CELPIP Listening Practice Test 45

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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

Returning a Winter Coat

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/45**

1. Why has the woman come to the desk?

A Her coat is wearing out too soon.
B She changed her mind about the coat.
C Her new boots do not fit.
D She was charged twice for a parka.

2. Why can't the woman get her money back?

A She has waited too long.
B She has lost her paper receipt.
C She paid for the coat with a debit card.
D The coat was bought on sale.

3. What will probably happen next?

A The coat will be sent to the manufacturer.
B The woman will look for her receipt at home.
C The woman will wear her raincoat for a month.
D The man will ask someone for approval.

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4. What problem comes up with the exchange?

A Her colour isn't in stock in her size.
B The supervisor will not allow it.
C The new coat costs more than the old one.
D The coat must first go to the manufacturer.

5. Why does the woman choose the navy coat?

A She has never liked black coats.
B The alternatives are inconvenient.
C The Southgate store has closed.
D The navy coat is on sale this week.

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6. Why does the man tell the woman to keep the receipt?

A She has to return the coat by January.

B It shows she paid with her debit card.

C She needs it to use the discount.

D She may need it for a future claim.

7. What is likely true about the new coat?

A It fits better than her old coat.

B Its coverage lasts longer.

C It cost less than her old coat.

D Its sleeves will be shortened for free.

8. What will the woman probably buy next?

A



B



C



D



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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Noise from Next Door

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/45**

9. Why does the noise bother the woman so much?

A She sleeps during the day this week.
B She thought there had been an earthquake.
C She works from home in the mornings.
D Her house shakes when they are digging.

10. What are the neighbours doing to their house?

A turning the basement into an apartment
B adding a garage for extra cars
C repairing damage from an earthquake
D building a separate entrance for their family

11. What does the man say about the work hours?

A Work may only start at nine on weekdays.
B He has complained to the city about them.
C The workers are following the rules.
D The builders started earlier than allowed.

12. What can we infer about the woman?

A She has already spoken to Pavel about the noise.
B She has bought earplugs for the week.
C She overlooked a message from the neighbour.
D She plans to stay in a hotel.

13. What will the woman probably do?

A call the city about the start times
B ask Pavel to plan the noisy work around her
C switch to day shifts at the hospital
D look for the letter in her recycling

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Evening Courses at the College

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/45**

14. Why does the man want to take a course?

A His wife will no longer keep the accounts.
B He wants to become a professional bookkeeper.
C He is starting a new business.
D His association requires training.

15. Why does the man prefer the classroom section?

A His schedule is hard to predict.
B He does not own a computer.
C He doubts he would stay focused alone.
D It is cheaper than the online version.

16. What is included in the $480 fee?

A the spreadsheet course
B the online placement test
C membership in the association
D the course book

17. What is the man unsure about?

A whether he can attend on Saturdays
B whether bookkeeping will help his business
C whether his wife will still help him
D whether his computer skills are good enough

18. Why are December Saturdays convenient for the man?

A The college gives a discount then.
B His wife can run the business then.
C His work is slow in winter.
D The classes are offered online then.

19. Why does the woman want him to do the test by the end of November?

A The spreadsheet course starts in November.
B The link in her email will expire.
C Tax receipts are sent out then.
D Space in the class is limited.

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Lost Dog Found Far from Home

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/45**

20. Juniper ran away because she was

A chasing a passing truck down the road.
B frightened by bad weather.
C searching for food.
D following another dog.

21. Rick Sorensen got the dog to come to him by

A calling out her name from the cab.
B scanning her microchip.
C offering her something to eat.
D showing her a poster.

22. Rick Sorensen's request about the reward suggests that he

A wanted the clinic to be paid first.
B did not help the dog for personal gain.
C felt the reward was too small.
D planned to adopt a shelter dog.

23. The veterinarian's report suggests that Juniper

A coped well with her time away.
B had travelled the whole way on foot.
C needed weeks of treatment at the clinic.
D had been fed by other drivers.

24. We can infer that the Lachances' daughter

A helped make the reunion possible.
B found Juniper near Williams Lake herself.
C works at the animal shelter.
D trained Juniper to herd sheep.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Planning a Spring Clean-up

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/45**

25. What is the main purpose of the discussion?

A to plan the school's fun fair
B to improve on last year's event
C to choose a prize for the best find
D to decide how many gloves to order

26. According to Brenda, what was the main problem last year?

A The park was still covered in snow.
B Too few people took part.
C They ran out of coffee for volunteers.
D It was held too late in the spring.

27. Why does Brenda object to the first weekend of May?

A Another local event is already planned.
B Many families will be at their cottages.
C The snow may not have melted yet.
D Her daughter has a school trip that day.

28. What does Carlos suggest?

A moving the clean-up to the afternoon
B asking the school to change its date
C holding the clean-up on a weekday
D linking the clean-up to the fair

29. Why does Aisha mention her sister?

A to suggest holding the clean-up in Guelph
B to show how dirty the ditches can get
C to share a way to attract more volunteers
D to ask her sister to donate a prize

30. What does Brenda mean when she says "Sixty is a big if"?

A She thinks sixty volunteers is too many.
B She doubts that many people will come.
C She believes an hour and a half is enough.
D She wants to order sixty pairs of gloves.

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31. What can be inferred about the fair committee?

A They have agreed to the joint event.

B They may resist changes to their day.

C They will ask the hardware store for prizes.

D They are in charge of the city form.

32. What is the best subject line for a follow-up email to the group?

A Clean-up at the fair? Waiting to hear

B Clean-up confirmed for the third Saturday in April

C Sixty volunteers signed up for May

D Hardware store will donate prizes

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Banning Gas Leaf Blowers

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/45**

33. The report is mainly about

A the dangers of two-stroke engines.
B the price of commercial batteries.
C whether a common tool should be phased out.
D complaints from suburban homeowners.

34. Marco Silva's main concern is

A the noise his workers are exposed to.
B the pollution from his company's trucks.
C the poor quality of battery machines.
D what switching would cost small firms.

35. According to Naomi Fraser, the noise mostly harms

A homeowners in the suburbs.
B people who use the machines.
C children playing in nearby parks.
D employees in nearby offices.

36. Why does Silva mention charging stations?

A to show how far battery technology has come
B to describe equipment he has already bought
C to show why the change would be expensive
D to argue that batteries are unsafe in trucks

37. Naomi Fraser would most likely agree that

A professionals should keep gas blowers.
B rebates waste public money.
C battery blowers are still unreliable.
D a three-year delay is too long.

38. The speaker's view of rebates and transition periods is

A skeptical.
B indifferent.
C approving.
D hostile.

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
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Answer key

Part 1: Returning a Winter Coat

1 A Her coat is wearing out too soon.

2 A She has waited too long.

3 D The man will ask someone for approval.

4 A Her colour isn't in stock in her size.

5 B The alternatives are inconvenient.

6 D She may need it for a future claim.

7 B Its coverage lasts longer.

8 D Picture D

Part 2: Noise from Next Door

9 A She sleeps during the day this week.

10 A turning the basement into an apartment

11 C The workers are following the rules.

12 C She overlooked a message from the neighbour.

13 B ask Pavel to plan the noisy work around her

Part 3: Evening Courses at the College

14 A His wife will no longer keep the accounts.

15 C He doubts he would stay focused alone.

16 D the course book

17 D whether his computer skills are good enough

18 C His work is slow in winter.

19 D Space in the class is limited.

Part 4: Lost Dog Found Far from Home

20 B frightened by bad weather.

21 C offering her something to eat.

22 B did not help the dog for personal gain.

23 A coped well with her time away.

24 A helped make the reunion possible.

Part 5: Planning a Spring Clean-up

25 B to improve on last year's event

26 B Too few people took part.

27 A Another local event is already planned.

28 D linking the clean-up to the fair

29 C to share a way to attract more volunteers

30 B She doubts that many people will come.

31 B They may resist changes to their day.

32 A Clean-up at the fair? Waiting to hear

Part 6: Banning Gas Leaf Blowers

33 C whether a common tool should be phased out.

34 D what switching would cost small firms.

35 B people who use the machines.

36 C to show why the change would be expensive

37 D a three-year delay is too long.

38 C approving.

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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: Returning a Winter Coat

Section 1

MAN: Good afternoon. How can I help you?

WOMAN: Hi. So, I bought this coat here about, um, five weeks ago? And look at this. The zipper's come apart at the bottom, and now this seam under the arm is starting to split. I've worn it maybe ten times.

MAN: Oh, that's not good. Do you have your receipt?

WOMAN: Not the paper one. I think I have an email confirmation on my phone… no, wait, that was for the boots. Sorry. I paid with my debit card, if that helps.

MAN: That's fine, I can look it up with the card. Just tap it here… There we go. A down parka, $240, bought on November third. Our return window is thirty days, so for a refund you're about a week too late.

WOMAN: A week? But it fell apart. I'm not bringing it back because I changed my mind.

MAN: No, I understand, that's different. A defect is covered by the manufacturer for a full year. What I can do is send it back to them for repair or replacement. That usually takes three to four weeks, though.

WOMAN: Three to four weeks? It's minus twenty out there. What am I supposed to wear in the meantime, my raincoat?

MAN: Let me see what I can do. My supervisor can sometimes make an exception. Can you wait here a few minutes?

Section 2

MAN: Okay, good news. My supervisor agrees it's a defect, so we don't need to send it away. You can exchange it for a new one today. Same coat.

WOMAN: Oh, great. Thank you.

MAN: The only thing is, we're out of your size in black. We've got it in navy, or in that, um, sort of mustard yellow.

WOMAN: Mustard. Hmm. Honestly, I'd rather have black. Is there another store that—

MAN: —might have one? Let me check. Yes, our Southgate location shows two. I could have one held for you there, or shipped here, which takes about five days.

WOMAN: Southgate's all the way across the city, and I don't drive. And five more days… You know what, I'll just take the navy. It's close enough.

Section 3

MAN: Here you go. Try it on, just to be sure.

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WOMAN: Okay… the sleeves feel a little long, but I suppose that's fine with mitts.

MAN: Same size as your old one. Now, I'd hang on to this receipt this time. If anything happens with this coat, it's covered too, and the year starts again from today.

WOMAN: From today? Oh. So I actually come out ahead.

MAN: You could say that. And for the trouble, my supervisor asked me to give you this. It's twenty percent off your next purchase, good until the end of January.

WOMAN: Twenty percent… well, my son's been asking for new winter boots. He's grown two sizes.

MAN: The kids' department is on the second floor, right by the escalator. They actually got a big delivery this morning.

WOMAN: Then I'd better get up there before it's all picked over. Thanks. You've been really patient with me.

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Part 2: Noise from Next Door

MAN: Morning, Gail. You look about as tired as I feel.

WOMAN: Oh, don't even start. Was that a jackhammer at seven-fifteen this morning? I'm on nights at the hospital this week, so I'd been asleep for maybe an hour when it started. For a second I honestly thought it was an earthquake.

MAN: Not a jackhammer, a concrete saw. They're cutting up the old basement floor at the Novaks'. Apparently they're putting in a whole suite down there, with its own entrance and everything, to rent out.

WOMAN: A rental suite? So after all this noise, we get more cars on the street too. Wonderful. Isn't there some rule about how early they can start? I'm sure I read something about that.

MAN: There is, but it's seven on weekdays, so technically they're fine. Weekends it's nine. I looked it up last night, actually, because, well, I was about to call the city myself.

WOMAN: Seven? Who decided that? Okay, so how long is this going to go on? Did anyone say?

MAN: I talked to Pavel on Sunday. He was pretty apologetic, actually. He says the loud part, the cutting and the digging, should be done by the end of next week. After that it's mostly inside work, framing and drywall, which is a lot quieter.

WOMAN: The end of next week. Okay, that I can maybe survive. I just wish somebody had warned us. I'd have bought earplugs. Or booked a hotel.

MAN: Well, that's the thing, he did. He put a letter in everyone's mailbox about a month ago, with the dates and his phone number.

WOMAN: He did? Oh. I think… hmm. I might have thrown that out with the flyers. That's a bit embarrassing.

MAN: Ha. Look, if it helps, Pavel told me to just text him if there's a day somebody really needs quiet. He said they can move the noisy jobs around a bit.

WOMAN: Seriously? Then he's hearing from me today. I'm on nights until Friday.

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Part 3: Evening Courses at the College

WOMAN: Good afternoon, Riverside College, continuing education. This is Monique.

MAN: Hi, yes, I'm hoping you can help me. I'm looking at your evening courses, and I'm kind of lost on the website. I'm interested in bookkeeping. I've run a small landscaping business for six years, and my wife's always done the books, but she's going back to work full-time in January, so, well, it's my turn.

WOMAN: Okay, then you'd want to start with Bookkeeping Fundamentals. That's Monday and Wednesday evenings, six-thirty to nine, for ten weeks. There's also an online version, if your schedule's unpredictable.

MAN: No, no, I'd rather be in a room with people. If I try to learn this stuff alone at my kitchen table at eleven at night, I know exactly what'll happen. I'll fall asleep on the keyboard.

WOMAN: Ha, you wouldn't be the first. Okay. The in-person section starts January thirteenth, and the fee is $480, which includes the textbook. Now, I should mention there's a requirement. You'd need a basic spreadsheet course first, or to show you already have those skills.

MAN: Spreadsheets. Hmm. I mean, I use them for quotes and things, but I sort of… figure it out as I go. I don't know if that counts.

WOMAN: It might. There's a short online test, about thirty minutes. If you pass, we waive the requirement. If not, the spreadsheet course is four Saturday mornings in December, so you'd still be ready for January.

MAN: Okay, that's not bad. Saturdays in December are dead for me anyway. Nobody wants their hedges trimmed in a snowstorm. Oh, and is there any help with the cost? Since it's for the business?

WOMAN: Not from us directly. But since it's job-related training, you can usually claim it on your income tax. We send everyone a tax receipt in February. And I'd check with your industry association. Some of them cover part of the fee for members.

MAN: Oh, I'm in the landscapers' association. I'll ask them. So what do I do first? The test?

WOMAN: Yes. I'll email you the link right now. Try to do it before the end of November, though. The in-person class only has twenty-four seats, and it usually fills by early December.

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Part 4: Lost Dog Found Far from Home

NARRATOR: A family in Prince George, British Columbia, has been reunited with their border collie, nearly three weeks after she vanished during a thunderstorm and was discovered more than two hundred kilometres away. Juniper, a four-year-old herding dog, bolted from the family's backyard on August ninth, apparently terrified by the thunder. Despite long searches, hundreds of posters and countless online appeals, the Lachance family had reluctantly begun to lose hope. Then, last Tuesday, a long-haul trucker named Rick Sorensen noticed a thin, exhausted dog wandering near a highway rest stop outside Williams Lake and coaxed her into his cab with half a sandwich. A veterinary clinic scanned the microchip implanted beneath her skin and immediately contacted the family. Veterinarian Lisa Oduya says Juniper was dehydrated and had lost a lot of weight, but was otherwise remarkably healthy. Experts remain uncertain whether the dog travelled the entire distance on foot or hitched an unintended ride in a vehicle. The Lachances, who registered the chip only months ago at their daughter's insistence, now describe themselves as passionate advocates for microchipping. They have also offered Sorensen the reward they had promised, but he has requested that it be donated to the local animal shelter instead.

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Part 5: Planning a Spring Clean-up

Aisha: So, the clean-up. If we want the city to drop off bins and gloves, the form's due on the first, which is, what, ten days from now?

Carlos: Right. And last year we did it the third Saturday in April, which was way too early. Half the park was still under snow. We spent the morning chipping ice off the benches.

Brenda: That's not really what I remember. What I remember is the turnout. We had, what, fifteen people? For a whole neighbourhood?

Carlos: Twelve. I counted the coffees.

Aisha: Okay, so two problems. The date, and getting people out. For the date, what about the first weekend of May? The snow's long gone by then, and it's before everyone disappears to the cottage.

Brenda: May fourth is the school's fun fair, though. My daughter's on the committee. They've had it booked since September. We'd be competing with half the families on the street.

Carlos: Or… we don't compete. We join them. What if the clean-up is the morning of the fair, and it finishes at the school? People pick up litter on the way over, drop off their bags, and the kids go straight to the bouncy castle.

Aisha: Huh. That's actually kind of clever. The families are going there anyway.

Brenda: Except the fair opens at ten. If we start at eight-thirty, that's an hour and a half of cleaning. Can you really do a whole neighbourhood in an hour and a half?

Carlos: With twelve people, no. With sixty, easily.

Brenda: Sixty is a big if.

Aisha: Well, what gets people out in other places? My sister's street in Guelph gives a little prize for the weirdest thing anybody finds. Last year somebody pulled a bowling ball out of a ditch. The kids went wild. It was all over the community page for a week.

Carlos: I love that. We could ask the hardware store to donate something.

Brenda: Hmm, maybe. But I'd want to talk to the fair committee before we promise anything. If they think we're taking over their day, it'll get awkward. They're a bit… protective.

Aisha: Fair enough. Could you feel them out? Casually?

Brenda: I can try. My daughter will say I'm embarrassing her.

Carlos: And the city form?

Aisha: It asks for an expected number. If we put sixty and twelve show up…

Carlos: Then we've got a lot of spare gloves.

Brenda: Let's just see what the committee says first.

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Part 6: Banning Gas Leaf Blowers

NARRATOR: Few suburban sounds provoke as much irritation as the high-pitched whine of a gas-powered leaf blower. Now a growing number of Canadian municipalities are considering whether to silence it altogether. Several cities have already approved gradual bans, and councils from Halifax to Victoria are fielding petitions demanding the same. Supporters frame the issue as a matter of public health; opponents warn that well-intentioned rules could inflict genuine hardship on a small but essential industry.

NARRATOR: Naomi Fraser, an environmental health researcher in Ottawa, argues that the problem extends far beyond annoyance. Many older blowers rely on two-stroke engines, which burn fuel inefficiently and release a startling quantity of pollutants. Running one for an hour, she notes, can produce more emissions than driving a car several hundred kilometres. Fraser is equally concerned about noise. Homeowners may endure the racket for a few minutes, but the workers operating these machines are exposed for hours daily, frequently without adequate hearing protection. The newest battery models, she adds, are far quieter, and many people who have tried them say they would never go back. In her view, battery-powered alternatives have improved dramatically, and continuing to tolerate the old machines is simply indefensible.

NARRATOR: Marco Silva, who runs a landscaping company in Mississauga with eleven employees, finds such arguments persuasive in principle but naive in practice. Commercial battery equipment, he explains, costs several times as much as gas models, and a single battery seldom lasts through a full morning. In cold weather, he adds, they drain even faster, and his crews use the same blowers to clear snow from walkways until spring. To keep his crews working, he would need dozens of spare batteries and charging stations installed in his trucks, an investment he estimates at roughly $60,000. Larger firms might absorb that expense, he contends, but independent operators would be forced to raise prices or shut down. Silva insists he is not opposed to change; he simply wants a realistic timeline and some financial assistance.

NARRATOR: Some municipalities have, wisely, taken that concern seriously, offering rebates on commercial battery equipment and a transition period of three or four years. Fraser considers such delays excessive, though she grants that rebates are a reasonable gesture. Ultimately, the question may be less whether gas blowers disappear than how quickly, and who pays for their departure. Until that is settled, residents on every side of the debate will simply have to keep listening.

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