to forget his worries.
 - c. It helps him to connect with other musicians.
13. Why does the boy ask the girl to sing?
- a. He knows "Country Roads" is one of her favorite songs.
 - b. He does not think his voice sounds good enough.
 - c. He has trouble singing while he is playing.

Calling about a bill

14. Who is the woman calling?
 - a. the electric company
 - b. the credit card company
 - c. the bank
15. What problem is the woman trying to solve?
 - a. She was given an incorrect bill.
 - b. Her payment was not received.
 - c. She paid too much money.
16. What best describes the woman's response to being transferred?
 - a. She is patient.
 - b. She is annoyed.
 - c. She is furious.

Returning a DVD

17. What does the woman ask the man to show her?
 - a. his receipt
 - b. the damaged product
 - c. the place where he found the movie
18. Why can the man NOT get his money back?
 - a. He has already opened the DVD.
 - b. He has not proven it is defective.
 - c. He does not have a receipt.
19. Why can the man NOT exchange the DVD?
 - a. There are no other copies at the store.
 - b. He does not have the employee's permission.
 - c. The store no longer carries that title.
20. How will the man get a new copy of his DVD?
 - a. He will receive a copy from another location.
 - b. He will receive a copy from this store later.
 - c. He will receive the DVD by mail.

Part 3: Extended Discourse

In this section you will hear an extended monologue and an extended dialogue. Before listening to the passage, you will read questions. You will listen to the passage twice, and then you will answer a series of questions that appear in your test booklet.

Becoming a writing tutor

21. Which of the following is an option for the students who cannot currently participate?
 - a. work as a trainer
 - b. apply at a later date
 - c. take extra classes
22. How long do volunteers work per week?
 - a. one hour
 - b. two hours
 - c. a whole afternoon
23. What are the possible work hours?
 - a. only after school
 - b. only during school
 - c. after and during school
24. What does “a student in good standing” mean?
 - a. a student with perfect grades
 - b. a student who is registered at the school
 - c. a student with good attendance and grades
25. Why are students required to be in good standing?
 - a. They need to serve as a model for the students they help.
 - b. Students need to demonstrate they can handle additional work.
 - c. Only good students can be trusted to stay after school.
26. Why does the speaker mention qualities that are not required?
 - a. to address student concerns
 - b. to identify students who are not suitable
 - c. to suggest other available positions
27. Why might struggling writers be good tutors?
 - a. Writing and tutoring are very different activities.
 - b. They can easily understand other students’ problems.
 - c. They can tutor in other subjects, such as math.
28. What is a tutor’s main responsibility?
 - a. correcting students’ writing mistakes
 - b. making sure students go to class regularly
 - c. listening to students talk about their assignments
29. What is the speaker’s likely goal for the talk?
 - a. to welcome and encourage students
 - b. to separate suitable and unsuitable candidates
 - c. to teach tutoring techniques
30. The speaker is most likely a _____.
 - a. student
 - b. teacher
 - c. parent

An improved student

31. Why does the man think Chris's grades have improved?
 - a. He is in better physical shape.
 - b. He has more self-confidence now.
 - c. He is studying harder.
32. What does the woman mention as a possible reason for Chris's previous performance?
 - a. personal issues
 - b. simple boredom
 - c. multiple absences
33. How does the man describe Chris's personality?
 - a. in negative terms
 - b. in neutral terms
 - c. in positive terms
34. What example is given of Chris's progress in English?
 - a. He used a difficult word in a conversation.
 - b. He outscored his classmates on a test.
 - c. He asked for additional books to read.
35. Why does the man mention metaphors and parts of a story?
 - a. to share what he and Chris discussed after school
 - b. to show that the results of some lessons are not easy to see
 - c. to demonstrate that he knows a lot about her subject
36. According to the woman, what makes Chris unique?
 - a. His parents are both teachers.
 - b. He is motivated by an internal drive.
 - c. He assists his classmates by explaining concepts.
37. According to the man, how do Chris's parents help him?
 - a. by tutoring him in algebra and English
 - b. by supporting him without pushing him too hard
 - c. by encouraging him to use new words in conversation
38. What does the woman say about hard workers and especially bright students?
 - a. He prefers hard workers to especially bright students.
 - b. Especially bright students end up helping the hard workers.
 - c. Hard workers will go farther in life than especially bright students.
39. How does the man describe Chris's reading habits?
 - a. He compares books to their film versions.
 - b. He stays after class to ask questions about books.
 - c. He finishes books faster than other students.
40. How does the woman feel about Chris's future?
 - a. optimistic
 - b. relieved
 - c. concerned



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GRAMMAR YOU CAN USE!

MSU-CELC Test of English Grammar

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GRAMMAR SECTION:

- This grammar test has 40 questions.
- You have 20 minutes to answer all 40 questions. For each question, choose the ONE BEST answer.
- For each question, find the letter on the answer sheet that corresponds to the answer you have chosen. Use your pencil to completely fill in the circle for your answer.
- If you are not sure of the answer, take your best guess. Unanswered items will be scored as incorrect.
- You are allowed to write in the test booklet.

EXAMPLE:

Bob is a good student. He _____ every day.

- a. to study
- b. is study
- c. studies
- d. studying

The correct answer is c. You would mark “c” on your answer sheet.



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41. Let's stay inside. It's not a very nice day _____ a bike ride.
 a. to take
 b. for take
 c. in taking
 d. to taking
42. I would never wear a suit _____, but it looks good on you.
 a. as that
 b. same as that
 c. like that
 d. was like that
43. Planting flowers outside _____ work, and it makes the house look so nice.
 a. is no more of
 b. is not much
 c. are not as much
 d. are not lots of
44. That website is a mess. It's impossible to find _____ you need to find.
 a. that what
 b. what do
 c. that
 d. what
45. Having a puppy is more work than I thought _____.
 a. to be
 b. it would be
 c. it would have been
 d. to have been
46. We have different ideas but it's not worth _____.
 a. argue about
 b. arguing about
 c. to argue
 d. for arguing
47. I must have _____ your directions. I can't seem to find your house.
 a. misunderstand
 b. misunderstood
 c. misunderstanding
 d. been misunderstanding
48. Thanks for fixing my computer. _____ you did, it worked!
 a. What
 b. That
 c. However
 d. Whatever
49. Jack had _____ his daughter from school.
 a. to go get
 b. go get
 c. go to get
 d. to get going
50. Dan _____ one of his employees.
 a. was inspired by
 b. was inspired
 c. inspired to
 d. has been inspired
51. When we get to the park, there will be several places _____ we can have lunch.
 a. which
 b. where
 c. what
 d. when
52. Would you mind _____ the lights?
 a. to turn
 b. turning
 c. turning on
 d. to turn on
53. I would study harder if I _____ more time.
 a. have
 b. had
 c. will have
 d. would have
54. I _____ locked the door if you couldn't get in.
 a. must
 b. have
 c. did
 d. must have
55. I couldn't believe _____ my friend told me.
 a. that
 b. for
 c. what
 d. which

56. Mary should have won the award; she is a _____ hard-working student than John.
 a. many more
 b. much more
 c. most
 d. very
57. The teacher had to remind the students several times _____ bring their cell phones to school.
 a. they do not
 b. for not
 c. that not
 d. not to
58. Global warming is a problem that _____ for a long time.
 a. has existed
 b. is existing
 c. can exist
 d. exists
59. What should you consider before _____ for an exercise class?
 a. sign up
 b. to sign up
 c. signing up
 d. will sign up
60. I _____ take piano lessons, but I quit one year ago.
 a. used
 b. use
 c. use to
 d. used to
61. I just got a new video game system that _____ has over 50 games available for it.
 a. already
 b. soon
 c. once
 d. nearly
62. This new textbook focuses on the vocabulary that students _____ most often in university study.
 a. need to
 b. will need
 c. will have needed
 d. are needed
63. The *Harry Potter* series is _____ most popular British stories ever published.
 a. one of the
 b. the one
 c. one that is
 d. it the one
64. Carol's students asked her _____ her trip.
 a. when
 b. what
 c. about
 d. for
65. She kept wearing her favorite coat, _____ it was very old and worn out.
 a. despite
 b. besides
 c. except that
 d. even though
66. Paul couldn't wait _____ his new car.
 a. driving
 b. drove
 c. to drive
 d. had driven
67. Steve gave me back all the money _____.
 a. he was borrowed
 b. he had borrowed
 c. what he borrowed
 d. that he borrowed it
68. When I have trouble with my chemistry homework, I _____ Sarah for help.
 a. often ask my friend
 b. ask my friend often
 c. ask often my friend
 d. often to ask my friend
69. She wondered _____ her brother knew about the party yet.
 a. that
 b. about
 c. whether
 d. how long
70. The weather is _____ nice that I want to stay outside all day.
 a. so
 b. too
 c. very
 d. really

71. John offered _____ the dishes after dinner tonight.
 a. wash
 b. washed
 c. to wash
 d. will wash
72. We brought warm clothes on the trip because we _____ that it might be cold at night.
 a. hearing
 b. are heard
 c. to hear
 d. heard
73. Mary decided to do her shopping tomorrow _____ in the rain tonight.
 a. rather than going
 b. rather to go
 c. rather went
 d. rather will go
74. My soup was _____ to eat at first, but now it is just right.
 a. such hot
 b. too hot
 c. very hot
 d. much hot
75. The dog _____ in the park was really friendly.
 a. we see
 b. we see him
 c. that we saw him
 d. that we saw
76. My friend _____ a single day of school.
 a. is never
 b. never missing
 c. has never missed
 d. never to miss
77. My father _____ how to play the piano.
 a. teach himself
 b. taught himself
 c. was himself teaching
 d. was taught himself
78. It _____ last night because the ground is really wet.
 a. must rain
 b. must to rain
 c. must be raining
 d. must have rained
79. Instead of staying up late, the boy _____ a good night's sleep so that he could do well on the exam the next day.
 a. decided get
 b. decided to get
 c. decided getting
 d. decided for to get
80. After eating a large bowl of ice cream, my friend decided not _____ swimming.
 a. to go
 b. go
 c. going
 d. went



This is the end of the CELC Grammar Test. Do not return to the previous section.

READ ABOUT IT!

MSU-CELC Test of English Reading Ability

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE READING ABILITY SECTION:

- This reading test has four passages. Each passage is followed by several questions.
- You have 60 minutes to answer all 40 questions. For each question, choose the ONE BEST answer.
- For each question, find the letter on the answer sheet that corresponds to the answer you have chosen. Use your pencil to completely fill in the circle for your answer.
- If you are not sure of the answer, take your best guess. Unanswered items will be scored as incorrect.
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Reading passage 1

The following article comes from a popular magazine about culture, style, and fashion for young people. Read the article and answer the questions that follow.

Hollywood's newest young star

Meet Emma Giorgio, star of the hot new romance movie, *Blue Night*. Originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, Emma moved to Ventura, a suburb of Los Angeles, when she was 12 years old. With both parents working in the entertainment industry, getting involved in acting seemed like a natural move for Emma. What began as a role for a girl in a soft drink commercial has now **blossomed** into a successful career as one of Hollywood's leading young ladies. Emma talked to us at *Hip* magazine last month and discussed her career, as well as revealing details about her family life.

"It was hard work, but an incredible experience, and I loved every minute of it," Emma replied when asked what it was like to star in her first film. She says that in the past, her short-term acting roles for TV had been much different. "Doing this movie, we all spent so many hours and months working together. I feel like the cast and crew are another family now, and I hope to work with them again."

Aside from her newfound movie family, Emma is happy to talk about her home life. She shares the Giorgio house with her mother, father, and her younger brother, Mark, 14, at their home in Ventura, California. Her older sister, Kylie, is 20, and is currently away at college. The Giorgios have 2 little dogs, Dani and Max, and Emma walks them almost every day for exercise. In the summer, she also likes to go with friends to the Pacific beach, which is only about a mile from their family home.

In her time off from acting, Emma says what she likes to do most is to relax now that she has completed her high school studies. She enjoys modern literature and film, and is considering pursuing a degree in the arts. Emma shared that she has a passion for reading romantic fiction, too, and hopes to one day create her own stories, as either a book author or screenwriter for film. In the meantime, though, she's seriously thinking about university study in the arts and acting as a next step.

So does that mean that you won't see her in another film soon? "Hopefully not," laughs Emma. "I'd love to do more movies, but I'll have to plan ahead and **allocate** the time to fit it in. I don't want to spend 10 years in college, but if it takes me a little longer, that's OK." Whatever the future holds, you can be sure that Emma Giorgio will be ready for it, armed with both preparation and experience.

81. Where was Emma born?
- Hollywood
 - Las Vegas
 - Ventura
 - Los Angeles
82. Which of the following is closest in meaning to **blossomed** in the first paragraph?
- discovered
 - confirmed
 - grown
 - finished
83. What does Emma think is hard work?
- discussing her new career
 - acting in TV commercials
 - keeping her family life private
 - playing a lead role in a movie
84. What does Emma say about the cast and crew?
- She became close to them.
 - Some were her own family members.
 - She was happy they often helped her learn.
 - They have plans to make more movies.
85. What is Emma's place in her family?
- She is the oldest of 3 children.
 - She is in the middle of 4 children.
 - She is the younger of 2 children.
 - She is the middle of 3 children.
86. What does Emma say about the beach?
- She often walks her dogs there.
 - She goes there with friends.
 - She walks there with her family.
 - She filmed part of a movie there.
87. What does Emma do when she is not acting?
- She reads and watches movies.
 - She does homework for high school.
 - She goes to university for the arts.
 - She writes romance stories.
88. Which of the following is closest in meaning to **allocate** in the last paragraph?
- increase
 - replace
 - spend
 - schedule
89. What does Emma say about her future in acting?
- She will finish school before she acts in another film.
 - She has always dreamed of being a famous actor.
 - She has plans to do another film immediately.
 - She will probably take breaks from school to act in films.
90. What is the main purpose of this article?
- to describe the life of a typical American teenager
 - to allow people to get to know this actress
 - to encourage people to study film and the arts
 - to show that acting is a good career choice

Reading passage 2

A music lover sends an email to the customer service of a digital media download company and receives the following reply. Read the two emails and answer the questions that follow.

Music download complaint

From: Megan Wilson
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Downloadia
Subject: music download complaint

Dear Downloadia,

I love your service, and I've been buying music downloads from you for years. I prefer Downloadia over the other, more popular, music sellers because of your excellent prices. However, I recently have been having a problem with your service. I also want to give you some feedback about your recent website changes.

Last month, my computer that had all my music on it crashed. I was able to save some of my files, but most of the MP3s on my hard drive had been totally **wiped out**. Even though I still have all of my purchased songs on my MP3 player device, I cannot move them from there and put them back onto my computer. So, I would like to download the songs again that I've purchased in the past.

I thought this would be easy, and I read about this in the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of your website. From what I read, it looks like I should be able to do this. But when I try, it asks me to purchase the songs with my account balance. So, if you would please look into this, I'd appreciate it.

By the way, this is a fairly minor issue, but I noticed that you changed the look of your website recently. Even though it looks very modern and interesting, I prefer the old design because it loaded faster on my computer and it was easier to find songs. Now, I have to go through more steps, and see more advertising for other music.

Sincerely,
 Megan Wilson

From: Downloadia
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2015 10:02 AM
To: Megan Wilson
Subject: Re: music download complaint

Dear Megan,

Thank you for writing to us at Downloadia, and we're pleased that you've been a loyal customer. I looked into your account, and yes, you should be able to download your songs again to your computer, even if it's a new computer. Our process is **seamless** and should cause you no problems.

I suspect that you are trying to download your songs the same way that you did when you first bought them and downloaded them. That is why the system is asking you to pay for them. Instead of a typical purchase, though, what you need to do is to get additional MP3s of songs you've already bought. After you log in to your account, look at the main page. From there, click on "My Account" in the upper right corner. Then, click on "My Purchases." You should see a list of all the songs you've already paid for. From this list, when you click on a song, it will give you the option to download it again.

Also, thank you for your thoughts about our website changes. I will pass your feedback on to our webpage design team.

Sincerely,
 Larry Gilbert
 Downloadia Customer Service Representative
 Customer Service Phone Number: 1-800-353-9600

91. What is the main reason that Megan is writing?
- to say that they are her favorite music seller
 - to say she is unhappy with a price increase
 - to give feedback about a new part of their website
 - to solve a problem she is having with downloads
92. Which of the following is closest in meaning to **wiped out** in the first email?
- misplaced
 - destroyed
 - reduced
 - downloaded
93. What does Megan say about her MP3 player?
- All of her song files on it have been lost.
 - It will not transfer her songs to her computer.
 - Some of the songs on it do not play correctly.
 - It will not accept any new songs from her computer.
94. Why does Megan mention her account balance?
- She thinks the website wants her to pay for the songs twice.
 - She is having problems adding money to her account.
 - She is requesting a refund of her balance.
 - She thinks the account balance is not accurate.
95. What is Megan's opinion of the new website?
- It is inconvenient.
 - It has a better "help" section.
 - It is harder to play music.
 - It is easier to find music.
96. Which of the following is closest in meaning to **seamless** in the second email?
- cheap
 - effective
 - smooth
 - fast
97. According to Larry, why did Megan have downloading problems?
- There was a problem with her payment.
 - The website was not working.
 - She was trying to buy the songs again.
 - The songs were not available anymore.
98. What does Larry encourage Megan to do?
- get a refund for her account
 - download her music in a different way
 - suggest additional changes to the website
 - call the customer service phone number
99. What does Larry say that he will do next?
- tell his coworkers about Megan's opinion
 - help Megan download her music
 - make changes to the company's website
 - reviews the details of Megan's account
100. What is the main purpose of Larry's email?
- to give a special discount to a customer
 - to announce that a technical problem has been fixed
 - to point out the advantages of the new website
 - to explain how to accomplish a specific task

Reading passage 3

An entertainment company, Apex, has just had a serious problem with its website. Read the article below and answer the questions that follow.

Security problem

This past weekend, Apex Entertainment joined the list of companies who have had customer information stolen by computer hackers. The company has reported that not only has the **violation** exposed the credit card information of more than 5 million customers, but it has revealed personal details such as email addresses and phone numbers as well.

When asked who was at risk, a spokesperson for Apex admitted that the company was not sure exactly which customers' information had been exposed, but confirmed that the company's database of customers was in fact attacked. From inside the database, the spokesperson said, it would be possible for a hacker to find the payment information for any number of customers.

At the beginning of the weekend, there were some reports of a possible security break-in at Apex. But the company denied initial reports, saying that there was no evidence that their security had failed. However, by Saturday, it was clear that there had been a problem, and Apex customers began receiving emails that warned them that their personal information might have been stolen. Apex also said it had opened a phone line for customers wishing to call for more information.

The emails indicated that any customer who used a credit card to purchase Apex movies or music using the Internet was at risk and advised customers to contact their credit card companies to look out for unusual spending behavior.

Apex also maintains a network for online gaming, in particular its very popular and long-running game *Ogre*. Apex announced that it did not believe that payment information related to the gaming network had been accessed, but warned that customer information such as player names and personal information may have been stolen. The company recommended that players change their account passwords, but **stressed** that that financial information had not likely been accessed.

Many customers are very angry about the crisis. Several of Apex's competitors have suffered similar attacks in the last 16 months, the biggest being the GoldMedia security break-in last January, which cost the company an estimated 1.1 billion dollars in lost revenue and may have been responsible for an additional 25 million dollars in damages to customers whose information had been taken. Why, critics ask, with all the previous problems, had Apex not taken steps to prevent a similar situation?

The spokesperson for Apex responded that the company takes Internet security very seriously, and they believed that they had taken all necessary steps in light of the GoldMedia events.

101. Which of the following is closest in meaning to **violation** in the first paragraph?
- attack
 - mistake
 - door
 - screen
102. What was stored in the company's database?
- information about new products
 - a list of company employees
 - customers' private information
 - the number of customers
103. What was the company's first reaction to the problem?
- to warn customers
 - to say there was no problem
 - to call the police
 - to repair their security
104. How did the company contact its customers?
- It called the credit companies.
 - It sent an email.
 - It made phone calls.
 - It used its spokesperson.
105. Why should customers contact their credit card companies?
- to cancel their credit cards
 - to complain about security
 - to watch for unauthorized purchases
 - to change their passwords
106. How is the on-line gaming situation different from the entertainment one?
- The gaming site did not lose financial information.
 - The gaming site lost financial information.
 - The gaming site is secure.
 - The gaming site lost all player names.
107. Which of the following is closest in meaning to **stressed** in the fifth paragraph?
- defended
 - recalled
 - emphasized
 - questioned
108. What has increased customers' anger about the situation?
- Their financial information is very important.
 - They are worried about their families' safety.
 - They feel the company should have predicted this problem.
 - They believe this is a simple problem to prevent.
109. Why is the security break-in considered a crisis?
- No one knows why the security system didn't work.
 - It costs GoldMedia more than a billion dollars.
 - Customers don't feel they can trust entertainment companies.
 - Other companies have also had security break-ins.
110. What best describes the purpose of the article?
- reporting on a business event
 - offering consumer advice
 - arguing for greater internet security
 - presenting an instructional example

Reading passage 4

Gabrielle and Kathy are close friends who grew up in Boston together. Last year, Gabrielle's family moved to Florida, hundreds of miles away. Gabrielle recently sent an email to Kathy, and Kathy sent Gabrielle this message in reply. Read the email and answer the questions that follow.

From: Kathy Baker

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2015 11:20 PM

To: Gabrielle Smith

Subject: Re: miss you

Dear Gabrielle,

I was so happy to get your recent email! I'll try to answer all of your questions, and give you an update about things happening here in Boston.

First of all, my family and I all miss you since you moved away last August. I'm glad that we got to spend so many years as neighbors and were such close friends. I still remember that first June morning your family moved in to the house next door to ours, six years ago. I was so excited to see that there would be another kid next door! Of course, I'm happy for your family that your mom got a great new job in Florida, but it's not the same here since your family moved there.

You had asked about when we might be able to get together for a visit, and I think that my parents will let me fly down to stay with you over the holiday break this December. So, could you ask your parents if that would be OK? If they say, "yes," then we'll buy the plane tickets before the end of October to get the best price.

School this year has been mostly good so far, even though the work seems to be getting harder. I have a great chemistry teacher, Ms. Cullen, who makes our lab work and experiments seem more like a game than like difficult schoolwork. She reminds me of our 5th-grade art teacher, Mr. Adams, who always made us laugh. Another good thing at school is that they've added a new computer lab. If you go down the North hall, it's the 3rd door on the right, where the old science lab used to be. The computers are new and very fast, and everyone is really excited about the cool software they have on them. Maybe it's similar to your new school, because you had mentioned in your email that the computer lab there was better than the one you had used here. Those are some of the good things about school this year. I can't really think of anything bad this year except for the fact that I miss you!

To answer your question about my brother, no, he's not playing on the soccer team anymore. My parents thought that the **intense** practice schedule was causing problems with his grades, and they made him quit. They told him that, if his grades improve, then he can be on the team again next season. However, if he rejoins and his grades start dropping again, he's back off the team. I hope he studies harder so he can play, because he really loves sports. Luckily, his grades have improved this year so far.

Well, Gabrielle, that's what's going on around here. When you write back, let me know what you think about your classes, and tell me what's fun to do around your town. I hope we can get together!

Sincerely,
Kathy

111. Why are the girls attending different schools?
- Gabrielle's family moved away.
 - Kathy's family moved away.
 - Kathy is older than Gabrielle.
 - Gabrielle is older than Kathy.
112. When might the girls see each other next?
- June
 - August
 - October
 - December
113. How does Kathy describe Ms. Cullen's teaching style?
- difficult
 - fun
 - boring
 - easy
114. Who is Mr. Adams?
- a current chemistry teacher
 - a past chemistry teacher
 - a current art teacher
 - a past art teacher
115. Why does Kathy describe the computer lab?
- so they can meet there
 - because Gabrielle asked
 - because it is new
 - because Gabrielle likes computers
116. In general, what does Kathy think about school?
- It is too hard.
 - It is enjoyable.
 - It makes her sad.
 - It is too easy.
117. What did Gabrielle want to know about Kathy's brother?
- whether he likes soccer
 - whether he was getting good grades
 - if he was still playing soccer
 - when he will play soccer
118. Why did Kathy's brother stop playing soccer?
- His team's season ended.
 - His skill level was too low.
 - He dislikes sports.
 - It interfered with his responsibilities.
119. How does Kathy feel about her brother's grades?
- concerned
 - amazed
 - afraid
 - angry
120. Which of the following is closest in meaning to **intense** in the fifth paragraph?
- normal
 - extreme
 - upsetting
 - exciting



This is the end of the test.
You are not allowed to work on previous sections.
Please wait for further instructions.