CELPIP Listening Practice Test 44

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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

Bike Repair Before a Charity Ride

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/44**

1. What is the man's main problem?

A His new tires were fitted badly.
B His bike sounds wrong.
C His brother damaged the bike.
D He was injured on a training ride.

2. Why does the woman ask the man to turn the pedal?

A to show him how to change gears
B to check whether the new tires fit properly
C to hear the problem herself
D to see if the wheel is bent

3. What does the woman advise the man to do?

A keep the bike off the road
B ride gently until Thursday
C leave the bike at the shop
D pick up the part in Vancouver

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4. How does the man feel when he hears the news?

A furious
B impatient
C nervous
D dejected

5. Why does the woman ask the man to wait?

A There may be another option.
B The correct part is already on its way.
C She still needs to phone the supplier.
D Her manager wants to apologize to him.

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6. What does the manager offer the man?

A a discount on a brand-new bike

B a free repair on his own bike

C the use of a bike free of charge

D faster delivery of the right part

7. What will the woman put on the rental bike?

A



B



C



D



8. What will likely happen next?

A The shop will donate $200 to his cause.

B The woman will speak to her manager again.

C The man will return the rental bike.

D The woman will fix the man's bike.

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Getting a Community Garden Plot

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/44**

9. Why does the woman want a garden plot?

A Her neighbour is giving her a plot.
B She wants to grow tomatoes too.
C Her balcony has too much sun.
D Her balcony is unsuitable.

10. Why are fall plots easy to get?

A Members can pass plots to friends.
B Few people are looking for one at that time.
C The waiting list is used in the fall.
D The coordinator saves them for newcomers.

11. What must garden members do?

A put in volunteer hours
B pay a fee every month
C share gardening tools with others
D bring their own gloves

12. How does the woman feel about the required work?

A She would rather pay a higher fee.
B She looks forward to it.
C She worries it will take too much time.
D She thinks other members complain too much.

13. What is the man's main purpose in the conversation?

A to warn her about the long waiting list
B to complain about the volunteer rules
C to encourage her to get a plot
D to find a new owner for Irene's plot

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Volunteering at the Library

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/44**

14. Why is the man calling?

A to enrol in an English class
B to offer to help with a library program
C to ask about a paid teaching job
D to register his daughter for a program

15. What did the man assume about the role at first?

A that the groups would be very large
B that he would work in the mornings
C that he would be paid for his time
D that it involved formal lessons

16. Why are Tuesday mornings easier to fill?

A Many helpers no longer work.
B The morning sessions are shorter.
C Most learners prefer to come in the morning.
D The morning groups are smaller.

17. What can we infer about the man?

A He is nervous about leading groups.
B He would prefer a paid position.
C He puts his family first.
D He has done similar work before.

18. What does the woman suggest about the October 18th workshop?

A It is held on a weekday evening.
B It is already almost full.
C It is shorter than the first one.
D It is close to his start date.

19. What will the man probably do next?

A give the woman an address for the forms
B send in his police check form
C call back after his daughter's game
D visit the library to meet the group

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Library Book Returned After Fifty Years

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/44**

20. Margaret Doyle's letter showed she was

A sentimental.
B remorseful.
C indignant.
D amused.

21. Doyle came across the book while

A moving to British Columbia for work.
B clearing out her own garage.
C visiting the library in Brandon.
D helping a relative move to a smaller home.

22. The library did NOT

A frame the cheque.
B invite Doyle to visit.
C cash the cheque.
D display the letter.

23. Kevin Marsh suggests that library staff

A hope to bring back late fees.
B plan to cash the cheque later.
C admire Doyle's integrity.
D want to raise money for new books.

24. We can infer that Doyle's payment was

A far more than she would have owed.
B exactly the old fine.
C used to buy new books.
D returned to her by mail.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Planning the Office Holiday Event

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/44**

25. What is the main purpose of the discussion?

A to rethink the year-end staff event
B to plan a food bank fundraiser
C to compare prices at local venues
D to solve a childcare problem for staff

26. What problem with last year's dinner does Mark point out?

A It was held on a busy weeknight.
B Many employees stayed away.
C It cost more than the brewery.
D Staff only talked to their own department.

27. What does Hannah suggest about the catered lunch?

A She thinks it is too expensive.
B She prefers it to the dinner.
C She wants it held at the brewery.
D She finds it rather dull.

28. Why does Mark mention his cousin?

A to suggest hiring a band for the party
B to explain how he knows the owner
C to point out that the brewery is cheap
D to show the room is big enough

29. According to Mark, how would the office stay open on the volunteer day?

A Managers would answer the phones.
B The event would be on a Saturday.
C Staff would go in two groups.
D The office would close at noon.

30. What can we tell about Mark?

A He has volunteered at the food bank.
B He works in the accounting department.
C He checked the details before the meeting.
D He has small children at home.

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31. What is most likely true of the director?

A She has already approved the brewery.

B She may not welcome the change.

C She dislikes formal dinners.

D She suggested the volunteer day.

32. What is the best subject line for Sofia's message to the director?

A Volunteering, then a brewery party

B Cancelling all holiday celebrations

C Food bank fundraising drive

D Request to close the office early

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

The Four-Day School Week

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/44**

33. The main topic of the report is

A how the change helps rural schools hire.
B whether the change is worth its costs.
C why busing rural students costs so much.
D the lack of childcare in farming towns.

34. Angela Morris believes the money schools save

A is spent on classroom assistants.
B is smaller than officials claim.
C has been quietly shifted onto parents.
D should fund Friday programs.

35. We can tell that Carol Hughes

A doubts childcare is a real problem.
B has persuaded Morris to agree.
C will add Friday classes next year.
D is open to adjusting the policy.

36. According to Carol Hughes, the four-day week has

A reduced students' class time.
B made it easier to fill teaching jobs.
C shortened students' daily bus rides.
D let older students work on Fridays.

37. Angela Morris would most likely support

A a Friday break just for teens.
B longer days for young children.
C Friday programs run by doctors.
D ending school bus routes on farms.

38. The speaker's attitude toward the four-day week is

A enthusiastic.
B dismissive.
C indifferent.
D cautious.

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
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Answer key

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1 B His bike sounds wrong.

2 C to hear the problem herself

3 A keep the bike off the road

4 D dejected

5 A There may be another option.

6 C the use of a bike free of charge

7 D Picture D

8 B The woman will speak to her manager again.

Part 2: Getting a Community Garden Plot

9 D Her balcony is unsuitable.

10 B Few people are looking for one at that time.

11 A put in volunteer hours

12 B She looks forward to it.

13 C to encourage her to get a plot

Part 3: Volunteering at the Library

14 B to offer to help with a library program

15 D that it involved formal lessons

16 A Many helpers no longer work.

17 C He puts his family first.

18 D It is close to his start date.

19 A give the woman an address for the forms

Part 4: Library Book Returned After Fifty Years

20 B remorseful.

21 D helping a relative move to a smaller home.

22 C cash the cheque.

23 C admire Doyle's integrity.

24 A far more than she would have owed.

Part 5: Planning the Office Holiday Event

25 A to rethink the year-end staff event

26 B Many employees stayed away.

27 D She finds it rather dull.

28 D to show the room is big enough

29 C Staff would go in two groups.

30 C He checked the details before the meeting.

31 B She may not welcome the change.

32 A Volunteering, then a brewery party

Part 6: The Four-Day School Week

33 B whether the change is worth its costs.

34 C has been quietly shifted onto parents.

35 D is open to adjusting the policy.

36 B made it easier to fill teaching jobs.

37 A a Friday break just for teens.

38 D cautious.

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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: Bike Repair Before a Charity Ride

Section 1

WOMAN: Morning! What can I do for you?

MAN: Hi. Um, so I'm doing the charity ride this Saturday, Kelowna to Penticton, and my bike's started making this awful clicking sound. Mostly when I shift gears. Well, actually, not only then.

WOMAN: Let's have a listen. Lift the back end for me, and turn the pedal slowly.

MAN: Like this?

WOMAN: A bit faster. There, hear that? When did this start?

MAN: Last weekend. Well, Sunday, actually. I was out training with my brother and hit a pothole. I thought I'd gotten away with it, but…

WOMAN: Mm, you didn't. See this little piece by the back wheel? It's bent inward, so the chain keeps jumping.

MAN: Is that a big job? I just put new tires on this thing.

WOMAN: Not really. The part's about $25, plus labour. The catch is, nobody around here stocks one for your model, so it'd come up from Vancouver.

MAN: And that takes…?

WOMAN: Two days, usually. If I order before noon, it'll be on Thursday's truck.

MAN: Thursday. That's cutting it close. But okay, go ahead. Should I just leave it here?

WOMAN: No point, it'd just sit in the back. Take it home, but I wouldn't ride it in the meantime. Bring it in Thursday around four.

Section 2

MAN: Hi, it's me again. The clicking bike? You said four o'clock, so…

WOMAN: Oh, hi. I was just about to call you. So, the box came, but… they sent the wrong one. It's for a different brand.

MAN: You're kidding. The ride's the day after tomorrow.

WOMAN: I know. I've already called the supplier. The earliest they can get the right one here is next Tuesday.

MAN: Next Tuesday. So that's it, then. Two months of training, and I've got almost $800 in pledges for the children's hospital. I guess I'll just have to call everyone and—

WOMAN: Hang on, don't start making calls yet. My manager might be able to sort something out. Give me ten minutes?

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MAN: Sure. I'll be right here.

Section 3

WOMAN: Good news, I think. My manager says you can borrow one of our rentals for the weekend. Same frame size as yours.

MAN: Oh. Wow. What's that going to cost me?

WOMAN: Normally it's $60 a day. But since we let you down on the part, he's not charging you anything.

MAN: That's… really generous. Thank you. Only thing is, I've never done a long ride on someone else's bike. A hundred kilometres on a strange seat…

WOMAN: Way ahead of you. I'll swap your seat onto the rental. Here, hop on. How's that height?

MAN: A bit— no, actually, that's fine.

WOMAN: Okay, let me just—

MAN: —tighten it, sure. Sorry.

WOMAN: Your bike stays here. We'll fix it when the part shows up, and you swap back when you return the rental.

MAN: Perfect. Oh, and, um, this might be pushing my luck, but would the shop want to sponsor me? I'm still $200 short.

WOMAN: Ha. Well, he did just say yes to the bike. Give me a second.

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Part 2: Getting a Community Garden Plot

WOMAN: Hey, Tom! Off to the garden again? You're out there every time I look out my window.

MAN: Hi, Priya. Pretty much, yeah. I go most evenings after dinner. In this heat the tomatoes need watering every single day, otherwise they just split on the vine.

WOMAN: You know, I've actually been thinking about getting a plot there myself. I tried herbs on my balcony this summer, but it's tiny, and the building next door blocks the sun by about ten in the morning. Everything just sort of gave up.

MAN: Oh, you should! But, well, fair warning, there's a waiting list. I was on it for almost a year before I got mine.

WOMAN: A year? Hmm. I was kind of hoping to get something in the ground this fall. My grandmother always planted garlic in October, and I've been meaning to try it for ages.

MAN: Actually, hang on, you might be in luck. Irene, she's the one beside me with all the sunflowers, is moving to Saskatoon to be near her grandkids. She's giving up her plot at the end of the month.

WOMAN: Oh, so she could just pass it on to me?

MAN: No, no, it doesn't work like that, it isn't hers to give. The waiting list only gets used in the spring. Anything that opens up after that goes to whoever gets to the coordinator first. And honestly, in October, who's asking?

WOMAN: Well, I am. Is it expensive? Because I'm not paying some huge fee for a patch of dirt.

MAN: It's $45 for the whole year, so no. The catch is you've got to put in some hours, four work days a season. Weeding the paths, fixing the fence, hauling compost, that kind of thing. Some people grumble about it.

WOMAN: Honestly, that sounds like the best part. I've been in this building since March, and I still couldn't tell you the names of the people across the hall.

MAN: Then you'll fit right in. Half the reason I go is to chat. Look, Linda, the coordinator, is usually there Saturday mornings. Why don't I take you over and introduce you? If you show up with me, she'll—

WOMAN: —know I'm serious?

MAN: Ha, exactly. Oh, and bring your own gloves. The shared tools are fine, but gloves have a way of walking off.

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Part 3: Volunteering at the Library

MAN: Hi, um, I'm calling about a poster I saw at the library downtown. It said you were looking for people to lead English conversation circles?

WOMAN: Yes, that's us! Thanks for calling. I'm Grace, I coordinate the program. And you are…?

MAN: Daniel. Daniel Reyes. So, full disclosure, I've never done anything like this. But I moved to Calgary from the Philippines about eight years ago, so I know what it's like to learn English as an adult. And I coach my daughter's soccer team, so I'm used to keeping a group going. Well, running, anyway.

WOMAN: Honestly, that's more useful than you'd think. Our circles are small, six to eight adults, and they meet once a week for ninety minutes. We ask volunteers to commit to one full session, which is ten weeks, starting October 20th.

MAN: Okay. So I'd be teaching grammar and that kind of thing? Because I should warn you, I'm not exactly—

WOMAN: No, no, not at all. Think of it more like hosting a dinner party. Your job is to get everyone talking and feeling comfortable. We chat about everyday things, like shopping, the weather, or what to say at a parent-teacher meeting.

MAN: Oh, good. That I can do. And what times are we talking about?

WOMAN: Tuesday mornings at ten, and Thursday evenings at six-thirty. To be honest, Thursday is where we're really stuck. Most of our volunteers are retirees, so the Tuesday spots tend to fill up within a day or two of opening.

MAN: Well, that works out, because Thursday evenings are the only option for me anyway. I'm at the office until five most days.

WOMAN: Perfect. Now, before you start there are two steps. There's a police check, since you'll be working with the public, but the library covers that. And then there's a three-hour training workshop on a Saturday, where we go over activities and how to draw quieter people in. The next one is October 11th.

MAN: Hmm. The eleventh… that's my daughter's last game of the season. They might even make the finals. Is there another date?

WOMAN: There's one more on the 18th. That's only two days before the circles begin, mind you, but people have managed it.

MAN: Let's go with the 18th, then. I've been to every game since September. I'm not missing that one.

WOMAN: Fair enough. I'll send you the forms this afternoon. What's the best email for you?

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Part 4: Library Book Returned After Fifty Years

NARRATOR: A public library in Brandon, Manitoba, received an unexpected parcel this week: a field guide to Canadian birds, overdue by roughly half a century. The book, borrowed in 1974, arrived in a padded envelope along with a handwritten letter and a cheque for $100. The sender, seventy-two-year-old Margaret Doyle of Victoria, explained that she had checked the book out as a university student, shortly before relocating to British Columbia for employment. She rediscovered it last month in a carton of old documents while helping her sister downsize. In the letter, Doyle confessed that her conscience had nagged at her for five decades, and asked staff to accept the cheque as belated restitution. Head librarian Kevin Marsh notes that even under the previous regulations, the maximum penalty would have been a modest $10, and the library abolished late fees entirely in 2021. Rather than depositing the cheque, staff have framed it alongside the letter for an exhibit in the front lobby. Marsh says what struck his colleagues wasn't the money, but that someone would carry a library book across the country for fifty years and still feel obliged to bring it home. Doyle has accepted an invitation to visit this summer.

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Part 5: Planning the Office Holiday Event

Sofia: Okay, so we really need to settle the holiday thing before Friday. Somebody said there was a different idea this year?

Mark: Yeah, that was me. Instead of the usual dinner at the hotel, what if we spent a day volunteering together? At the food bank, say. They're always short-handed in December.

Hannah: Hmm. I mean, I like the thought, but people genuinely look forward to that dinner. It's the one night a year everybody dresses up and actually talks to someone outside their own department.

Mark: Sure, but did you see the numbers last year? Almost a third of the staff didn't come. Try finding a babysitter on a Saturday night in December.

Sofia: That's true, I heard that from half of accounting. But a volunteer day would be on a workday, right? I can't see management closing the office for an entire day.

Mark: They wouldn't need to. We go in two groups, one in the morning, one in the afternoon. The phones stay covered the whole time.

Hannah: Okay, that fixes the work side. But then we're never—

Mark: —all together, I know, I know.

Hannah: Well, Mark, that's kind of the whole point of a holiday event.

Sofia: So what if we did both, but smaller? A shift, and then everyone meets back here for a catered lunch?

Hannah: Lunch in the boardroom. With the same sandwiches we get on every training day. Very festive.

Mark: Okay, what about the brewery across the street? They've got a back room for parties, and it'd cost a fraction of the hotel. Whatever we save could go straight to the food bank.

Sofia: The brewery? Is that room even big enough? I'm picturing, like, a couple of picnic tables.

Mark: It holds about fifty. My cousin had her fortieth in there last month, and there was still room for a band.

Hannah: Huh. Now that I actually like. Giving the savings away makes it feel like it means something.

Sofia: And if it started around four, people with kids could still be home for bedtime.

Hannah: My only worry is the food bank. Can they even handle forty of us in one day?

Mark: Twenty per shift. I phoned them last week.

Sofia: Oh. Okay, then. Well, I'll write something up for the director. Though, you know who books that hotel every single year, so I wouldn't count on—

Hannah: She'll come around. And I'm still wearing my nice dress, brewery or not.

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Mark: Nobody's stopping you.

Part 6: The Four-Day School Week

NARRATOR: For generations, the Canadian school week has followed an unvarying rhythm: five days in class, two days off. Yet in a growing number of rural communities, that rhythm is being quietly rewritten. Several Prairie school divisions have adopted a four-day week, lengthening the school day from Monday to Thursday and cancelling Friday classes altogether. The model is hardly novel; districts in parts of the United States have relied on it for decades, but it has only recently gained traction north of the border. Proponents tout it as a pragmatic response to rural realities; detractors contend that the burden has simply been offloaded onto families.

NARRATOR: Carol Hughes, a trustee in a farming region of southern Alberta, cast one of the first votes in favour. Many students in her division, she points out, spend well over an hour on a bus each way, and critics who call the schedule a gimmick, she suggests, have rarely driven those gravel roads in January. Eliminating one day of travel yields considerable savings on fuel and drivers, money she would rather see invested in classroom assistants. Hughes also credits the schedule with easing a chronic headache for rural schools: teacher turnover. A three-day weekend, it turns out, is a persuasive recruitment tool, and her division has filled every vacancy for the first time in years. As for instructional time, Hughes insists nothing has been sacrificed, since the additional minutes each day compensate over the year.

NARRATOR: Family physician Angela Morris is less convinced. She doesn't dispute the financial savings, but questions who ultimately foots the bill. When schools close on Fridays, working parents must scramble for childcare, which is notoriously scarce in small towns, and she hears about it in her clinic almost weekly. The savings, she argues, haven't vanished; they've merely migrated from the school budget to the kitchen table. Morris raises a not insignificant concern about younger pupils as well. A seven-year-old, she notes, lacks a teenager's stamina, and tacking forty minutes onto an already gruelling day may leave children too exhausted to absorb much of anything. Older students, she concedes, might put a free Friday to good use.

NARRATOR: Hughes acknowledges the childcare problem, and her division now offers optional, inexpensive Friday programs, though only in the larger towns. Morris welcomes the gesture, but rightly observes that families on outlying farms remain largely on their own. As more divisions weigh the switch, one suspects the debate will hinge less on budgets than on who is left to fill the empty Friday.

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