CELPIP Listening Practice Test 51

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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

A Cracked Phone Screen

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/51**

1. What does the man expect when he arrives?

A to add the phone to his wife's plan
B to trade the phone in for a tablet
C to have the damage fixed at no cost
D to buy a stronger screen for his phone

2. Why does the woman think the claim might be accepted?

A There is no sign the phone was hit.
B The phone is on a family plan.
C The crack has stopped getting longer.
D Cracked glass is always covered.

3. What will the man probably do soon?

A send photos to the manufacturer
B stop using the touchscreen
C bring in his wife's documents
D make copies of his pictures

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4. How does the man react to the manufacturer's decision?

A He accepts it without complaint.
B He rejects their reasoning.
C He blames the woman for the delay.
D He admits he must have dropped the phone.

5. Why is an appeal a problem for the man?

A The dent is too small to prove anything.
B He would have to pay a fee to appeal.
C He is leaving town for three weeks.
D His work depends on being reachable.

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6. What does the woman offer the man?

A a device to use for now
B a newer model at a discount
C a free screen repair at the store
D a refund of the cost of his phone

7. What is likely true about repairing the screen at the store now?

A It would cost about the same as the loaner deposit.
B It would take about three weeks.
C The manufacturer would then refuse to pay.
D It would require photo ID.

8. What did the man leave in his van?

A



B



C



D



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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Training for a Half Marathon

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/51**

9. What does the man misunderstand at first?

A which knee is hurting
B the city where the race is held
C how often she trains with her sister
D the length of her race

10. What does the man think caused her knee pain?

A walking down stairs at the office
B running more often than her plan says
C using an app that pushes her too hard
D trying to keep up with much faster runners

11. Why is the woman unsure about joining the club?

A She fears she would hold others up.
B She would rather train with her sister.
C She cannot run on Sunday mornings.
D She prefers to follow her app alone.

12. Why does the man say the slowest group is the chattiest?

A to warn her that the group talks too much
B to suggest that she should speed up
C to persuade her she would enjoy it
D to explain why he runs with that group

13. What does the woman's last word suggest?

A She has already seen a doctor.
B She may not follow his advice completely.
C She plans to drop out of the race.
D She will train with her sister in Halifax instead.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Planning a Train Trip Across Canada

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/51**

14. Why does the woman advise against the cheapest ticket?

A It is usually sold out by June.
B It costs nearly as much as a cabin.
C It is hard to rest properly.
D It does not include any guided tours.

15. What can we infer from the man's comment about lottery winners?

A He expects to win some money soon.
B He wants the cheapest ticket possible.
C He would like a private shower.
D He finds the best cabin too costly.

16. What does the woman suggest about travelling in June?

A There may not be many places left.
B Tour groups get a special discount.
C It is the best month to see the Rockies.
D Trains do not stop in Jasper then.

17. Why does the woman recommend travelling west?

A The westbound train is less expensive.
B More of the mountains are seen in daylight.
C The train stops longer in Winnipeg.
D It runs more often than the eastbound train.

18. What does the man suggest about his cousin?

A He lives close to the Rockies.
B He might join them on the train.
C He has invited them to stay for a whole week.
D He would rather not stay long with him.

19. What will the woman do next?

A send him some cost estimates
B book two sleeper cabins for June
C phone his wife to discuss dates
D reserve a stop in Winnipeg

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Farmers' Market Moves Indoors

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/51**

20. Organizers agreed to the move mainly because

A the city offered to pay for heating the building.
B regular shoppers were going elsewhere in winter.
C vendors had demanded a change for years.
D the parking lot was being sold.

21. Until now, the market has

A been held in a warehouse.
B been run by the city.
C operated only part of the year.
D charged vendors nothing for their stalls.

22. Some vendors are concerned that

A older customers may find it hard to get there.
B stall rent will more than double.
C the building is too cold for food.
D the new site will have no parking.

23. Kowalski's response to the vendors shows that she is

A unaware of the problem.
B planning to lower the rent.
C dismissive of their complaints.
D willing to look for a solution.

24. We can infer that the indoor market

A will stay open through the summer months as well.
B will soon need a larger building.
C may not continue beyond this winter.
D has been popular for many years.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Choosing a Uniform Supplier

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/51**

25. What is the main purpose of the discussion?

A to pick a company to make the club's kits
B to set next year's registration fees
C to find a sponsor for the referees
D to plan the first game of the season

26. What did Marcus misunderstand about the online quote?

A how many kits it was for
B when the kits would arrive
C which company had sent it
D what its price included

27. Why does Olivia mention players who register late?

A to argue that the club should raise its registration fees
B to show a weakness in the online company's terms
C to suggest buying extra kits in advance
D to complain about how last season was run

28. What does Olivia's sample suggest?

A The online kits run too large.
B The online company delivers quickly.
C The cheaper kits may not hold their shape.
D Youth sizes are hard to order.

29. Why is Marcus worried about higher kit costs?

A Families might leave the club.
B The club has already spent its budget.
C Shipping costs keep going up.
D The referees need new shirts too.

30. How does Marcus feel about putting a logo on the sleeves?

A excited
B reluctant
C offended
D indifferent

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31. What does Nadia point out about fees?

A They were lowered last year.

B They should pay for the kits.

C They are lower than other clubs'.

D They might not have to rise.

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

A Online kits ordered for April

B Registration fees going up

C Kit quotes: comparing the full costs

D New sleeve sponsor confirmed

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Homework in Elementary School

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/51**

33. According to Marianne Dubois, homework for young children

A should be limited to ten minutes.
B has little proven academic value.
C is most useful for arithmetic.
D should be checked by parents.

34. Dubois believes homework increases inequality because

A wealthier schools assign more of it.
B some teachers grade it unfairly.
C some children do not read at home.
D not every child gets help at home.

35. Lam mentions report cards to suggest that

A without homework, parents may learn of problems too late.
B grades will drop if homework is banned.
C report cards should be sent home to parents more often.
D teachers already give parents enough information.

36. Lam would most likely agree that

A homework should begin only in high school.
B children need more time with teachers.
C too much homework can do harm.
D parents should help with every assignment.

37. The report suggests that the two educators

A both want homework banned.
B both oppose daily reading.
C have already reached a compromise on homework.
D disagree less than it first appears.

38. The speaker's attitude toward a complete ban is

A doubtful.
B supportive.
C indifferent.
D outraged.

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
9 _____	10 _____	11 _____	12 _____
13 _____	14 _____	15 _____	16 _____
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21 _____	22 _____	23 _____	24 _____
25 _____	26 _____	27 _____	28 _____
29 _____	30 _____	31 _____	32 _____
33 _____	34 _____	35 _____	36 _____
37 _____	38 _____		

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Answer key

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1 C to have the damage fixed at no cost

2 A There is no sign the phone was hit.

3 D make copies of his pictures

4 B He rejects their reasoning.

5 D His work depends on being reachable.

6 A a device to use for now

7 C The manufacturer would then refuse to pay.

8 B Picture B

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9 D the length of her race

10 B running more often than her plan says

11 A She fears she would hold others up.

12 C to persuade her she would enjoy it

13 B She may not follow his advice completely.

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14 C It is hard to rest properly.

15 D He finds the best cabin too costly.

16 A There may not be many places left.

17 B More of the mountains are seen in daylight.

18 D He would rather not stay long with him.

19 A send him some cost estimates

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20 B regular shoppers were going elsewhere in winter.

21 C operated only part of the year.

22 A older customers may find it hard to get there.

23 D willing to look for a solution.

24 C may not continue beyond this winter.

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25 A to pick a company to make the club's kits

26 D what its price included

27 B to show a weakness in the online company's terms

28 C The cheaper kits may not hold their shape.

29 A Families might leave the club.

30 B reluctant

31 D They might not have to rise.

32 C Kit quotes: comparing the full costs

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33 B has little proven academic value.

34 D not every child gets help at home.

35 A without homework, parents may learn of problems too late.

36 C too much homework can do harm.

37 D disagree less than it first appears.

38 A doubtful.

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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: A Cracked Phone Screen

Section 1

WOMAN: Hi there, what can I do for you?

MAN: Hi. Look at this. The whole screen's cracked, right from the corner.

WOMAN: Ouch. Did you drop it?

MAN: That's just it, I didn't. I put it down on the kitchen counter last night, and this morning there was this line. It's gotten longer since, too. It's still under warranty, so I figured you'd just swap the screen.

WOMAN: Well, the warranty covers faults in the phone itself. Cracked glass usually counts as accidental damage. Let me look up your purchase, though. Under your name?

MAN: Yeah, Steven Tran.

WOMAN: Hmm. I've got a Steven Tran, but he bought a tablet back in 2019.

MAN: Oh, wait, sorry, that's… Actually, the phone's on my wife's plan. Julie Tran.

WOMAN: There we go. Bought last November, so still inside the first year. And look, the crack starts by the charging port, but there's no chip, no mark at all. That can mean the frame is faulty.

MAN: So you can fix it?

WOMAN: Not me. I send photos to the manufacturer, and they decide, usually in a day or two. Meanwhile, I'd make sure everything on there is saved somewhere else. Cracks like this spread, and if the touchscreen stops responding…

MAN: Right. My daughter's whole first year is on here. Okay.

Section 2

MAN: Hi, it's Steven again. You left me a message?

WOMAN: Yes. So, I'm afraid the manufacturer turned down the claim. They found a small dent on the edge of the frame, here, so they say it was knocked against something.

MAN: A dent? Come on. That phone has been in a case since the day I got it. If there's a dent, it came that way.

WOMAN: I hear you, and honestly, I can barely see it. I can appeal, but that can take up to three weeks, and they keep the phone the whole time.

MAN: Three weeks? I'm an electrician. I run my own business. If clients can't reach me, they just call the next guy on the list.

WOMAN: Okay. There's one more thing I can try. Give me a minute.

Section 3

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WOMAN: Good news. We keep a few loaner phones for situations like this. I can put your SIM card in one today, so your number comes with you, and you keep it until the appeal is settled.

MAN: Oh, that would solve everything. What's the catch?

WOMAN: Just a $50 deposit, which you get back when you return it. It's an older model, mind you, and the screen's smaller.

MAN: As long as it rings. Actually, why don't I just pay you to fix the screen now and argue with them later?

WOMAN: You could, but once our technicians open it, the manufacturer won't look at it anymore. You'd pay for everything.

MAN: Got it. The loaner, then. And yes, I saved all my photos.

WOMAN: Good. So I'll just need a piece of photo ID for the deposit form.

MAN: Sure, it's in my— oh, no. My wallet's on the seat of my van. Two minutes.

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Part 2: Training for a Half Marathon

MAN: Morning, Rosa. You're walking a bit funny. Everything okay?

WOMAN: Oh, it's my knee. I've been training for the half marathon in Ottawa in May, my first one ever, and for the last week or so the outside of my right knee aches every time I go down the stairs.

MAN: Wait, you're doing the marathon? The whole forty-two kilometres?

WOMAN: No, no, half. Twenty-one. I'm ambitious, but I'm not crazy. I'm following one of those training apps. It tells you exactly how far to run each day, and when to rest.

MAN: And you're actually sticking to it? Because when I did my first half, I felt so good in the first month that I started adding extra runs. Three weeks later I could barely walk. My physiotherapist said almost every beginner injury comes from doing too much, too soon.

WOMAN: Well… I may have added a couple. The app only has me going three times a week, and that felt kind of lazy. I've been doing five.

MAN: There you go. Honestly, the rest days are part of the training. That's when your body actually gets stronger. Have you thought about joining a group? There's a running club near my place that meets every Sunday morning.

WOMAN: I've thought about it, but I'm really slow. I'd be the one everybody has to stop and wait for at every corner.

MAN: That's what I thought too. But they split up by speed, and the slowest group is usually the chattiest and the most fun. Nobody waits for anybody. And, well, it's a lot harder to skip a run when six people are expecting you.

WOMAN: That's true. My sister signed up for the race with me, but she lives in Halifax, so we just text each other our times. It's not quite the same as—

MAN: —having someone right there, yeah. Look, I'm going this Sunday. Come along, and if you hate it, you never have to come back. But get someone to look at that knee first.

WOMAN: Okay, okay. I'll book an appointment. And I'll go back to three runs a week. Mostly.

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Part 3: Planning a Train Trip Across Canada

WOMAN: Thanks for waiting. So you mentioned on the phone you're interested in the train across the country?

MAN: Yes. My wife and I are both retiring in June, and we've always talked about taking the train from Toronto to Vancouver. I read somewhere it takes about four days, but honestly, I don't know where to start.

WOMAN: Four nights, actually, if you go straight through. The first thing to decide is the kind of ticket. The cheapest is a reclining seat, but for four nights, most people find that pretty rough. You sleep sitting up, and the showers are shared with the whole car.

MAN: My back would never forgive me. What's the next step up?

WOMAN: A sleeper cabin. It's seats during the day, bunk beds at night, and your meals in the dining car are included. Then there's the top level, with a private shower, a bigger cabin, and guided tours at some of the stops. That's roughly double the sleeper price.

MAN: Double? Hmm. I think we'll leave that one for the lottery winners. So, the sleeper. How far ahead do we need to book?

WOMAN: Well, for June, you're already a little late, to be honest. The summer trains fill up months ahead, a lot of it with tour groups from overseas. If you're flexible, though, early September is lovely. Fewer families, the leaves are starting to turn, and there's usually an off-season discount.

MAN: September could work. My wife wants to see the Rockies more than anything. Do we go through them during the day?

WOMAN: Good question, because not every part of the trip is in daylight. Going west, you reach Jasper in the afternoon, so you'll see a lot of the mountains. Going east, some of the best scenery passes in the middle of the night. That's one reason I'd book you westbound.

MAN: And can we get off along the way? I've got a cousin in Winnipeg we haven't seen in years.

WOMAN: You can, but the train only runs twice a week, so if you get off, you're there for at least three or four days. Some people love that. Others start to feel a bit stuck.

MAN: Three days with my cousin… that might be two too many. Let me talk it over with my wife.

WOMAN: Of course. I'll put together prices for the sleeper, with and without Winnipeg, and email them to you tonight.

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Part 4: Farmers' Market Moves Indoors

NARRATOR: After twenty-three summers in the parking lot behind city hall, the Lethbridge Farmers' Market will spend its first winter indoors. Beginning in November, roughly forty vendors will relocate to a vacant hardware warehouse on the city's north side, which the municipality purchased last spring. Organizers had resisted the idea for years, citing the considerable expense of heating and renovating the building. What changed their minds, according to market manager Diane Kowalski, was a survey of regular customers, nearly two-thirds of whom admitted they did most of their shopping at supermarkets once the outdoor season ended in October. Vendors, many of whom depend heavily on market income, welcomed the announcement, though not unanimously. Several bakers and cheesemakers worry that the new location, which lacks convenient bus service, will discourage seniors who currently walk downtown. Kowalski acknowledges the concern and says the market is negotiating with the city's transit department about a temporary shuttle on Saturday mornings. Stall rent will rise modestly, from $30 to $45 per day, to cover utilities. Organizers stress the arrangement is experimental; if attendance disappoints, the market will simply return to its traditional seasonal schedule next year. The first indoor market opens on November eighth.

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Part 5: Choosing a Uniform Supplier

Nadia: Okay, the uniform order. If we want kits for the first game in April, we have to decide tonight, or pretty close to it. You've both seen the two quotes?

Marcus: I have, and honestly, I don't see much to discuss. The online company is $38 a kit. The local shop is $52. Multiply that by two hundred players and we're looking at, what, almost three thousand dollars' difference.

Olivia: Twenty-eight hundred. But it's not quite apples to apples, is it? The $38 doesn't include shipping, and there's an extra charge for every name on the back.

Marcus: Wait, shipping's extra? I thought that was the delivered price.

Olivia: Bottom of page two. Shipping is another four hundred, and names are $5 each.

Marcus: Okay, fine. That narrows it. It's still cheaper.

Nadia: What about timing? That's what worries me most.

Olivia: The online company says six to eight weeks. The shop says two. And here's the part I keep coming back to. Every season we get, what, fifteen or twenty kids who sign up late. With the online company, the smallest reorder is fifty kits. So those kids either wait two months or play in last year's shirts.

Marcus: Or we order a few extra at the start and keep them in a box.

Olivia: In which sizes, though? We'd be guessing.

Nadia: Did either of you actually get a sample?

Olivia: I did, from the online place. I put it through the wash twice, and, well, look at it. That used to be a youth large.

Marcus: Okay, that's… that's not great. But I have to think about registration fees. Last year we raised them by $20 and we lost families over it. If the kits cost more, the fees go up again.

Nadia: Not necessarily. Didn't the hardware store offer to sponsor something this year?

Marcus: They offered to pay for the referees' shirts. Not two hundred kits.

Olivia: So ask them for more, in exchange for their logo on the sleeve. Clubs do it all the time.

Marcus: Hmm. Maybe. I don't love turning our kids into walking billboards, but…

Nadia: I don't think we're settling this tonight. Can we at least agree that the number on page one isn't the real number?

Marcus: Fine. I'll give you that.

Olivia: And while you're thinking it over, take the sample home. Try it on your son.

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Part 6: Homework in Elementary School

NARRATOR: Few rituals of childhood are as universally resented as homework. For many Canadian families, the evening routine of worksheets, spelling lists and reading logs has become a nightly battle, and a growing chorus of parents and educators is asking whether children under twelve should be assigned any at all. Several school boards have already experimented with homework-free elementary classrooms, and the results have prompted vigorous debate. Proponents of reform insist that childhood has become overscheduled; skeptics counter that abandoning homework altogether would be an overreaction.

NARRATOR: Among the most vocal advocates of abolition is Marianne Dubois, a former grade four teacher who now trains new educators in Montreal. Dubois argues that the research linking homework to achievement is surprisingly thin for young children; the benefits, she contends, only become measurable in high school. Meanwhile, the costs are considerable. Children who have already spent six hours in class, she points out, need unstructured play, physical activity and sleep far more than another page of arithmetic. She also observes that many families, after long commutes and late dinners, have barely an hour together on weeknights. Dubois is particularly troubled by what she calls the homework gap. Children whose parents have time, education and a quiet kitchen table receive patient assistance, while others struggle alone, so assignments intended to reinforce learning end up magnifying inequality. Instead of worksheets, she recommends that families simply read together every evening.

NARRATOR: Not everyone is persuaded. Gregory Lam, principal of an elementary school in suburban Winnipeg, considers an outright ban an overcorrection. He readily concedes that excessive homework is counterproductive, and his school limits assignments to roughly ten minutes per grade level each night. But Lam maintains that modest, well-designed homework cultivates habits children cannot suddenly acquire at thirteen: organizing materials, managing time, and persevering when no teacher is standing beside them. He also notes, somewhat wryly, that homework is often the only window parents have into what their children are actually learning. Eliminate it, he warns, and many parents will discover their child's difficulties only when the report card arrives.

NARRATOR: Interestingly, the two educators agree on more than either might admit. Both reject the hour-long assignments that once seemed routine, and both regard daily reading as indispensable. Their disagreement concerns whether the small remainder is worth keeping. And given that Lam's ten-minute rule appears to deliver those habits without exhausting anyone, the most sensible reform may be not abolition, but moderation.

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