CELPIP Listening Practice Test 47

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

Rescheduling a Dog's Surgery

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/47**

1. Why does the man want to change the appointment?

A His dog seems to be walking better.
B He will be away on business.
C The surgeon is not working on Thursday.
D He was advised to wait three weeks.

2. What is the man most worried about?

A that he will lose the deposit he paid
B that Dr. Patel will refuse to do the surgery
C that he will miss the trade show
D that a delay could lead to a second injury

3. How does the woman try to help the man?

A She'll call him if a spot opens.
B She returns his deposit.
C She books him with another vet.
D She moves the surgery to a Tuesday.

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4. What does the woman offer the man?

A a Tuesday appointment with Dr. Patel
B an operation the next morning
C an earlier date with a different surgeon
D a discount for booking at the Langley clinic

5. What is the man's real reason for hesitating?

A He prefers a vet who knows his dog.
B He thinks the date clashes with his trip.
C He cannot prepare the dog by tomorrow.
D He has heard Dr. Okafor is inexperienced.

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6. What does the woman tell the man to bring when he picks up the dog?

A



B



C



D



7. What can we infer about the man?

A He lives close to the Langley clinic.

B He does not have his own vehicle.

C He plans to drive the dog there himself.

D He will collect the dog on Tuesday.

8. What will most likely happen next?

A The man will carry the dog upstairs.

B Dr. Okafor will phone the man right away.

C The surgeon will be asked about the stairs.

D The man will go back to the clinic to sign a form.

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

After a Pasta-Making Class

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/47**

9. What went wrong with the man's ravioli?

A He made the dough too thin.
B He did not let the dough rest.
C He cooked it for too long.
D It did not taste good.

10. What did the woman like most about the instructor?

A She let students start cooking right away.
B She taught them to make sauce.
C She explained the purpose of each step.
D She gave everyone a recipe by email.

11. What did the man wrongly assume about the bread course?

A that it started in November
B that it cost $240 for each person
C that the woman had not signed up yet
D that it was a one-time class

12. Why does the man say, "I see what this is"?

A He has worked out the total price.
B He suspects a hidden motive.
C He finally understands the email.
D He thinks the course is too expensive.

13. What will the man probably do next?

A register for the bread course today
B quit his hockey team for the winter
C look for a different cooking class on another night
D check with his teammates before deciding

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Part 3: Listening for Information

New Recycling Rules

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/47**

14. What does the woman suggest about the previous flyer?

A It gave the wrong information.
B Few people read it.
C It could not be recycled.
D It was sent out too late.

15. Why will plastic film no longer be accepted in the blue bin?

A It interferes with equipment at the plant.
B No company is willing to buy it.
C It makes the bins too heavy to lift.
D It is usually too dirty to be sorted with other recycling.

16. What does the woman say in response to the caller's concern?

A Bags can go in the garbage instead.
B Glass must now be kept separate.
C Residents will not be charged money.
D The rules begin in March.

17. What does the man imply about the tags?

A They will be ignored by most people.
B They should be handed out from January.
C They are too hard for people to understand.
D They could be more of a nuisance than a fine.

18. What will happen to a bin containing plastic bags in February?

A It will be left with a tag.
B It will be emptied as usual.
C Its owner will pay $100.
D It will be taken to a community centre.

19. Why is the city making the change now?

A The sorting plant has bought new machines.
B The old rules were fifteen years old.
C Buyers have become stricter.
D Glass has become too costly to recycle.

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Horse Rescued from a Frozen Pond

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/47**

20. Juniper ended up on the pond because

A she was startled by a tractor.
B her owner left a gate open.
C the ice looked thick enough.
D a gap in a fence let her wander off.

21. Chief Pruitt suggests that this rescue was

A unlike their usual training.
B a routine job for his volunteers.
C too risky to try again.
D slower than it should have been.

22. The firefighters reached the horse by

A driving a tractor onto the pond.
B breaking a path through the ice.
C pulling her out with ropes from shore.
D waiting for the ice to melt.

23. Residents are advised to

A keep horses indoors all winter.
B check their fences every autumn.
C leave such rescues to trained crews.
D call a veterinarian before the fire hall.

24. Brenda Kowalski is most likely feeling

A thankful.
B embarrassed.
C resentful toward her neighbour.
D anxious about Juniper's recovery.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Nurses Discuss a New Shift Schedule

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/47**

25. What is the main subject of the discussion?

A a shortage of nurses on their unit
B problems with the scheduling software
C a plan to change how long they work each day
D a new rule about patient handovers

26. Why does Fatima like the proposal?

A She wants to earn more overtime.
B Her childcare would be easier to arrange.
C She worked twelve-hour shifts before.
D She would commute less often.

27. What is Elena's main concern?

A collecting her daughter on time
B her husband's night schedule
C driving on the highway in winter
D mistakes made by tired nurses

28. Why does Hassan mention his previous hospital?

A to show he has more experience than the others
B to show that long shifts can be unsafe
C to explain why he left Regina
D to propose a three-month trial

29. How does Hassan respond to Fatima's point about handovers?

A He rejects it immediately.
B He asks her to prove it.
C He says it would make scheduling harder.
D He admits it has merit.

30. What does Fatima think of letting nurses choose their shifts?

A It would be difficult to organize.
B It would be easy with a computer.
C It is already done on their unit.
D It would help parents most.

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31. What is most likely true about Elena?

A She has accepted the new hours.

B She might change units.

C She would like to work nights.

D She finds Fatima hard to work with.

32. What would be the best subject line for their feedback to the manager?

A Full support for twelve-hour shifts

B Please keep eight-hour shifts

C Team divided: request for a short trial

D Complaint about holiday double-booking

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Replacing Tips with Higher Wages

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/47**

33. The report is mainly about

A rising menu prices in Halifax.
B why restaurant cooks often quit.
C how tipping prompts have spread to coffee counters.
D whether set pay should take the place of tips.

34. According to Daniel Okoye, the problem with tipping is that

A it costs diners too much.
B it has little to do with how well staff work.
C it favours cooks over servers.
D it drives customers to competitors.

35. Since Okoye stopped accepting tips,

A his staff have been staying longer.
B his menu prices have come down.
C his online reviews have been positive.
D his servers earn more on weekends.

36. Rachel Dunne implies that some restaurant owners

A cannot afford to raise wages.
B already pay their servers fairly.
C might keep money meant for their workers.
D should ban tipping at counters.

37. Rachel Dunne's attitude toward the reform is

A openly hostile and dismissive.
B sympathetic but unconvinced.
C cautiously supportive.
D indifferent.

38. The speaker's attitude toward abolishing tips is best described as

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

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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

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1 B He will be away on business.

2 D that a delay could lead to a second injury

3 A She'll call him if a spot opens.

4 C an earlier date with a different surgeon

5 A He prefers a vet who knows his dog.

6 A Picture A

7 B He does not have his own vehicle.

8 C The surgeon will be asked about the stairs.

Part 2: After a Pasta-Making Class

9 A He made the dough too thin.

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11 D that it was a one-time class

12 B He suspects a hidden motive.

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Part 3: New Recycling Rules

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19 C Buyers have become stricter.

Part 4: Horse Rescued from a Frozen Pond

20 D a gap in a fence let her wander off.

21 A unlike their usual training.

22 B breaking a path through the ice.

23 C leave such rescues to trained crews.

24 A thankful.

Part 5: Nurses Discuss a New Shift Schedule

25 C a plan to change how long they work each day

26 D She would commute less often.

27 A collecting her daughter on time

28 B to show that long shifts can be unsafe

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30 A It would be difficult to organize.

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Part 6: Replacing Tips with Higher Wages

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37 B sympathetic but unconvinced.

38 A skeptical.

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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: Rescheduling a Dog's Surgery

Section 1

WOMAN: Good morning. What can I do for you?

MAN: Hi. My dog's booked in for surgery on Thursday. Biscuit, the beagle? It's his knee. And, um, I need to move it.

WOMAN: Let me pull him up. Biscuit… yes, Thursday at eight with Dr. Patel. Is he okay?

MAN: Oh, he's the same, still hopping around on three legs. No, it's me. Work's sending me to a trade show in Winnipeg. I'm gone Wednesday to Saturday.

WOMAN: Ah. Okay. The thing is, Dr. Patel only operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and she's booked solid. The next opening I can see is… the twenty-eighth.

MAN: That's three weeks away. She told me the longer we wait, the more he leans on his other back leg, and then that knee could go too.

WOMAN: I understand. I'll move you to the twenty-eighth for now so you don't lose your place, and put you at the top of our cancellation list. People cancel more than you'd think. Your deposit just moves with the booking.

MAN: Okay. Thanks. Please call me the minute anything opens up.

Section 2

WOMAN: Hi, it's Megan from the clinic, about Biscuit?

MAN: Yes! That was quick. Did something open up?

WOMAN: Sort of. Not here, but our Langley clinic just had a cancellation for Tuesday at seven-thirty. Dr. Okafor would do it. He does a lot of knees.

MAN: Tuesday, as in tomorrow? I don't think I can get him ready by—

WOMAN: No, no, sorry, not tomorrow. Tuesday the fourteenth. A week from tomorrow.

MAN: Oh, okay. So after I'm back. Hmm. It's just, Dr. Patel already knows him. She did his X-rays and everything. I'd be starting over with a stranger.

WOMAN: That's fair. But the two clinics share all their records, so Dr. Okafor will see exactly what she saw. And honestly, spots like this are gone within the hour.

MAN: Right. Okay. Let's do it.

Section 3

MAN: So what do I need to do for Tuesday?

WOMAN: No food after ten the night before, but water's fine until morning. Drop-off is at seven-fifteen, and he'll stay overnight so they can keep an eye on his pain.

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MAN: Seven-fifteen in Langley. Hmm. The bus doesn't even run out there that early… I'll have to ask my sister. She's got a car, and she owes me one.

WOMAN: Good. When you pick him up Wednesday, bring a blanket for the back seat. He won't be jumping in by himself for a while. Six weeks of short walks on the leash.

MAN: Six weeks. He lives for the dog park.

WOMAN: They all do. And he'll go home with a cone, so he leaves the stitches alone.

MAN: Oh, he'll hate that. Um, and what about the stairs? We're on the third floor and there's no elevator.

WOMAN: Hmm, good question. That's really one for Dr. Okafor. He's in surgery right now, but I'll leave him a note. Oh, and since it's a new surgeon, I'm emailing you a consent form. Just sign it before Tuesday.

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Part 2: After a Pasta-Making Class

MAN: So? Be honest. Was my ravioli the worst you've ever eaten, or just the worst one in the room?

WOMAN: Oh, stop. It tasted great. It just looked a bit, um, like it had been through a storm. Half your filling ended up floating around in the pot.

MAN: I know. I think I overdid the rolling. She kept telling us the dough should be thin enough to almost see your hand through it, so I kept going until I could actually see my whole hand through it.

WOMAN: Ha. Well, I thought she was a fantastic teacher, honestly. She didn't just show us the steps, she told us what each one was for. Like why you let the dough rest for half an hour. I've been cooking pasta out of a box for twenty years and never knew any of that.

MAN: Yeah, she was good. I'd have liked more time at the stove, though. We spent the first hour basically watching her, and by the time we got our hands on anything, I was starving.

WOMAN: That's fair. Anyway, I've signed up for the next one already. It's bread, sourdough and focaccia, starting the second week of November.

MAN: Starting? Wait, it's more than one evening?

WOMAN: Four Thursdays. Didn't you read the email? It's $240 for all four, but if you register with a friend, you each get $40 off.

MAN: Oh, I see what this is. You're not inviting me, you're after the discount.

WOMAN: Okay, partly. But it was fun cooking together, wasn't it? You were the only person who laughed when my sauce caught fire. Everyone else just stared at me like I'd done it on purpose.

MAN: Someone had to. Look, Thursdays are tricky. I've got hockey every other week, and the team's already short a goalie. Let me talk to the guys first and see if they can cover for me. Bread doesn't need rolling, anyway, so I can't really wreck it.

WOMAN: Oh, you'd be amazed what you can wreck.

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Part 3: New Recycling Rules

MAN: Welcome back. If you live in Kingston, you've probably found a bright yellow flyer in your mailbox this week about recycling. Here to explain what's changing is the city's recycling coordinator, Diane Bowers. Thanks for coming in.

WOMAN: Happy to be here. And yes, sorry about the yellow. We really wanted people to look at it this time. The last flyer, well, I suspect most of them went straight into the blue bin unopened. Which, to be fair, is where they belonged.

MAN: Ha. So, what's the biggest change?

WOMAN: Starting January second, plastic bags and plastic film, so things like bread bags, bubble wrap, the wrap around a pack of paper towels, can no longer go in the blue bin. They get tangled in the sorting machines at our plant. Our crew has to stop the line twice a day and cut bags out of the gears by hand.

MAN: So where do they go? Into the—

WOMAN: Not the garbage, please. We're putting drop-off bins at all four community centres, and a few grocery stores have agreed to take them too. That material is actually worth something, but only if it's clean and collected separately.

MAN: Okay. Now, a lot of listeners have called in worried about fines. One caller said she'd heard it was a hundred dollars if you get it wrong.

WOMAN: I've heard that rumour too, and I really want to clear it up. Nobody is getting fined. What happens is, if a collector opens your bin and sees bags or film, they'll leave a tag explaining the problem, and they won't empty it that week. You sort it out, and it gets picked up next time.

MAN: Hmm. Honestly, some people might rather pay the hundred dollars. Two weeks of recycling piling up in the garage…

WOMAN: Fair point, and that's exactly why we're not tagging anyone until March. January and February are a learning period. Collectors will leave a friendly reminder, but they'll still empty the bin.

MAN: And glass? I've heard glass is changing too.

WOMAN: Not yet. We're studying that for next year, so for now glass goes exactly where it always has.

MAN: Last question. Why now? We've recycled the same way for, what, fifteen years?

WOMAN: Basically, the companies that buy our materials have become much fussier. Last spring a buyer sent back an entire truckload of paper because there was too much plastic mixed in, and that cost the city about forty thousand dollars. So if we don't clean things up, it's taxpayers who end up paying.

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Part 4: Horse Rescued from a Frozen Pond

NARRATOR: A twelve-year-old mare named Juniper is recuperating in her stable this week after a dramatic rescue by volunteer firefighters near Lacombe, Alberta. The horse apparently slipped through a broken section of fencing on Sunday evening and ventured onto a neighbouring pond, where the ice gave way beneath her. Her owner, Brenda Kowalski, discovered her roughly an hour later, submerged up to her neck and visibly exhausted. Kowalski's frantic call brought eleven volunteers to the scene within twenty minutes. Firefighters in insulated survival suits smashed a channel through the ice toward the shore, while a local farmer positioned his tractor at the water's edge. Using wide straps looped beneath the animal's belly, the crew gradually hauled her onto solid ground. A veterinarian then treated Juniper for hypothermia, wrapping her in heated blankets for several hours. Fire Chief Darren Pruitt noted that his volunteers rehearse ice rescues every winter, but conceded that the exercises typically involve people, not a twelve-hundred-pound animal. He cautioned residents never to venture onto ice to save an animal themselves. Kowalski, who has since repaired the fence, says she intends to bake cookies for the entire fire hall.

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Part 5: Nurses Discuss a New Shift Schedule

Fatima: So, did everyone get a chance to read the manager's proposal? I printed it out, if anyone wants a copy with coffee stains on it.

Hassan: I read it twice. Twelve-hour shifts, three days a week, starting in January. I'll be honest, my first reaction was no.

Fatima: Really? My first reaction was finally. I drive in from Mission every day. Three days instead of five means two fewer trips on that highway, and in winter that's not nothing.

Elena: I get that. But have you looked at the times? Seven to seven-thirty. My daughter's daycare closes at six. I can't exactly leave her on the doorstep.

Fatima: Couldn't your husband do pick-up on those days?

Elena: He works nights at the airport. So, no.

Hassan: And it's not just childcare. I worked twelves at my last hospital, in Regina. The last couple of hours, people are running on fumes. Our manager there kept track of medication errors, and most of them happened after hour ten. They went back to eights within a year.

Fatima: Okay, but that's one hospital. Plenty of places run twelves and do just fine. And think about handovers. We'd go from three a day to two. Every handover is a chance for something to get missed.

Hassan: That's… actually a fair point. I hadn't looked at it that way.

Elena: What if it isn't all or nothing? Some units let people choose. Whoever wants twelves takes them, and the rest stay on eights.

Fatima: Mixing them would make the schedule a nightmare, though. Whoever does the scheduling would—

Hassan: —quit, probably. Yes.

Elena: Well, it's all done on the computer now, isn't it? It can't be that much harder.

Fatima: You'd be surprised. Last time they changed one little rule, half of us got double-booked over Christmas.

Hassan: Oh, don't remind me.

Elena: So what do we tell her? She wants our feedback by Friday.

Fatima: I'd say we tell her we're split. And maybe ask for a trial, say three months, on our unit only.

Hassan: A trial's fine, as long as somebody's actually counting the errors this time. Not just handing out a survey asking if we're happy.

Elena: And as long as there's some answer for people with kids. Otherwise, I don't know. I might have to look at day surgery. They don't do twelves.

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Fatima: You wouldn't really leave us, Elena?

Elena: I'd rather not. Let's just see what she says.

Part 6: Replacing Tips with Higher Wages

NARRATOR: Few customs provoke as much quiet resentment as the restaurant tip. Diners grumble that the suggested percentages on payment terminals keep creeping upward, and that they are now prompted to tip for a takeout coffee they practically served themselves. A small but vocal movement argues that the practice has outlived its usefulness, and that restaurants should simply pay staff a decent wage and build the cost into menu prices. A handful of restaurants have already taken the plunge, with decidedly mixed results. Opponents warn that abolishing tips could leave the very workers it claims to protect considerably worse off.

NARRATOR: Among the reformers is Daniel Okoye, who owns two bistros in Halifax and eliminated tipping three years ago. Menu prices rose by roughly eighteen percent, and every employee, including the dishwashers and line cooks who traditionally see little from the tip jar, now earns a guaranteed hourly rate. Okoye maintains that tipping is fundamentally arbitrary: a server's income may hinge on the weather or a customer's mood rather than on the quality of the service. Since the switch, he says, staff turnover has fallen dramatically, and he no longer loses experienced cooks to competitors. He concedes, though, that the first year was precarious. Customers noticed the higher prices before reading the explanation at the bottom of the menu, and several online reviewers accused him of gouging.

NARRATOR: Veteran server Rachel Dunne, who has worked in Toronto restaurants for nineteen years, considers the reform well-intentioned but misguided. On a busy Saturday, she points out, a skilled server can earn several times the minimum wage in tips, and she doubts any owner would voluntarily match that. In her view, tips reward effort in a way a fixed wage never could; the server who remembers a regular's allergy deserves more than one who forgets the water. Dunne also observes, with some justification, that when tips are folded into prices, the money passes through the owner's hands first, and not every owner is as conscientious as Okoye. She does agree, however, that tipping prompts at counters have become excessive.

NARRATOR: Ultimately, the dispute may be less about generosity than about trust. Diners want to know where their money goes, and servers want assurance that reform won't quietly shrink their paycheques. Okoye now posts his staff's hourly wages on his website, a gesture Dunne grudgingly calls a step in the right direction. But until most owners can offer that assurance, the humble tip seems likely to endure.

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