

CELPIP Listening Practice Test 28

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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

Moving Service Quote Request

► Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/28

1. What is the main reason the man is seeking professional movers?
 - A He has too many items to move
 - B He needs help with packing
 - C The building lacks an elevator
 - D He is moving a long distance
2. What service did the man decline?
 - A Insurance coverage
 - B Packing assistance
 - C Transportation
 - D Heavy lifting

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3. What requires special handling during the move?
 - A A sectional sofa
 - B A grand piano
 - C Valuable artwork
 - D Heavy furniture
4. What additional service did the woman recommend?
 - A Storage service
 - B Extra insurance for the piano
 - C Additional moving crew
 - D Packing service
5. What is included in the basic moving service?
 - A Storage
 - B Packing
 - C Insurance coverage
 - D Parking permits

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6. What constraint affects the moving schedule?

- A** The movers' availability
- B** Loading zone time restrictions
- C** The size of the move
- D** Parking permit regulations

7. How much deposit is required?

- A** 50% of total cost
- B** Full payment upfront
- C** 25% of total cost
- D** No deposit required

8. What will happen next in this conversation?

- A** The man will pay the deposit
- B** The woman will send a quote
- C** They will schedule the move
- D** They will discuss insurance options

Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Community Book Exchange

► Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/28

9. What is the main purpose of the conversation?
- A To organize a reading club
 - B To discuss a book sharing initiative
 - C To sell used books
 - D To renovate the community center
10. What needs to be done before starting the project?
- A Buy new books
 - B Find a location
 - C Get approval from authorities
 - D Hire staff members
11. What environmental benefit is mentioned?
- A Saving paper
 - B Reducing waste
 - C Using digital books
 - D Planting trees
12. What suggestion is made to maintain order in the system?
- A Charging membership fees
 - B Restricting borrowing quantities
 - C Creating a waitlist
 - D Requiring deposits
13. What additional feature do they plan to implement?
- A Monthly book reviews
 - B Reading competitions
 - C Author meetings
 - D Monthly reading themes

Part 3: Listening for Information

Requesting Car-Sharing Membership Details

► **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/28**

14. Why is the man interested in the car-sharing service?
- A He wants to save money on car insurance.
 - B He needs occasional transportation for specific purposes.
 - C His personal vehicle is currently being repaired.
 - D He's researching options for his company.
15. What will the man most likely do after this conversation?
- A Visit different car-sharing locations around the city.
 - B Compare prices with other car-sharing companies.
 - C Complete his application through the mobile app.
 - D Request a test drive of one of the available vehicles.
16. What is included in all membership plans?
- A Roadside assistance and car washes
 - B Fuel, insurance, and maintenance
 - C GPS navigation and premium sound systems
 - D Unlimited mileage and toll payments
17. Why might the man occasionally need an SUV or van?
- A To transport large purchases
 - B To drive in winter conditions
 - C To take friends on road trips
 - D To move to a new apartment
18. What is the representative's main recommendation for the man?
- A He should consider the Premium plan for maximum savings.
 - B The Basic plan would be most economical for his needs.
 - C He should share a membership with family members.
 - D The Standard plan offers the best balance of cost and flexibility.
19. Why does the woman mention the \$25 application fee?
- A To discourage casual applicants
 - B To explain what covers the driving record check
 - C To suggest the man apply in person to avoid it
 - D To compare it with competitors' higher fees

Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Local Honey Competition

► Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/28

20. James Wilson has been keeping bees for
- A over a decade.
 - B less than five years.
 - C as long as the competition has existed.
 - D the same amount of time as Martha Stevens.
21. Wilson's honey won because of its
- A unusual color.
 - B organic certification.
 - C taste and consistency.
 - D medicinal properties.
22. The competition was held
- A at Wilson's apiary.
 - B in a local community center.
 - C at an agricultural fair.
 - D in Martha Stevens' garden.
23. When Wilson heard he had won, he said he felt
- A confident.
 - B surprised.
 - C disappointed.
 - D nervous.
24. As a result of winning the competition, Wilson plans to
- A sell his honey commercially.
 - B become a judge next year.
 - C increase the number of his beehives.
 - D start teaching beekeeping classes.

Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Holiday Party Budget Planning

► Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/28

25. What is the main challenge facing the committee?
- A finding a suitable venue
 - B managing a reduced budget
 - C organizing entertainment
 - D getting staff participation
26. What strategy are they NOT considering to reduce costs?
- A using a community center
 - B creating their own music playlist
 - C canceling the door prizes
 - D simplifying the food service
27. What was mentioned about last year's party?
- A It had better entertainment
 - B It exceeded the budget
 - C It lacked staff participation
 - D It was poorly organized
28. What is suggested about the baking contest?
- A It's a new idea this year
 - B It was successful previously
 - C It will be mandatory
 - D It will save money on catering
29. What is the speakers' attitude toward the changes?
- A Cautiously optimistic
 - B Somewhat concerned
 - C Entirely enthusiastic
 - D Slightly disappointed
30. What is the largest planned expense?
- A Entertainment
 - B Venue rental
 - C Food and drinks
 - D Decorations

31. What amount is set aside for unexpected costs?

- A** \$500
- B** \$800
- C** \$1,000
- D** \$1,200

32. Which statement best reflects the committee's approach?

- A** They prioritize saving money over enjoyment
- B** They want to replicate last year's success
- C** They aim to balance cost and participation
- D** They focus mainly on entertainment value

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Neighborhood Garden Initiatives

► Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/28

33. How many community gardens does Vancouver currently have?
- A 18
 - B 110
 - C 125
 - D Nearly 110
34. According to the Canadian Urban Sustainability Practitioners, why are community gardens economically beneficial?
- A They create jobs for local residents.
 - B They can reduce grocery expenses for participating families.
 - C They increase property values in the neighborhood.
 - D They provide income through selling produce.
35. How does David Thompson's view of community gardens differ from Sarah Williams'?
- A Thompson sees them as social spaces while Williams views them as potential development obstacles.
 - B Thompson focuses on their environmental impact while Williams emphasizes their economic benefits.
 - C Thompson believes they should be temporary while Williams advocates for permanent installations.
 - D Thompson thinks they require government funding while Williams believes they should be volunteer-run.
36. What concern does Sarah Williams raise about community gardens?
- A They are too expensive for cities to maintain.
 - B They attract criminal activity to neighborhoods.
 - C They can become eyesores when volunteer interest decreases.
 - D They use too much water in urban areas.
37. Based on the presentation, what can be inferred about successful community garden initiatives?
- A They require complete independence from government oversight.
 - B They work best with collaboration between multiple stakeholders.
 - C They should be managed exclusively by urban planning departments.
 - D They are most effective when run by health professionals.

38. What health benefit of community gardens does Dr. Singh mention?

- A** Reduced air pollution in urban areas
- B** Prevention of specific diseases
- C** Improved mental health for participants
- D** Lower healthcare costs for the community

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

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Answer key

Part 1: Moving Service Quote Request

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| 1 C The building lacks an elevator | 2 B Packing assistance | 3 B A grand piano | 4 B Extra insurance for the piano |
| 5 C Insurance coverage | 6 B Loading zone time restrictions | 7 C 25% of total cost | 8 B The woman will send a quote |

Part 2: Community Book Exchange

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| 9 B To discuss a book sharing initiative | 10 C Get approval from authorities | 11 B Reducing waste | 12 B Restricting borrowing quantities |
| 13 D Monthly reading themes | | | |

Part 3: Requesting Car-Sharing Membership Details

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| 14 B He needs occasional transportation for specific purposes. | 15 C Complete his application through the mobile app. | 16 B Fuel, insurance, and maintenance | 17 A To transport large purchases |
| 18 B The Basic plan would be most economical for his needs. | 19 B To explain what covers the driving record check | | |

Part 4: Local Honey Competition

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| 20 B less than five years. | 21 C taste and consistency. | 22 B in a local community center. | 23 B surprised. |
| 24 C increase the number of his beehives. | | | |

Part 5: Holiday Party Budget Planning

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| 25 B managing a reduced budget | 26 C canceling the door prizes | 27 B It exceeded the budget | 28 B It was successful previously |
| 29 C Entirely enthusiastic | 30 C Food and drinks | 31 D \$1,200 | 32 C They aim to balance cost and participation |

Part 6: Neighborhood Garden Initiatives

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| 33 D Nearly 110 | 34 B They can reduce grocery expenses for participating families. | 35 A Thompson sees them as social spaces while Williams views them as potential development obstacles. | 36 C They can become eyesores when volunteer interest decreases. |
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37 B They work best with collaboration between multiple stakeholders.

38 C Improved mental health for participants

Your estimated CLB

Correct answers (of 38)	Estimated level
37–38	CLB 12
34–36	CLB 11
32–33	CLB 10
29–31	CLB 9
26–28	CLB 8
23–25	CLB 7
19–22	CLB 6
16–18	CLB 5
12–15	CLB 4

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Transcripts

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Part 1: Moving Service Quote Request

Section 1

MAN: Hi there, I'm looking to get a quote for moving services next month.

WOMAN: Welcome! I'd be happy to help you with that. Do you know your moving date yet?

MAN: Yes, I'm planning to move on the 15th of next month. I'm relocating from my apartment to a house about 20 miles away.

WOMAN: Perfect, let me check our availability for that date. Could you tell me the size of your current place?

MAN: It's a two-bedroom apartment on the third floor, about 1,000 square feet.

WOMAN: I see. And does your building have an elevator?

MAN: Unfortunately not, that's one of the reasons I'm hiring professionals.

WOMAN: That's definitely something we'll factor into the quote. We'll need to assign extra crew members for stairs. Would you like packing services as well?

MAN: No, I think I can handle the packing myself. I just need help with the heavy lifting and transportation.

Section 2

WOMAN: Alright, I'll need some more details about your furniture. Do you have any particularly large or valuable items?

MAN: Yes, I have a grand piano that needs special handling. I'm quite concerned about moving it safely.

WOMAN: Don't worry, we have extensive experience with piano moving. We'll need to send our specialty team for that. They use specific equipment and techniques.

MAN: That's reassuring. I also have a large sectional sofa that might be tricky to move down the stairs.

WOMAN: We can handle that too. Will you need storage services at all?

MAN: No, I'm moving directly to the new house. But I was wondering about insurance coverage.

WOMAN: We provide basic insurance coverage included in the quote, but I recommend additional coverage for the piano.

MAN: Yes, that makes sense. Could you include that in the quote?

Section 3

MAN: I just remembered something else - there's limited parking at both locations.

WOMAN: Thanks for mentioning that. We'll need to arrange for parking permits. Do you know if there are any time restrictions?

MAN: The current apartment has a loading zone we can use, but only between 9 AM and 4 PM.

WOMAN: That's helpful information. I'll make sure to schedule your move within those hours. We typically start early morning for moves of this size.

MAN: Perfect. Oh, and what about payment? Do you require a deposit?

WOMAN: Yes, we require a 25% deposit to secure the date, with the balance due after the move is completed.

MAN: That works for me. How long will it take to get the quote?

WOMAN: I can have it ready for you within the hour. Would you like me to email it to you?

MAN: Yes, please. My email is john.smith@email.com.

Part 2: Community Book Exchange

A: Hey there! I've been thinking about starting a community book exchange. What do you think?

B: That sounds interesting. How would it work?

A: Well, we could set up a small bookshelf or cabinet in the community center where people can leave books they've finished and pick up new ones to read.

B: That's a great idea! It would encourage reading and bring the community together.

A: Exactly! Plus, it's eco-friendly since we're reusing books instead of buying new ones all the time.

B: True. Do you think we'd need permission from the community board?

A: Probably. I was thinking of drafting a proposal to present at the next meeting. Would you be interested in helping?

B: Absolutely! I could help with the logistics, like finding a suitable bookshelf and organizing volunteers to manage it.

A: Perfect! We could also create some simple rules, like a limit on how many books each person can take at once.

B: Good point. And maybe we could have themed months to encourage diversity in reading.

A: I love that idea! Let's start working on the proposal this weekend. I'm excited to see this come to life in our neighborhood.

B: Me too! It's going to be a great addition to our community.

Part 3: Requesting Car-Sharing Membership Details

MAN: Hi there. I'm interested in joining your car-sharing service. I've seen your vehicles around the city, but I'm not really sure how it all works.

WOMAN: Good morning! I'd be happy to explain our service. Basically, Urban CarShare allows members to reserve vehicles by the hour or day through our app. We have cars parked at designated spots throughout the city, and you can pick up and return them to the same location.

MAN: That sounds convenient. I live downtown and don't need a car every day, but sometimes I need to run errands or visit family in the suburbs. What are the costs involved?

WOMAN: We have three membership tiers. Our Basic plan has a \$20 monthly fee plus \$9.50 per hour of usage. The Standard plan is \$45 monthly with a reduced rate of \$7.75 per hour. And our Premium plan is \$85 monthly with just \$5.50 per hour. All plans include fuel, insurance, and maintenance.

MAN: I see. I'd probably use a car about twice a month for maybe 3-4 hours each time. Which plan would you recommend for that usage pattern?

WOMAN: Based on what you've described, the Basic plan would likely be most economical. You'd pay about \$20 monthly plus approximately \$76 for your eight hours of driving. The Standard plan might be worth considering if your usage increases.

MAN: That makes sense. Are there any additional fees I should know about? And what happens if I need to cancel a reservation?

WOMAN: Great questions. There's a one-time \$25 application fee to cover your driving record check. As for cancellations, if you cancel more than 24 hours in advance, there's no charge. Within 24 hours, there's a \$10 fee, and within 2 hours of your reservation, you'll be charged for one hour of usage.

MAN: I understand. What about the types of vehicles available? I sometimes need to transport larger items from stores.

WOMAN: We have a diverse fleet. Most locations have compact cars, but we also have SUVs and cargo vans at select hubs. The hourly rate for SUVs is \$2 more per hour, and vans are \$3.50 more per hour than our standard rates. You can filter by vehicle type in the app when making your reservation.

MAN: Perfect. That sounds like exactly what I need. How do I get started with the application process?

WOMAN: You can either download our app and follow the registration steps, or I can help you complete the application right here. You'll need your driver's license, a credit card, and about 10 minutes to complete the process. We typically approve applications within 24-48 hours.

MAN: I think I'll download the app and do it tonight. Thanks for all the information—you've been really helpful.

Part 4: Local Honey Competition

A local beekeeper took home the top prize at the annual Maple Ridge Honey Competition last weekend. James Wilson, who has been keeping bees for just three years, surprised everyone by winning the Best Honey award with his wildflower honey. The competition, held at the community center, attracted over thirty beekeepers from across the region who submitted their honey for judging. Wilson's small apiary, consisting of only five hives located in his backyard, produced what judges described as "exceptionally flavorful honey with perfect consistency." When asked about his success, Wilson said, "I was shocked when they called my name. I'm still learning, and I was just happy to participate alongside so many experienced beekeepers." The competition also featured educational displays about the importance of bees to the environment and agriculture. Martha Stevens, head of the judging panel, explained that this year's entries were particularly impressive. "The quality of honey we saw this year reflects the growing interest in beekeeping in our community," she noted. Wilson plans to expand his apiary next spring and will return to defend his title at next year's competition.

Part 5: Holiday Party Budget Planning

A: Thanks for coming, everyone. As you know, we need to finalize the budget for this year's holiday party. Management gave us \$5,000 to work with.

B: That's less than last year, isn't it? We spent nearly \$6,000 on the last party.

C: Yes, but remember we went over budget last time. We need to be more careful this year. What are our main expenses?

A: Well, typically the venue is our biggest cost. Last year we spent about \$2,000 on that alone.

B: The Riverside Hotel was nice, but maybe we could find somewhere cheaper? I know a community center that's quite lovely when it's decorated.

C: That's worth considering. What about catering? That's usually our second-biggest expense.

A: Right. Last year we spent \$2,500 on the full buffet service. Maybe we could do something simpler this year?

B: What if we did a cocktail-style reception instead of a full dinner? Heavy appetizers, maybe some desserts?

C: That could work. And we could ask some of our talented staff to contribute desserts for a contest. People loved that baking competition two years ago.

A: Good thinking! That would save us quite a bit. What about entertainment?

B: The DJ last year charged us \$800. I know someone who could do it for \$500.

C: Or we could create our own playlist and just use the venue's sound system. That would save us even more.

A: I like that idea. We could have staff submit their favorite songs beforehand.

B: What about decorations? We spent \$500 last year.

C: I've been checking some discount stores. We could probably do it for \$300 if we're creative. Plus, we still have those LED lights from last year.

A: Perfect. So if we get the community center for \$1,200, spend \$2,000 on appetizers and drinks, \$300 on decorations...

B: Don't forget we need some money for prizes - maybe \$300 for the baking contest and door prizes?

C: That leaves us with about \$1,200 for unexpected expenses and drinks. Much better than last year!

A: This actually sounds like it could be more fun than last year, even with the smaller budget. Should we vote on these changes?

B: I'm in favor. It feels more inclusive somehow, with the baking contest and playlist contributions.

C: Agreed. And we're being responsible with the company's money. Shall we start making the arrangements?

A: Yes, let's do it. I'll book the venue tomorrow if you're both on board.

B: Absolutely!

C: Go for it. This is going to be great!

Part 6: Neighborhood Garden Initiatives

Good evening, everyone. I'm Melissa Chen from the Vancouver Community Gardens Network. Tonight, I'd like to discuss the growing trend of neighborhood garden initiatives across Canada and the various perspectives on their impact on communities. Over the past decade, we've seen a significant increase in community gardens in urban areas. In Toronto alone, there are now over 125 community gardens, while here in Vancouver, we've expanded from just 18 in 2010 to nearly 110 today. These spaces transform vacant lots and underutilized public areas into productive green spaces where residents can grow food and connect with neighbors. Many advocates, like urban planner David Thompson from the University of British Columbia, highlight the numerous benefits of these initiatives. According to a recent study by the Canadian Urban Sustainability Practitioners, community gardens can reduce grocery bills by up to \$500 annually for participating families. Beyond the economic benefits, Thompson points out that these gardens create important social connections in neighborhoods where people might otherwise remain strangers. As he notes, "In our increasingly digital world, community gardens provide rare opportunities for face-to-face interaction across generations and cultures." On the other hand, some municipal officials and property developers express concerns about these initiatives. Sarah Williams, a city planner in Edmonton, argues that while gardens have benefits, they can create challenges for urban development. "These spaces often occupy valuable land that could be used for housing or commercial development," Williams explains. "Additionally, some gardens fall into disrepair when volunteer enthusiasm wanes, creating eyesores and potential liability issues for cities." She also points to complaints from some residents about increased foot traffic, occasional noise, and concerns about rodents in poorly maintained gardens. A third perspective comes from community health workers like Dr. Amir Singh from the Calgary Public Health Department. He suggests a balanced approach might be most beneficial. "The health benefits of community gardens are clear – increased physical activity, better nutrition, and improved mental health," says Dr. Singh. "However, these initiatives work best when there's a partnership between community members, local government, and perhaps local businesses to ensure sustainability." He recommends integrating gardens into broader urban planning with dedicated funding and support staff. As we consider the future of neighborhood gardens in Canadian cities, it's worth reflecting on how we might balance these different viewpoints to create spaces that truly benefit our communities while addressing legitimate concerns. I'd be happy to hear your thoughts on how we might achieve this balance in your own neighborhoods.

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