

CELPIP Listening Practice Test 41

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

Ticket Exchange

► Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/41

1. What does the woman ask to see?

A



B



C



D



2. Why would giving the tickets away fail?

- A the theater must cancel it first
- B the door verifies the buyer's card
- C the seats were sold final sale
- D the exchange window has already closed

3. Why is the exchange still available?

- A he bought discounted half-price seats
- B the theater cancelled the show
- C he asked before the deadline passed
- D he will accompany the ticket holder

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4. Why is the Thursday matinee out?

- A only scattered singles are left
- B his friend works during the day
- C those seats are a higher band
- D the pair costs extra to book

5. What will the man do next?

- A hold two of the Friday singles
- B sit apart on closing night
- C book the Wednesday seats immediately
- D take the Thursday matinee pair

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6. Why does the man pay only three?

- A he hands back the old tickets
- B money already sits on his account
- C the band difference was three
- D he pays the rest in cash

7. Why does the woman suggest door collection?

- A email is faster on exchange nights
- B collecting there is the normal policy
- C he hasn't paid the difference yet
- D both usual delivery routes are unreliable

8. What do they finally agree on?

- A eleven dollars now, tickets printed here
- B cash now, another exchange if needed
- C three dollars now, tickets collected later
- D credit applied, tickets emailed to him

Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Sharing One Car for Two Evening Plans

► Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/41

9. What problem are the partners solving?

- A Coordinating two plans with one car
- B Fixing the car before Monday
- C Choosing a permanent commute route
- D Cancelling the volunteer shift

10. When will the man send the text?

- A Eight o'clock
- B Eight fifteen
- C Eight thirty
- D Nine o'clock

11. Why not drive to both places?

- A The model needs the whole seat
- B Cross-town traffic risks lateness
- C The return train leaves too early
- D The community centre closes at ten

12. Why does pickup become the only option?

- A Lina can't give him a ride
- B The model is too heavy
- C The last train leaves too early
- D Traffic makes him late

13. Where do they finally meet?

- A Inside the grocery-store café
- B At the school entrance
- C In the community centre lot
- D Beside Lina's car

Part 3: Listening for Information

Updating a Peanut-Free Student's Lunch Order

► Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/41

14. What two changes does the woman request?
- A Requesting a refund for missed meals.
 - B Adding a nut allergy to his file.
 - C Switching menus and adding a dairy flag.
 - D Cancelling lunch orders for the term.
15. What does the woman need to provide?
- A An allergy form signed by a doctor.
 - B A receipt from a recent pharmacy visit.
 - C A note from the classroom teacher.
 - D The original September enrollment form.
16. How many days ahead must orders be submitted?
- A Ten days.
 - B Three days.
 - C Five days.
 - D Seven days.
17. What is required beyond flagging the allergy?
- A A separate lunch delivered from home.
 - B A phone call to the head chef.
 - C Weekly confirmation emails from the office.
 - D A label sticker placed on the tray.
18. What happens if the sticker is missing?
- A He may be served the wrong tray.
 - B The kitchen contacts the parent that day.
 - C The order is cancelled with no refund.
 - D Nothing changes because the form was signed.
19. What does the woman plan to do next?
- A Switch her son to a different school.
 - B Drop the doctor's form off tomorrow.
 - C Email the form before the weekend.
 - D Ask for the cutoff to be extended.

Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Rimouski Overpass Reopens

► Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/41

20. The overpass lanes opened earlier than planned because
- A the city reduced the overall scope of the project.
 - B a second construction crew was brought in to speed up the job.
 - C the province moved up its official deadline for the holiday weekend.
 - D dry weather allowed the concrete work to continue without interruption.
21. The quotation about the three weeks without rain in August
- A explains why the overpass had been reduced to one lane since spring.
 - B responds to complaints from drivers about the length of the construction.
 - C announces the new completion date for the entire overpass project.
 - D illustrates specifically how the crew gained enough time to finish the lanes early.
22. According to Amara Nwachukwu, when she heard the eastbound lanes had reopened, she
- A immediately called the city to confirm the news was true.
 - B was skeptical at first because she had stopped expecting the work to finish.
 - C felt frustrated that nobody had told her about it sooner.
 - D had already noticed the change herself while driving that morning.
23. According to the news item, the three dry weeks in August took place
- A after the eastbound lanes had already opened to traffic.
 - B right after the overpass was first reduced to one lane.
 - C during the same week that the customer told Amara Nwachukwu the news.
 - D before the eastbound lanes opened for the holiday weekend.
24. The news report ends with
- A a plain statement of the project's remaining timeline.
 - B an appeal to drivers to be patient during construction.
 - C a warning about possible new delays to the schedule.
 - D a celebration of the overpass project's full completion.

Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Festival Security Staffing Debate

► Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/41

25. What are Theo, Priya, and Maya discussing?
- A Insurance policy for a venue
 - B Programming budget for a festival
 - C Security staffing for a festival
 - D Parking arrangements for an event
26. What concern does Priya raise first?
- A Professional guards cost far too much
 - B Guards look too intimidating
 - C Crowd size exceeds volunteer capacity
 - D Insurance language misses details
27. What advantage does entrance-only guarding offer?
- A Controls entrance bag checks
 - B Frees budget for programming
 - C Makes attendees feel welcomed
 - D Eliminates need for insurance
28. Which shared value shapes their final plan?
- A Lowest possible insurance exposure
 - B Maximum funds for programming
 - C Welcoming security through minimal intrusion
 - D Mandatory checks at main entrances
29. What compromise do they reach on guards?
- A Guards throughout the entire venue
 - B Armed guards patrolling family areas
 - C Guards stationed at entrance gates
 - D Volunteer teams supervised remotely
30. Who will get the security quotes?
- A Maya will hire volunteers directly
 - B Maya will gather three quotes
 - C Theo will brief guard staff
 - D Priya will gather three quotes

31. What risk does Maya warn about?

- A** Guards frightening families at entrances
- B** Budget running out for programming
- C** Insurer dropping coverage after incident
- D** Volunteers quitting before the festival

32. How does the discussion conclude?

- A** Priya-Maya follow-ups divide
- B** Theo drafts volunteer training rules
- C** Maya requests quotes for main entrances
- D** Priya reviews insurance wording

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Research Questions Birth-Order Labels

► **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/41**

33. Overall, the report treats birth-order labels as
- A myths with no measurable basis
 - B real home roles, not fixed predictors
 - C patterns big studies confirmed
 - D rules for intelligence, not personality
34. The therapist says the labels convince because
- A home roles differ and we recall matches
 - B personality is biologically fixed
 - C researchers quietly endorse them
 - D home roles hold everywhere
35. Both experts would say 'the responsible one'
- A is probably the smartest child
 - B stays responsible everywhere
 - C may have been handed the role
 - D should get fewer duties
36. The firstborn intelligence edge should be read as
- A an average that can't forecast one family
 - B proof firstborns are taught better
 - C evidence later-borns are less capable
 - D a permanent biological gap
37. The coach finds the labels useful only to
- A predict each child's career
 - B rank siblings by ability
 - C confirm the eldest should lead
 - D question uneven expectations
38. The two studies matter together mainly because they
- A overlap despite different methods
 - B used identical data sets
 - C proved the labels correct
 - D studied only American students

Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

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Answer key

Part 1: Ticket Exchange

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| 1 D Picture D | 2 B the door verifies the buyer's card | 3 C he asked before the deadline passed | 4 B his friend works during the day |
| 5 C book the Wednesday seats immediately | 6 B money already sits on his account | 7 D both usual delivery routes are unreliable | 8 C three dollars now, tickets collected later |

Part 2: Sharing One Car for Two Evening Plans

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| 9 A Coordinating two plans with one car | 10 B Eight fifteen | 11 B Cross-town traffic risks lateness | 12 A Lina can't give him a ride |
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- 13 A Inside the grocery-store café

Part 3: Updating a Peanut-Free Student's Lunch Order

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| 14 C Switching menus and adding a dairy flag. | 15 A An allergy form signed by a doctor. | 16 D Seven days. | 17 D A label sticker placed on the tray. |
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- 18 A He may be served the wrong tray.
- 19 B Drop the doctor's form off tomorrow.

Part 4: Rimouski Overpass Reopens

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| 20 D dry weather allowed the concrete work to continue without interruption. | 21 D illustrates specifically how the crew gained enough time to finish the lanes early. | 22 B was skeptical at first because she had stopped expecting the work to finish. | 23 D before the eastbound lanes opened for the holiday weekend. |
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- 24 A a plain statement of the project's remaining timeline.

Part 5: Festival Security Staffing Debate

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| 25 C Security staffing for a festival | 26 C Crowd size exceeds volunteer capacity | 27 A Controls entrance bag checks | 28 C Welcoming security through minimal intrusion |
| 29 C Guards stationed at entrance gates | 30 D Priya will gather three quotes | 31 C Insurer dropping coverage after incident | 32 A Priya-Maya follow-ups divide |

Part 6: Research Questions Birth-Order Labels

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| 33 B real home roles, not fixed predictors | 34 A home roles differ and we recall matches | 35 C may have been handed the role | 36 A an average that can't forecast one family |
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- 37 D question uneven expectations
- 38 A overlap despite different methods

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

An estimate: CELPIP converts raw scores with a table for each test form, so the real cut-offs vary a little.

Transcripts

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Part 1: Ticket Exchange

Section 1

MAN: I need to change these. Swap them, rather. I've got two for Saturday's eight o'clock, and my friend just got put on a shift that night.

WOMAN: Hang on, my reading glasses are here. The print on these is tiny. And park the umbrella in the stand, it's soaking the mat.

MAN: I'll shift my coffee off your counter too.

WOMAN: Now, pass me the ticket itself, the printed one, not the confirmation on your phone.

MAN: So a refund's out of the question, I'm guessing.

WOMAN: Only if we cancel the show ourselves. Yours were the half-price seats, and those are final sale.

MAN: Could I just hand them to somebody else, then?

WOMAN: You can, in theory. It's not the handing over that's the problem, it's the door. Half-price means they check the card that paid, and that card's yours.

MAN: So whoever turns up with them gets stopped.

WOMAN: Unless you're standing beside them. Exchanging is cleaner: same band, no fee, any time up to forty-eight hours before curtain.

MAN: Saturday's five days off, so I'm well clear of that.

WOMAN: Go through what's left in the run and come tell me.

Section 2

MAN: Okay, I'm back. After Saturday there are three nights left, and none of them is simple. Thursday's matinee has a pair, same band as ours, so nothing extra to pay. Except she's on days Thursday.

WOMAN: There goes the cheap one. Friday?

MAN: Closing night. I'd love it, but what's left is singles, dotted all over the room.

WOMAN: Wednesday?

MAN: A pair, middle block, six rows back. The site flagged a price difference, though.

WOMAN: It's a higher band than the side seats you bought.

MAN: Could I put a hold on two of the Friday singles while I think?

WOMAN: Twenty minutes, and it only holds the Friday ones. Somebody could take that Wednesday pair meanwhile.

MAN: We could sit three rows apart on Friday, I suppose.

WOMAN: I wouldn't want to spend closing night mouthing across the room.

MAN: No. Wednesday it is, and I'll cover the difference.

WOMAN: Sensible. Book it on your phone if you like, but the extra has to be paid here before six — we shut then.

MAN: I'll do it right now, before I change my mind.

WOMAN: Good. Bring the confirmation over when you've got it.

Section 3

MAN: Wednesday's booked, middle block, six rows back. It's asking me for eleven dollars more.

WOMAN: That's the band difference. I can take it here. Card or cash?

MAN: Card. Actually, hold on, there's a credit on my account from the fall.

WOMAN: There is one. Eight dollars, from a show we moved on you.

MAN: So that doesn't cover it all.

WOMAN: It brings you down to three. A credit comes off only if the whole lot goes on the booking card. Pay cash and it just sits there.

MAN: The card's in my pocket anyway. Three it is.

WOMAN: And these old Saturday ones, want them back?

MAN: Toss them, they're no good now. Could you print the new pair here?

WOMAN: I would, but the printer's been jamming all afternoon. And email drops into junk half the time on an exchange night. Then leave it with me. I'll put the pair at the door under your name. Collect them on the night.

MAN: And if her shift changes again?

WOMAN: One exchange per booking. After this they're yours.

MAN: Understood. Three dollars on the card, and I'll pick them up at the door.

Part 2: Sharing One Car for Two Evening Plans

WOMAN: Hi Hugo, the garage needs our second car until Monday. Can we still manage your evening class and my Thursday volunteer shift with one vehicle?

MAN: Hey. My class starts at six downtown, and you begin at six thirty across town. Driving me first would leave you fighting traffic in both directions.

WOMAN: I could drop you at the train station at five fifteen. The train reaches downtown quickly, but your class materials and model are awkward to carry.

MAN: The flat model fits in the large portfolio bag. The real problem is the return trip because the last direct train leaves before class ends.

WOMAN: What if I collect you at nine? My shift finishes at eight thirty, and the community centre is only fifteen minutes from your school after traffic clears.

MAN: Could I ride home with Lina? She lives near us and takes the same class.

WOMAN: Ask her as a backup, not the main plan.

MAN: Lina just texted — she's driving her sister that evening instead, so it's really down to you now. I'll take the train there, and you keep the car.

WOMAN: Then text me as soon as you know, not just a rough guess like eight. Otherwise I may leave the shift early because silence looks like a problem.

MAN: The instructor just confirmed critique runs until eight, so pickup wouldn't work until eight fifteen once I've packed up. I'll text you exactly then.

WOMAN: Good. Where should we meet? The school entrance closes at eight forty-five, and waiting on the sidewalk with the model feels unsafe.

MAN: Use the café inside the grocery store opposite the school. It stays open until ten, and I can wait at a table.

WOMAN: I can stop briefly in its pickup lane. The portfolio can stand beside your chair instead of blocking an aisle.

MAN: Then Thursday is settled: station drop-off, train downtown, café pickup at eight fifteen. On Friday I can work from home and you can take the car again.

Part 3: Updating a Peanut-Free Student's Lunch Order

WOMAN: Hi, this is Elena Cruz — I'm calling about hot lunch for my son Mateo, he's in the peanut-free classroom over in the east wing. He's had a stressful week already, so I'd like to get this settled quickly.

MAN: Hi Elena, happy to help with that. What would you like changed on his order? I look after the allergy files personally, so I can walk you through it.

WOMAN: I want to move him onto the allergy-safe menu permanently, and I also need to flag a dairy sensitivity, not just the peanut allergy that's already on file from last year. We only found out about the dairy issue after a reaction at his cousin's birthday party.

MAN: Sure, that's easy enough. For the dairy piece specifically, we'll need an updated allergy form signed by your family doctor — the general enrollment form you filled out back in September only ever covered the peanut allergy. It's just a short one-page form, so it shouldn't take him long to fill out.

WOMAN: No problem, I can get that from his pediatrician this week, and I'll book the appointment for Thursday afternoon if there's still time. How far ahead of a delivery date does it actually need to be submitted?

MAN: Orders normally lock five days ahead of delivery — actually, sorry, that cutoff changed this term, it's seven days now, not five, since we switched kitchen suppliers. It caught quite a few parents off guard when it first changed back in the fall.

WOMAN: Seven days, noted. And once his file shows the flag, does the kitchen catch it automatically? I mean, is that enough on its own to keep dairy completely off his tray? I just want to be completely sure before he goes back on Monday.

MAN: Not entirely, unfortunately. The flag triggers the substitution inside the ordering system, but our staff also need a printed label sticker right on the tray itself, otherwise it can still get served like any other lunch that day. We do try to double-check trays visually before they ever leave the kitchen too.

WOMAN: So I should really confirm both the form and the sticker are actually in place before I stop worrying. That gives me some real peace of mind, honestly.

MAN: Exactly right, and if you drop the signed form off tomorrow morning at the front office, we'll have both pieces ready well before Thursday's cutoff for next week's menu. Feel free to call again anytime if anything changes before then.

Part 4: Rimouski Overpass Reopens

MAN: Drivers heading into Rimouski for the long weekend will find two lanes of the Boulevard Arthur-Buies overpass open earlier than planned. The provincial contractor overseeing the project, Sunniva Guttormsen, said the crew pushed ahead of its original October deadline after a stretch of dry weather let concrete work continue without delays. "We had three weeks in August where we didn't lose a single shift to rain," Guttormsen said. "That gave us enough of a cushion to open the eastbound lanes this weekend instead of waiting." The overpass, which replaces a section that had been reduced to one lane since spring, connects Highway 20 traffic to the port area and has been a source of frustration for commuters and truckers alike. Amara Nwachukwu, who drives a delivery route through the area most weekday mornings, said she'd been rerouting through side streets for months to avoid the backup. She found out the eastbound lanes had reopened only when a customer mentioned it to her on Tuesday, and said she doubted him at first, since she'd been avoiding that stretch for so long it hadn't even occurred to her to check. Only the two eastbound lanes are opening this weekend; the westbound side and the connecting ramp remain under construction. City officials say full completion, including line painting and permanent lighting, is expected by late October, with the contractor continuing work through the fall on the remaining sections.

Part 5: Festival Security Staffing Debate

woman1: So, Theo, you really think volunteers in matching vests will suffice for a crowd this size?

man1: Priya, I do. Hiring professional guards risks giving the festival an unnecessarily heavy-handed atmosphere.

woman2: That's a romantic view, Theo, but with alcohol on site, our liability exposure shifts considerably.

woman1: Maya's right — the moment we serve drinks, the calculus changes and volunteer goodwill won't insulate us legally.

man1: Sure, but trained guards at every corner could make attendees feel scrutinized rather than welcomed. That's a real cost too.

woman2: What if we positioned professionals only at the entrances? We control bag checks there without saturating the whole venue.

woman1: I find that sensible — a measured presence at gates, with volunteers handling wayfinding and minor questions inside.

man1: I could entertain entrance-only, provided the guards aren't visibly armed or wearing tactical gear that frightens families.

woman2: That's reasonable. Most reputable firms offer a community-event uniform, not the intimidating sort you're picturing.

woman1: There's still the matter of cost. Professional coverage, even for entrances alone, will eat into our modest budget.

man1: That's why I keep returning to volunteers. Every dollar spent on guards is a dollar away from programming.

woman2: I'd argue it's the opposite — one incident with no professional response and our insurer drops us next year.

woman1: Maya makes the stronger case, although I wonder whether attendees might read uniformed guards as a tension signal.

man1: That's been my concern throughout. Parks should feel like parks, not checkpoints on a Saturday afternoon.

woman2: Then let's brief the guards specifically on visible friendliness. Posture and tone shape perception more than uniforms do.

woman1: Fine. I'll get three quotes for entrance-only coverage and Maya can confirm the insurance language by Wednesday.

Part 6: Research Questions Birth-Order Labels

MAN: On today's family and learning report, we're looking at a claim many people feel they already understand: firstborns become responsible leaders, middle children become skilled negotiators, and youngest children become outgoing risk-takers. The pattern is easy to recognize in almost any family. But when researchers test these labels across very large groups, the picture becomes much less tidy. Two major research teams approached the question differently. One examined hundreds of thousands of American students while accounting for age, family size, and parents' background. Another used national studies from several countries and compared siblings from the same families. Their results were not identical in every detail, but the overlap mattered: broad personality differences linked to birth order were either extremely small or could not be found consistently. Earlier-born children did show a slight average advantage on intelligence tests, but the gap was far too small to predict which child in a particular family would score higher. So why do the usual descriptions feel so convincing? A family therapist offers one explanation. We mainly observe siblings inside a shared family setting, where they are often given different jobs. The oldest may be trusted with a house key, while the youngest may be excused from difficult chores. Those roles can create real differences at home without producing fixed personality traits everywhere else. We also tend to remember the examples that fit a familiar story and overlook the ones that do not. A parenting coach still uses birth-order labels, though not as conclusions. She treats them as opening questions. If parents call their eldest child "the responsible one," she asks whether that child chose the role or simply received more duties. The trouble begins when a description turns into an instruction: the oldest must lead, the middle child must keep the peace, and the youngest is never expected to be serious. The intelligence finding needs similar care. Researchers warn against turning a small group average into a forecast for one family. A slight firstborn advantage might reflect more early adult attention or teaching younger siblings. None of these possibilities means later-born children are less capable, and a younger child will often outperform an older one. The most reasonable conclusion is neither that birth order means nothing nor that it decides who children become. It may influence the situations and expectations they meet, especially at home. Still, it works better as a weak clue about family roles than as a blueprint for personality or intelligence.

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