

CELPIP Listening Practice Test 29

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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

Customer & Staff Member at the Office Supply Store

► **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/29**

1. Why is the man shopping at the office supply store?
 - A To replace broken office equipment
 - B To set up a home office
 - C To buy supplies for his company
 - D To find items for his apartment renovation
2. What problem has the man been experiencing?
 - A Back pain from his chair
 - B Headaches from poor lighting
 - C Difficulty organizing his files
 - D Eye strain from his computer screen
3. What discount is currently available on desk lamps?
 - A 10% off
 - B 15% off
 - C 20% off
 - D 25% off

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4. Why does the man decide not to buy a chair today?
 - A The store doesn't have the style he wants
 - B He wants to measure his space first
 - C The chairs are more expensive than expected
 - D He needs to test different models first
5. What is true about the woman?
 - A She is new to the store
 - B She works in the furniture department
 - C She knows when items typically go on sale
 - D She uses the same products at her home office

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6. What additional item does the man inquire about in Section 3?

- A A desk calendar
- B A screen protector
- C A wireless keyboard
- D A document holder

7. What size is the man's computer monitor?

- A 21 inches
- B 22 inches
- C 24 inches
- D 27 inches

8. What will most likely happen next?

- A The man will look at more office furniture
- B The woman will demonstrate how to install the screen protector
- C The man will purchase the items he selected
- D The woman will offer the man a store credit card

Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Moving Furniture & Coffee Break

► Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/29

9. Why does the woman need to rearrange her desk area?
- A To make room for a new filing cabinet
 - B To accommodate a new monitor
 - C To create a presentation space
 - D To match Diane's setup from accounting
10. When do they plan to move the filing cabinet?
- A After lunch
 - B After the department meeting
 - C In about ten minutes
 - D The following week
11. What do they plan to do after moving the furniture?
- A Attend a presentation
 - B Go to a coffee shop
 - C Finish some reports
 - D Meet with Dave
12. What does the man probably think about the woman's request for help?
- A It's an inconvenience to his schedule
 - B It's a welcome break from his reports
 - C It's a reasonable request that deserves a reward
 - D It's something he'd rather postpone until tomorrow
13. What will likely happen at 3:30 PM?
- A They will return from the coffee shop
 - B The woman will give her presentation
 - C They will attend a department meeting
 - D They will finish moving the filing cabinet

Part 3: Listening for Information

Swimming Pool Maintenance Schedule

► Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/29

14. Why did the woman visit Aqua Pool Services?
- A To get a quote for a new pool installation.
 - B To learn how to maintain her pool properly.
 - C To complain about a previous service.
 - D To purchase pool cleaning equipment.
15. Why does the woman prefer to clean her skimmer baskets once a week?
- A She doesn't have many trees near her pool.
 - B She has a smaller pool than most people.
 - C She has limited time due to her work schedule.
 - D She believes saltwater pools need less maintenance.
16. When should the woman backwash her pool filter?
- A Every week during summer months.
 - B When the pressure gauge shows a significant increase.
 - C After each professional cleaning service.
 - D Only during the fall and winter seasons.
17. What can be inferred about the woman's knowledge of pool maintenance?
- A She has some experience but needs a refresher.
 - B She is completely new to pool ownership.
 - C She previously maintained a chlorine pool.
 - D She understands the basics but not the technical aspects.
18. What is the main service recommendation the man makes?
- A Weekly professional cleaning throughout the year.
 - B Monthly backwashing service with chemical balancing.
 - C Quarterly professional maintenance with a yearly package.
 - D Daily monitoring of the saltwater system.
19. Why does the woman want to be home during the first service appointment?
- A To ensure the service technicians don't damage her property.
 - B To learn how to perform routine maintenance herself.
 - C To show the technician where the equipment is located.
 - D To discuss additional services she might need.

Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Space Tourism Advancements

► Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/29

20. The passengers on Stellar One were in space for

- A fifteen minutes.
- B four minutes.
- C one hour.
- D thirty minutes.

21. Margaret Chen

- A won a free ticket to space.
- B is a current schoolteacher.
- C spent her retirement money on the trip.
- D works for Blue Horizon.

22. Blue Horizon plans to

- A reduce ticket prices immediately.
- B launch flights every month.
- C stop operations temporarily.
- D only fly celebrities to space.

23. According to Dr. Thompson, space tourism

- A should be completely banned.
- B is too expensive for most people.
- C could harm the environment.
- D needs more safety regulations.

24. The flight took passengers to a height of

- A 250 kilometers.
- B 50 kilometers.
- C 150 kilometers.
- D 100 kilometers.

Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Apartment building renovations

► Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/29

25. What is the main purpose of the tenants' committee meeting?
- A To plan renovations for the building
 - B To discuss how to respond to planned renovations
 - C To vote on new lobby furniture
 - D To prepare for a rent increase
26. What specific renovation project is mentioned as having taken longer than expected in the past?
- A Hallway repainting
 - B Lobby furniture replacement
 - C Elevator replacement
 - D Carpet installation
27. According to the notice, how long are the renovations expected to take?
- A Two to four weeks
 - B Four to six weeks
 - C Six to eight weeks
 - D Eight to ten weeks
28. What is the work-from-home tenant's attitude toward the renovations?
- A Enthusiastic
 - B Indifferent
 - C Skeptical
 - D Supportive
29. What can be inferred about the property management company's communication style?
- A They provide too much unnecessary detail
 - B They don't share enough information upfront
 - C They prefer phone calls over written notices
 - D They regularly consult with tenants before making decisions
30. What action will the committee take next?
- A Send a petition against the renovations
 - B Draft an email requesting a meeting
 - C Contact other tenants for their input
 - D Hire a lawyer to review tenant rights

31. Why does one tenant laugh when mentioning allergies?

- A** To downplay a serious health concern
- B** To mock the property management company
- C** To lighten the mood while sharing a personal difficulty
- D** To indicate disbelief about dust control measures

32. Why does the committee want to suggest postponing renovations until January?

- A** Because contractors charge less in winter months
- B** Because fewer residents will be home during the day
- C** Because the weather will be better for construction
- D** Because they need more time to prepare

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Universal Basic Income

► Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/29

33. The main purpose of this talk is to...
- A Promote the implementation of UBI
 - B Present different viewpoints about basic income
 - C Criticize current welfare programs
 - D Explain economic policies
34. Supporters of the program believe it would...
- A Reduce government spending
 - B Create more jobs
 - C Enable personal development
 - D Increase productivity
35. According to the talk, economists disagree about...
- A The program's effects on the economy
 - B The implementation timeline
 - C The target population
 - D The administrative costs
36. The experimental programs mentioned in the talk...
- A Were completely successful
 - B Failed to achieve their goals
 - C Showed varied outcomes
 - D Were conducted nationwide
37. The discussion suggests that policymakers are mainly concerned with...
- A Public opinion
 - B Program viability
 - C International reactions
 - D Political consequences
38. Some people suggest implementing the program by...
- A Starting with specific groups
 - B Copying other countries
 - C Waiting for more research
 - D Consulting economists only

Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
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37 _____	38 _____		

Answer key

Part 1: Customer & Staff Member at the Office Supply Store

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| 1 B To set up a home office | 2 B Headaches from poor lighting | 3 B 15% off | 4 C The chairs are more expensive than expected |
| 5 C She knows when items typically go on sale | 6 B A screen protector | 7 C 24 inches | 8 C The man will purchase the items he selected |

Part 2: Moving Furniture & Coffee Break

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| 9 B To accommodate a new monitor | 10 C In about ten minutes | 11 B Go to a coffee shop | 12 C It's a reasonable request that deserves a reward |
| 13 C They will attend a department meeting | | | |

Part 3: Swimming Pool Maintenance Schedule

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| 14 B To learn how to maintain her pool properly. | 15 C She has limited time due to her work schedule. | 16 B When the pressure gauge shows a significant increase. | 17 B She is completely new to pool ownership. |
| 18 C Quarterly professional maintenance with a yearly package. | 19 B To learn how to perform routine maintenance herself. | | |

Part 4: Space Tourism Advancements

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| 20 B four minutes. | 21 C spent her retirement money on the trip. | 22 B launch flights every month. | 23 C could harm the environment. |
| 24 D 100 kilometers. | | | |

Part 5: Apartment building renovations

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| 25 B To discuss how to respond to planned renovations | 26 C Elevator replacement | 27 C Six to eight weeks | 28 C Skeptical |
| 29 B They don't share enough information upfront | 30 B Draft an email requesting a meeting | 31 C To lighten the mood while sharing a personal difficulty | 32 B Because fewer residents will be home during the day |

Part 6: Universal Basic Income

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| 33 B Present different viewpoints about basic income | 34 C Enable personal development | 35 A The program's effects on the economy | 36 C Showed varied outcomes |
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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: Customer & Staff Member at the Office Supply Store

Section 1

MAN: Excuse me, I was wondering if you could help me find some supplies for my home office? I've just started working remotely and I need to set things up properly.

WOMAN: Of course, I'd be happy to help. What specific items are you looking for today?

MAN: Well, I definitely need a desk lamp. The lighting in my apartment is terrible, and I've been getting headaches after staring at my computer all day.

WOMAN: I completely understand. We have several options over in aisle 3. Are you looking for something adjustable or more of a fixed position lamp?

MAN: Definitely adjustable. And I'd prefer something with different brightness settings if possible.

WOMAN: Perfect. We have a few LED desk lamps with multiple brightness levels and flexible necks. They're actually on sale this week - 15% off.

MAN: That sounds exactly what I need. And while I'm here, I should probably pick up some organizational items too. My desk is already getting cluttered with papers.

WOMAN: In that case, let me show you our desk organizers after we find your lamp. We have some great options that might work for your space.

Section 2

WOMAN: Here are our desk lamps. This one is our most popular model - it has five brightness settings and the arm rotates 180 degrees.

MAN: That looks perfect. Um, I also noticed you mentioned desk organizers? I'm trying to keep everything in one place since my workspace is pretty small.

WOMAN: Absolutely. We have several space-saving options in aisle 5. There are some vertical file organizers that might work well for a smaller desk.

MAN: That sounds promising. Oh, and I just remembered - I need a new chair too. The one I've been using is killing my back after sitting all day.

WOMAN: We definitely have ergonomic chairs in our furniture section at the back of the store. They range from about \$150 to \$400 depending on the features you're looking for.

MAN: That's a bit more than I was hoping to spend today. Maybe I should focus on the lamp and organizers first and come back for the chair another time.

WOMAN: That's completely understandable. The lamp and organizers will make an immediate difference in your workspace. And our chairs do go on sale at the end of each month if you want to wait.

MAN: Good to know. Let's look at those organizers now.

MAN: I think I'll take this lamp and the vertical file organizer. Do you happen to have any recommendations for reducing glare on my computer screen? That's another issue I've been having.

WOMAN: Actually, we do carry anti-glare screen protectors. They're in aisle 2 with our computer accessories. They're designed to reduce eye strain and they're pretty simple to install.

MAN: That would be perfect. I didn't even know those existed. Would you mind showing me where they are?

WOMAN: Not at all. Follow me. They come in different sizes, so you'll need to know what size your monitor is.

MAN: It's a 24-inch screen. I'm hoping this will help with the headaches I've been getting.

WOMAN: The 24-inch protectors are right here. They really do make a difference, especially if you're working long hours. Is there anything else you need for your home office setup?

MAN: I think that covers the essentials for now. I appreciate all your help today. I was feeling a bit overwhelmed about setting up a proper workspace.

WOMAN: You're very welcome. If you bring everything to the front, I can ring you up. And here's our catalog with our other home office items when you're ready to get that chair.

Part 2: Moving Furniture & Coffee Break

WOMAN: Hey Mark, do you have a minute? I'm trying to rearrange my desk area, but that filing cabinet is way too heavy for me to move by myself.

MAN: Sure thing, Sarah. I can help you out. Is it the big metal one by the window or the smaller one near the printer?

WOMAN: The big one by the window. I'm trying to create more space for the new monitor they're giving me next week. That thing is massive!

MAN: No problem. I actually helped move that same cabinet when Diane from accounting got her new setup. Those things weigh a ton. When were you thinking of doing it?

WOMAN: Would now work? I've got that presentation at 2:00, so I was hoping to get it done before lunch.

MAN: Actually, I'm just finishing up these reports. Give me about ten minutes? Then we can tackle it together.

WOMAN: Perfect! That gives me time to clear off the top of it. Oh, and after we're done, would you want to grab coffee at that new place on Bloor Street? I heard they have amazing pastries.

MAN: You mean Maple Bean Café? I've been wanting to try that place! My roommate said their cinnamon rolls are incredible.

WOMAN: That's the one! And it's supposed to be less crowded than Starbucks. I think they have a special on lattes until 1:00 today.

MAN: Sounds great. We definitely deserve a treat after moving that cabinet. Plus, I could use the caffeine boost before the department meeting this afternoon.

WOMAN: Oh right, I forgot about that meeting. What time is it again?

MAN: It's at 3:30 in the Wellington Room. Dave said it shouldn't run longer than an hour.

WOMAN: That's not too bad. So we'll move the cabinet, grab coffee, I'll do my presentation, and then we've got the meeting. Busy day!

MAN: Welcome to Thursdays at Patterson & Co! Alright, let me just send this email and I'll meet you by your desk in five minutes.

WOMAN: Thanks, Mark. I really appreciate the help!

Part 3: Swimming Pool Maintenance Schedule

MAN: Good morning, welcome to Aqua Pool Services. How can I help you today?

WOMAN: Hi there. I just moved into a house with a swimming pool, and I have absolutely no idea how to maintain it properly. I was hoping you could give me some advice on a regular maintenance schedule.

MAN: Of course, I'd be happy to help. First, may I ask what type of pool you have? Is it an in-ground or above-ground pool?

WOMAN: It's an in-ground pool, about 12 by 24 feet. The previous owners said it's a saltwater system, not chlorine, if that makes a difference.

MAN: That's helpful information. Saltwater pools require slightly different maintenance than traditional chlorine pools. For basic weekly maintenance, you'll need to check the salt levels, pH balance, and clean the skimmer baskets at least twice a week.

WOMAN: Twice a week? I work long hours, so I'm wondering if I could get away with doing it just once a week?

MAN: In summer, I wouldn't recommend it. Debris builds up quickly, especially if you have trees nearby. However, during fall and winter, once a week is usually sufficient. Would that work better for your schedule?

WOMAN: Yes, that sounds more manageable. What about the filter? The previous owner mentioned something about backwashing it regularly.

MAN: Good question. For a saltwater pool, you should backwash the filter about once a month, or when the pressure gauge rises 8-10 PSI above normal. It's a simple process that takes about 5 minutes. We also recommend a professional deep cleaning every three months.

WOMAN: I see. And what would that professional service include exactly?

MAN: Our quarterly service includes checking all equipment, cleaning the filter thoroughly, balancing all chemicals, brushing the pool walls, and vacuuming the entire pool. It's \$175 per visit, but we offer a yearly package for \$600 that includes all four visits.

WOMAN: The yearly package sounds like a good deal. Do you provide the necessary chemicals as part of that service, or would I need to purchase those separately?

MAN: The basic chemicals for balancing the pool are included, but specialty treatments like algaecide or clarifier would be extra. We can leave you a maintenance kit with all the testing strips and basic chemicals you'll need between our visits for an additional \$85.

WOMAN: That sounds reasonable. I think I'll go with the yearly package and the maintenance kit. When could you schedule the first service?

MAN: We have availability next Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon. Which would work better for you?

WOMAN: Thursday afternoon would be perfect. I'll make sure to be home so you can show me how to do the basic maintenance myself.

Part 4: Space Tourism Advancements

A significant milestone in space tourism was achieved yesterday as Blue Horizon successfully completed its first commercial flight carrying regular citizens to the edge of space. The spacecraft, named Stellar One, departed from the company's launch facility in New Mexico with six passengers who each paid \$250,000 for the experience. Among them was retired schoolteacher Margaret Chen, who used her life savings for the journey. The flight, which lasted approximately 15 minutes, took passengers to an altitude of 100 kilometers, allowing them to experience about four minutes of weightlessness. During this time, they were able to unbuckle their seats and float freely while observing Earth from space. 'It was absolutely worth every penny,' said Chen, wiping tears from her eyes after landing. 'Seeing our beautiful blue planet from up there changes your entire perspective on life.' Blue Horizon's CEO, David Martinez, announced that this successful flight marks the beginning of regular commercial space tourism operations. 'We plan to conduct monthly flights starting next year,' Martinez stated. 'Our ultimate goal is to make space travel accessible to more people by gradually reducing the cost.' The company has already received reservations from over 300 potential space tourists, including celebrities and business leaders. However, some critics argue that space tourism is an unnecessary luxury that contributes to environmental concerns. Environmental scientist Dr. Sarah Thompson warns, 'Each launch produces significant carbon emissions. We need to carefully consider the environmental impact as this industry grows.'

Part 5: Apartment building renovations

A: Thanks for coming to this emergency meeting, everyone. As you know, the property management company sent us a notice about renovations starting next month. We need to figure out our response as the tenants' committee.

B: Yeah, I was pretty surprised by the scope of what they're planning. New flooring in all common areas, repainting the hallways, and replacing all the lobby furniture. That's going to cause quite a disruption.

C: Not to mention the noise! I work from home three days a week, and construction noise makes it impossible to concentrate. Did they mention how long this is all supposed to take?

A: The notice says six to eight weeks, but you know how these projects go. They always take longer than expected.

B: Mmm, that's true. Remember when they replaced the elevator last year? That was supposed to be a two-week job, and it ended up taking over a month.

C: Exactly. And some of these renovations seem unnecessary. I mean, the lobby furniture is only about five years old. It's perfectly fine as is.

A: Well, I actually think the refresh could be nice. The carpet in the hallways is pretty worn out, and those beige walls are starting to look dingy.

B: I agree the building could use some updating, but I'm concerned about the timing. They're planning to start right before the holidays when many people have family visiting.

C: Good point. And what about the cost? The notice didn't mention anything about rent increases, but I'm worried this is all leading up to that.

A: That's a valid concern. Maybe we should request a meeting with the property manager to get more details about the timeline and whether these renovations will affect our rent.

B: I think that's a good idea. We could also suggest postponing until January when fewer people will be home during the day.

C: And maybe we could ask for some input on the design choices? If we're going to deal with the inconvenience, it would be nice to have some say in how the building will look afterward.

A: That makes sense. I'll draft an email requesting a meeting and outline our main concerns. Would next Wednesday work for everyone to meet with them?

B: Works for me. Oh, and we should also ask about accommodations for people working from home. Maybe they could provide a schedule of the noisiest work so people can plan accordingly.

C: Yes, and what about dust control? My allergies went crazy during the last renovation project. [slight laugh] I was sneezing for weeks!

A: I'll add those points to the list. Anything else we should bring up?

B: Just that we want regular updates throughout the process. No surprises, please!

C: Agreed. And maybe we could suggest they work on one floor at a time, so the disruption isn't building-wide all at once?

A: All good suggestions. I'll send around a draft of the email tomorrow for everyone to review before I send it to management. Hopefully, they'll be open to working with us on this.

Part 6: Universal Basic Income

A heated debate has erupted over a proposal to implement a Universal Basic Income program nationwide. Proponents argue that UBI could alleviate poverty and provide financial security in an increasingly automated economy. They claim it would give people the freedom to pursue education, start businesses, or engage in creative endeavors without the constant worry of meeting basic needs. Opponents, however, express concerns about the program's cost and potential negative impacts on work incentives. They argue that UBI could lead to decreased productivity and strain the national budget. Some critics suggest that targeted welfare programs would be more effective and less expensive. Economists are divided on the issue. Some believe UBI could stimulate economic growth by increasing consumer spending and entrepreneurship. Others warn it could lead to inflation and reduced economic output. Social scientists point out potential benefits such as reduced stress and improved mental health, but also caution about possible unintended consequences on social structures. Pilot programs in various countries have shown mixed results. While some participants reported improved well-being and increased entrepreneurial activities, others saw little change in their circumstances. Critics argue these small-scale trials don't accurately reflect the potential nationwide impact. As the debate continues, policymakers are grappling with questions of funding, implementation, and long-term sustainability. Some propose a gradual rollout, starting with specific demographics or regions. Others advocate for a complete overhaul of the existing welfare system. The outcome of this debate could significantly shape the future of social policy and economic structures in the country.

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