CELPIP Listening Practice Test 111

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1. Open celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/111 to play the recordings (free, no account). Play each one once only, as in the real test.
2. Read the questions for each recording here and mark your answers on the answer sheet.
3. Check your answers with the answer key, then read the transcript for every question you missed.

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

Trouble with a New Barbecue

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/111**

1. What is the woman's complaint?

A The delivery came a day late.
B She was sent the wrong model.
C The assembly was done badly.
D She was charged twice for the assembly.

2. Why does the man tell the woman not to light the barbecue?

A A hose is too close to the flames.
B The wheels could break in the heat.
C The burners were put in backwards.
D Gas has been leaking onto her patio.

3. What will the man probably do next?

A refund the woman's $40 fee
B drive out to her home to look at the barbecue
C send her a new barbecue today
D ask the installer about an earlier visit

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4. Why might the barbecue not be ready by Saturday?

A The installer is away until Monday.
B A part may have to be ordered.
C The woman will be out on Friday.
D The photos are too unclear to use.

5. What does the man suggest at the end of the call?

A The store will refund her whole purchase price.
B The hose is most likely undamaged.
C He won't leave her with nothing to cook on.
D She should borrow her neighbour's stove.

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6. What does the store do about the woman's barbecue?

A replaces it with the store's display model

B lends her a smaller one until a part arrives

C has the installer rebuild it on Sunday

D fixes the hose before noon

7. What does the woman choose as her free item?

A



B



C



D



8. Why will the man go along on the delivery?

A to collect the woman's payment

B to see that the job is done right

C to apologize to her husband

D to show the driver where she lives

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

A Twenty-Year Reunion

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/111**

9. What is the main reason the woman is unsure about going?

A The ticket costs too much.
B She expects to feel judged.
C She has nowhere to stay.
D The drive would be too long.

10. Why does the man talk about his job at the mill?

A to explain why he moved to Vancouver
B to complain about how he was let go
C to admit he has lost touch with people
D to show that her worry may be needless

11. Why can't the woman stay with her mother in Moose Jaw?

A Her mother has moved away.
B Her sister is staying there.
C The house is being repaired.
D Her mother is too ill for guests.

12. What makes the woman start to change her mind?

A She wants to see Dave again.
B The man offers to drive back to Moose Jaw with her.
C A teacher she owes a reply will be there.
D She has decided that $90 is fair.

13. What will the woman probably do?

A attend the reunion
B ignore the email
C buy something to wear
D ask for a cheaper ticket

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Part 3: Listening for Information

A Call to the Orthodontist's Office

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/111**

14. Why is the man calling?

A to change his son's appointment
B to complain about a dentist's advice
C to ask about braces for himself
D to learn what getting braces involves

15. What does the man wrongly assume about the first visit?

A It will take a whole day.
B The braces could go on then.
C He doesn't need to come along.
D His dental plan must pay for it.

16. How will the office help with the man's dental plan?

A by sending him forms to fill out
B by finding him a better plan
C by checking what the plan will pay
D by asking his company for the money

17. Why does the man mention his son's lunch bag?

A to suggest the trays may not suit his son
B to ask whether his son can eat with braces
C to explain why lunchtime visits won't work
D to show that his son is busy at school

18. What seems to concern the man's son most?

A how he will look with braces
B getting hit while playing hockey
C missing a class for the visit
D how braces will affect his playing

19. What will the man probably do next?

A book the November 20th opening
B find out if his son can miss class
C drop off his dental card
D ask the dentist for another opinion

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

The Dispatcher and the Boy

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/111**

20. Noah first contacted the dispatch centre

A to apply for a summer job.
B to thank Colleen Haddad.
C to complete some schoolwork.
D to ask for a copy of the call.

21. During the call, the main difficulty was that Noah

A could not say where he lived.
B could not find his mother.
C could not spell any words.
D could not reach a telephone.

22. Haddad did not know how the family was doing because

A the family had left the province.
B she had moved to a different job soon after the call.
C the recording had been lost for years.
D people seldom contact dispatchers again.

23. We can infer that the supervisor

A was a friend of Noah's mother.
B already knew about the old call.
C took part in the original call.
D warned Noah about the surprise.

24. When Noah met Haddad, he

A played her the recording.
B asked about her retirement.
C could not give his prepared talk.
D invited her to visit his paramedic program.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Winter at the Ski Hill

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/111**

25. What is the main purpose of the discussion?

A to set next year's season pass prices
B to look for ways through a poor season
C to choose which runs to close for good
D to replace lift crew who have left

26. Why does Tariq mention New Year's?

A to complain about how crowded the hill was
B to explain when the snow began to melt
C to suggest that the hill close on holidays
D to show that tubing can draw visitors now

27. How does Daphne react to the forecast?

A doubtful
B relieved
C amused
D angry

28. What is Ruby's point about buying more snow machines?

A They would replace the old pipes on Sunrise.
B They would free up staff for tubing.
C They are useful only in cold weather.
D They should be rented, not bought.

29. What is Daphne's main concern about giving a credit to pass holders?

A Pass holders would refuse it.
B The board would never allow it.
C Pass holders would go elsewhere.
D It would cut future income.

30. What is Ruby's objection to night tubing?

A The lights would cost too much.
B She is short of workers.
C Families wouldn't come after dark.
D It would use up all the snow.

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31. What does Tariq imply about the board meeting?

A The board will surely refuse the request.

B Daphne should ask the board about tubing.

C A decision then may come too late to matter.

D The board should meet at the ski hill.

32. What is the best subject line for Daphne's message to the board?

A Buying two more snow machines

B Refund plan for season pass holders

C Proposal to close the hill until March

D Extra staff for night tubing

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Speed Cameras on City Streets

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/111**

33. The main issue in the report is

A how cities should spend their ticket income.
B who should pay when a car is photographed.
C whether cameras are the right road safety tool.
D why school zones have become so much more dangerous.

34. Okafor's answer to the idea of rebuilding streets is that it

A cannot help soon enough.
B works only on broad, fast roads.
C does little to lower speeds.
D takes money from policing.

35. According to Leclerc, a ticket that arrives weeks later

A is a heavy burden on wealthy drivers.
B reminds drivers of the trip they took.
C helps police cover more streets.
D fails to change how people drive.

36. According to Okafor, one advantage cameras have over police is that cameras

A cost cities far less.
B treat all drivers alike.
C catch more repeat offenders.
D issue tickets more quickly.

37. Brandon Leclerc would most likely support

A more cameras placed on wide, busy roads in the city.
B fewer traffic stops by the police.
C higher fines for wealthy drivers only.
D redesigning a street where people were hurt.

38. The speaker's attitude toward speed cameras is one of

A growing suspicion.
B mild amusement.
C qualified approval.
D quiet resignation.

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
9 _____	10 _____	11 _____	12 _____
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Answer key

Part 1: Trouble with a New Barbecue

1 C The assembly was done badly.

2 A A hose is too close to the flames.

3 D ask the installer about an earlier visit

4 B A part may have to be ordered.

5 C He won't leave her with nothing to cook on.

6 A replaces it with the store's display model

7 C Picture C

8 B to see that the job is done right

Part 2: A Twenty-Year Reunion

9 B She expects to feel judged.

10 D to show that her worry may be needless

11 A Her mother has moved away.

12 C A teacher she owes a reply will be there.

13 A attend the reunion

Part 3: A Call to the Orthodontist's Office

14 D to learn what getting braces involves

15 B The braces could go on then.

16 C by checking what the plan will pay

17 A to suggest the trays may not suit his son

18 D how braces will affect his playing

19 B find out if his son can miss class

Part 4: The Dispatcher and the Boy

20 C to complete some schoolwork.

21 A could not say where he lived.

22 D people seldom contact dispatchers again.

23 B already knew about the old call.

24 C could not give his prepared talk.

Part 5: Winter at the Ski Hill

25 B to look for ways through a poor season

26 D to show that tubing can draw visitors now

27 A doubtful

28 C They are useful only in cold weather.

29 D It would cut future income.

30 B She is short of workers.

31 C A decision then may come too late to matter.

32 A Buying two more snow machines

Part 6: Speed Cameras on City Streets

33 C whether cameras are the right road safety tool.

34 A cannot help soon enough.

35 D fails to change how people drive.

36 B treat all drivers alike.

37 D redesigning a street where people were hurt.

38 C qualified approval.

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Your estimated CLB

Correct answers (of 38)	Estimated level
38	CLB 12
37	CLB 11
35–36	CLB 10
33–34	CLB 9
30–32	CLB 8
27–29	CLB 7
22–26	CLB 6
17–21	CLB 5
11–16	CLB 4

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Transcripts

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Part 1: Trouble with a New Barbecue

Section 1

MAN: Good morning. Are you looking for patio furniture, or…?

WOMAN: No, I've already bought from you, that's the problem. You delivered a four-burner barbecue yesterday, and I paid $40 extra to have it put together.

MAN: Oh, and they didn't show up to do that?

WOMAN: No, they showed up. They just didn't do it properly. Look, here's a photo. The wheels are on the front, so when I lift the lid, the whole thing rolls toward me.

MAN: Huh. Yeah, those belong at the back. That's an easy swap, though. Anything else?

WOMAN: Well, my husband tried to light it last night, and only two burners came on.

MAN: Hang on, can you go back a photo? See that hose? It's hanging right under the burners. Please don't light it again. That heat could melt it.

WOMAN: Oh, my goodness. Okay. But here's the thing: we've got thirty people coming on Saturday for my daughter's graduation.

MAN: Right. Our installer's booked solid until Monday, but let me just—

WOMAN: Monday's no good to me.

MAN: No, I know. Let me catch him at lunch and see what he can do. Can I call you this afternoon?

Section 2

MAN: Hi, it's the patio store calling back. So, I've got good news and not-so-good news.

WOMAN: Okay… start with the good.

MAN: My installer will come on Friday, after his regular jobs. So, probably around seven.

WOMAN: Friday at seven's fine. And the not-so-good?

MAN: He looked at your photos, and he thinks the hose might already be damaged. If it is, that's something we'd have to order, and—

WOMAN: —and it won't be here by Saturday.

MAN: Probably not, no. But he won't know until he sees it.

WOMAN: So I could end up cooking for thirty people on my neighbour's tiny camping stove.

MAN: Let's not go there yet. If it comes to that, I'll find you something. I promise.

Section 3

MAN: Good morning. You got my message about the hose?

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WOMAN: I did. So it's ruined, and it's Saturday. Please tell me you've got a plan.

MAN: I do. You know the four-burner on our floor, by the door? Same barbecue as yours, with one little scratch on the side. It's yours. We'll bring it by noon and take the other one away.

WOMAN: And who's putting this one together?

MAN: Nobody. My manager built it himself back in April, and it's been tested. You're also getting your $40 back. Oh, and he says to pick something from the store, anything under $50. A barbecue cover, a set of tongs, a propane tank—

WOMAN: We've got a spare tank, and we've got a drawer full of tongs. What about one of those patio umbrellas?

MAN: Those start at $120, I'm afraid.

WOMAN: Well, it was worth a try. Okay then, the cover. That deck gets soaked all winter.

MAN: Good choice. I'll put it on the truck.

WOMAN: And noon means noon? Everybody's coming at three.

MAN: Noon. And this time I'm riding along. I want to see those wheels on the back myself.

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Part 2: A Twenty-Year Reunion

MAN: Did you get that email about the reunion? Twenty years. I read it twice. I can't believe we're that old.

WOMAN: I got it. I haven't answered, though. It's $90 a ticket, plus the drive back to Moose Jaw, plus a hotel…

MAN: A hotel? Your mom still lives there, doesn't she? You could just stay with her.

WOMAN: She sold the house last spring. She's in Regina with my sister now. Anyway, it's not really the money, if I'm being honest.

MAN: Okay, so what is it?

WOMAN: Well, you know what those things are like. Everyone stands around comparing. What do you do, where do you live, how many kids? And I get to say I'm thirty-eight, I rent a one-bedroom, and I've just started over at a new job.

MAN: Hmm. You know, I felt the same before the ten-year one. I'd just lost my job at the mill. But nobody cared, honestly. They asked for about two seconds, and then it was all stories from grade eleven.

WOMAN: Wait, you went to that? You told me you were living in Vancouver that year.

MAN: I was. I flew back. I just didn't make a big deal of it.

WOMAN: Huh. Well, I don't know who I'd even talk to. It'd be a room full of people who—

MAN: Dave's coming from Halifax. And the email says Mrs. Novak's going to be there.

WOMAN: Mrs. Novak? From the band room? She must be a hundred.

MAN: Seventy-something. Didn't you always say she was the only teacher who thought you'd amount to anything?

WOMAN: She wrote me a letter when we graduated. I've still got it. I never wrote back.

MAN: Well, there you go.

WOMAN: Oh, don't look so pleased with yourself. I'm not buying a new dress for this. When do they need an answer by?

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Part 3: A Call to the Orthodontist's Office

WOMAN: Dr. Sandhu's office, good morning.

MAN: Hi, um, our family dentist gave me your number. My son's fourteen, and she thinks he should see someone about braces. I've never done this before, so I'm not sure how it works, or even what I'm supposed to ask.

WOMAN: That's no problem, most parents say the same. It starts with a first visit. The doctor has a look, we take some pictures of his teeth, and then you get a plan and a price. It takes about an hour, and there's no charge.

MAN: Oh, good. So he could just get them on that same day, then?

WOMAN: Oh, no, no. That visit's only for looking. If you go ahead, the braces go on at a second appointment, usually about a month later, because they're ordered specially for him.

MAN: Right. And what does the whole thing cost, roughly? I've heard some scary numbers.

WOMAN: I can't give you his number before the visit, but most teenagers are between $6,000 and $8,000, for about two years. Do you have a dental plan through work?

MAN: I do, yeah, but I think it only… I don't actually remember what it—

WOMAN: That's all right. Just bring your card, and we'll call them for you. Whatever they don't pay can be split up, with some money at the start and then the same amount every month.

MAN: That helps. Okay, here's the other thing. He plays hockey, but what he's really fretting about is his trumpet. He's in the school band.

WOMAN: Tell him most players need a week or two to get used to it. For hockey, we give him a special mouth guard. Some kids who play an instrument pick the clear plastic trays instead, but those cost a bit more, and they only work if he actually wears them almost all day.

MAN: Ha. He can't remember to bring his lunch bag home. I'm not sure that's the one for us.

WOMAN: The doctor will talk it over with you both. Now, our first after-school opening isn't until November 20th. If he can miss some class, I've got next Tuesday at ten.

MAN: Next Tuesday… I think he's got a math test around then. Let me text him and call you back before the end of the day.

WOMAN: Sure, but I wouldn't leave it too long. That Tuesday spot won't stay open.

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Part 4: The Dispatcher and the Boy

NARRATOR: A Grande Prairie emergency dispatcher came face to face this week with a voice she has never forgotten. Eleven years ago, Colleen Haddad answered a call from a frightened six-year-old, Noah Whitford, whose mother had collapsed in their kitchen. Noah was too young to know his address, so Haddad patiently coaxed him into fetching an envelope from the mail pile and spelling out the letters, one painstaking line at a time. Haddad stayed on the line, reassuring the boy, until paramedics arrived within minutes, and his mother eventually recovered completely. Haddad never learned how things turned out, since callers rarely get back in touch. Her recording of that call, however, has been played for new recruits ever since. Last month, Noah, now seventeen, wrote to the dispatch centre requesting a tour for a school assignment. A supervisor recognized the surname and quietly arranged a surprise. Noah, who has been accepted into a paramedic training program, had rehearsed a short speech for the occasion, but it deserted him the moment Haddad introduced herself. Haddad retires this spring, and she calls it an extraordinary way to finish.

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Part 5: Winter at the Ski Hill

Daphne: Okay, I've run the numbers for January, and I'll just say it. Lift tickets are down sixty percent, and we've got two runs open out of eleven. We can't go on like this until March.

Tariq: Two runs if you're generous. Have you seen the bottom of Sunrise? I watched a kid ski over actual grass on Saturday.

Ruby: That's the one run we can't make snow on, Tariq. The pipes don't reach it. And even where they do, the machines need it below freezing overnight, and we've had, what, four cold nights since Christmas?

Daphne: So you're saying more snow machines wouldn't help?

Ruby: No, I'm saying they'd help if it got cold. I've got a quote for two more, about $60,000—

Daphne: Sixty thousand.

Ruby: —which sounds like a lot, but if we've got nothing open in February, we lose the school groups too, and that's most of the month.

Tariq: Can I throw something out? Forget skiing for a minute. The tubing hill only needs a little strip of snow, and it's the one thing that was packed at New Year's. Parents don't care that the top runs are closed. Put up some lights and open it on Friday and Saturday nights.

Ruby: With what staff? I've already cut the lift crew to weekends, and two of them have gone to look for other work.

Daphne: Hmm. Lights would be, what, a few thousand? That I could probably find. What I can't find is an answer for the season pass people. I've had forty emails this week, and some of them want their money back.

Tariq: So give them a credit toward next year's pass. It keeps them coming back.

Daphne: Which means next year's money is gone before next year starts.

Tariq: Better than them buying a pass somewhere else.

Ruby: Look, the forecast says a cold stretch might come around the twentieth. With five good nights, I can get the main run open again.

Daphne: Might is the word I'd hang on to. They said the same thing last January.

Ruby: So we do nothing?

Daphne: I didn't say that. The lights, fine. The machines, I'd want to take that to the board, and they meet on the twenty-fifth.

Tariq: By which point it's either cold or it isn't.

Ruby: Right. And if it's cold and I haven't got the machines…

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Daphne: Then I guess we'll be having this same talk next winter.

Tariq: I'll start on a poster for the tubing. Just in case.

Part 6: Speed Cameras on City Streets

NARRATOR: Few municipal policies provoke quite as much irritation as the automated speed camera. Mounted on a pole, it photographs any vehicle exceeding the limit, and a ticket turns up in the owner's mailbox a couple of weeks later. Across Canada, city councils have been weighing whether such devices belong on their streets, and the debate has grown surprisingly heated.

NARRATOR: Helen Okafor, a transportation researcher, regards the question as largely settled by the evidence. In one mid-sized city she studied, average speeds in school zones dropped by about a third within a year. That matters enormously, she points out, because a pedestrian struck at fifty kilometres an hour is far less likely to survive than one struck at thirty. Police, in her view, simply can't patrol every residential block, and a camera doesn't care who is behind the wheel. It pulls nobody over and forms no impression of anybody's appearance, which she considers a genuine improvement in fairness. It would take a stubborn listener to dismiss those numbers outright.

NARRATOR: Brandon Leclerc, a former city councillor, is unmoved. Having lost a neighbour to a speeding driver, he hardly needs persuading that speed kills; his quarrel is with the remedy. A ticket delivered weeks afterward, he contends, teaches nothing, since most drivers can't even recall the trip in question. Because the fine follows the licence plate, a wealthy repeat offender simply pays up and carries on. Worse, he argues, cities tend to install cameras on broad, fast roads where tickets are plentiful rather than on the streets where people actually get hurt, which leaves an unmistakable impression of a municipal cash machine. His preferred solution is physical: narrower lanes, raised crosswalks and curbs that make speeding uncomfortable, whether or not anyone is watching.

NARRATOR: Okafor's rejoinder is largely practical. Rebuilding a street can take a decade and cost millions, whereas a camera can be running within months, and children are walking to school now. Her own data show some drivers braking at the camera and accelerating again a block later, which is why she would confine cameras to school zones and dedicate every dollar of the revenue to road redesign. That proposal ought to appeal to both camps, though one suspects councils accustomed to the income may be slow to embrace it. Cameras may not be the elegant answer, but until the streets themselves are rebuilt, they look like a reasonable place to begin.

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