

PART 6

Directions: Read the texts that follow. 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 warning.

Travel Safety Warning, July 27

Due to the recent unrest, the Department of State is strongly citizens against travel

141. (A) advising
(B) advised
(C) advises
(D) advise

to the People's Republic of the Busanda. All embassy and consular staff are strongly recommended to discourage all but emergency service or other high priority workers from travel to the country. This travel warning that of April 18.

142. (A) follow
(B) replaces
(C) changed
(D) fixing

Despite efforts to advance the peace process following the 2003 formation of a transitional government, periodic rioting continues in North and South Bando, and the Kalara District. Wide-scale civil unrest in November in many cities, including the capital Bunpala.

143. (A) start
(B) began
(C) is happening
(D) has been

There were also civilian and police casualties during demonstrations in several areas of Bunpala in May 2005, and opposition groups for large-scale demonstrations in Bunpala and throughout the country over the coming weeks.

144. (A) worked
(B) is fighting
(C) try
(D) have called

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Questions 145–148 refer to the following extract.

It would seem to be a sensible suggestion that companies should stick to what they do best. In other words, on their core business is the safest way to

145. (A) focused
(B) concentrating
(C) fixing
(D) engaged

expand, while spending time and money developing side businesses is a venture with a high failure rate.

146. (A) risky
(B) risk
(C) danger
(D) sensible

However, one of the dilemmas of modern business lies in the fact that a company's success can indirectly lead to its downfall. Failure to react to market trends and not to

147. (A) innovator
(B) innovation
(C) innovate
(D) innovative

in a timely manner can cause companies to turn from being successful market leaders into market has-beens within a relatively short space of time. It is in the fast-changing, and at times unpredictable, world of high-tech industry that such cases seem most

148. (A) commonly
(B) prevail
(C) circumspect
(D) prevalent

Questions 149–152 refer to the following report.

Low inflation has a number of effects on retailers of consumer durables. Firstly, it can influence consumers to be more price, meaning that they are

149. (A) cleverness
(B) awareness
(C) capable
(D) conscious

more likely to shop where the prices are lowest. This will mean that smaller retailers, although perhaps able to reduce to some extent, will be unable to compete

150. (A) margins
(B) price
(C) cost
(D) levels

with the huge corporations. This means that they are forced to find alternative ways to compete, such as by a higher quality of merchandise, improved customer service

151. (A) doing
(B) being
(C) taking
(D) offering

or other services. The need to maintain low prices, and the need to maximize operating efficiency may also lead to market consolidation, with smaller retailers being by

152. (A) traded
(B) acquired
(C) advertised
(D) merged

larger companies, which have access to both better distribution and global sourcing. For the consumers, there may be lower prices, but the market place will seem less varied.

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135. (D) Correct. *had made*
 (A) *makes* would refer to the future but he might be there *now*.
 (B) *make* does not agree with the subject *he*.
 (C) *making* could not occur in a conditional sentence such as this.
136. (A) Correct. *react*
 (B), (C) and (D) are not logical constructions in English.
137. (B) Correct. *doing*
 (A) *going* would require *where* not *what*.
 (C) Things or events *happen*. people do not. so the subject *he* cannot be followed by *happening* in this sentence.
 (D) Does not make a logical sentence.
138. (B) Correct. *arrives*
 (A) The sentence refers to future time, so past perfect is inappropriate here.
 (C) The sentence lacks an auxiliary *be* verb, so the *-ing* form is inappropriate.
 (D) Uses passive voice incorrectly.
139. (A) Correct. *injury*
 (B) *hurting* cannot be used as a noun in this case.
 (C) *wound* would have to be plural in this case to make sense.
 (D) *fatalities* mean deaths and so are always *serious*.
140. (D) Correct. *participating*
 (A), (B) and (C) do not use the appropriate present participle for this sentence.

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141. (A) Correct. *advising*
 (B), (C) and (D) do not follow the auxiliary *is*.
142. (B) Correct. *replaces*
 (A) The subject *this travel warning* requires a singular verb form.
 (C) The *warning* is current, so a past tense form is inappropriate.
 (D) A third person singular verb form is required.
143. (B) Correct. *began*
 (A), (C) and (D) use present tenses but the date *in November* is mentioned, so a past tense is appropriate.
144. (D) Correct. *have called*
 (A) *worked* does not match the future time reference *over the coming weeks*.
 (B) Does not match the plural subject, *opposition groups*.
 (C) Does not match the time reference, *over the coming weeks*.

145. (B) Correct. *concentrating*
 (A) and (D) do not use the appropriate present participle for this sentence.
 (C) Does not make a logical sentence.
146. (A) Correct. *risky*
 (B) *risk* is a noun, not the adjective required here.
 (C) *danger* is a noun, not an adjective.
 (D) *sensible* does not logically match *with a high failure rate*.
147. (C) Correct. *innovate*
 (A), (B) and (D) are not verbs.
148. (D) Correct. *prevalent*
 (A) *commonly* is an adverb, not the adjective required here.
 (B) *prevail* is a verb, not an adjective.
 (C) *circumspect* does not make a logical construction.
149. (D) Correct. *conscious*
 (A) and (B) are nouns, not the adjective required here.
 (C) Does not form a common collocation, unlike *price conscious*.
150. (A) Correct. *margins*
 (B) A plural form would be required to make this possible.
 (C) A plural form would be required to make this possible.
 (D) Does not make a logical sentence.
151. (D) Correct. *offering*
 (A), (B), and (C) do not form common collocations.
152. (B) Correct. *acquired*
 (A) and (C) do not make logical sentences.
 (D) *merged* takes the preposition *with* not *by*.

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153. (B) Correct. *Rental apartments* – The words *lease term* and *fully furnished* tell us this.
 (A) Associates *accommodation* and *real estate* with *houses for sale*, but *lease term* implies rental, not purchase.
 (C) *Cable TV* is mentioned but only as one part of the offer.
 (D) Associates *TV, refrigerator and A/C* with *hotel*, but other phrases mean this cannot be the correct answer.

Practice Test 2: Quick Check Answer Key

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