CELPIP Listening Practice Test 55

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

Altering a Suit for Graduation

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/55**

1. What is true about the suit?

A It was bought for the graduation.
B It was worn at the man's own wedding.
C It was first worn by someone else.
D It needs only a small repair.

2. What is the problem with shortening the sleeves from the bottom?

A A working detail would be lost.
B It would cost over a hundred dollars.
C It would take a full week to finish.
D The trousers would no longer match the jacket.

3. What will the man probably do next?

A pay for the shoulder alterations
B look for a cheaper tailor
C come back for the trousers on Wednesday
D check with the suit's owner

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4. What did the man learn from his brother?

A He wants the real buttonholes kept.
B The jacket no longer fits him.
C He offered to pay for the changes.
D He prefers the more expensive repair.

5. Why does the woman mention the stage and the photos?

A to suggest he hire a photographer
B to persuade him to buy a new jacket
C to remind him how soon the graduation ceremony is
D to explain when the tight fit would show

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6. What shoes will the man wear on Saturday?

A



B



C



D



7. What is likely true of the man?

A He wants the trousers shortened on Monday.

B He plans to buy dress shoes.

C He isn't bothered by small imperfections.

D He thinks the price is too high.

8. Why does the man give the woman extra money?

A He misunderstood how much the total was.

B He is grateful for the free work.

C He wants her to redo the hem.

D He is paying for a photo.

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Planning a Road Trip to the Rockies

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/55**

9. Why does the man want to break up the drive?

A He wants to see the dinosaur museum.
B He has to help his sister move.
C He would like to visit the woman's cousin.
D His back bothers him.

10. What did the man discover when he checked last night?

A The campground was almost full.
B Rooms in Banff would be hard to afford.
C The drive would take nine hours.
D It freezes at night in September.

11. What does the man's comment about the earlier camping trip suggest?

A He has doubts about camping.
B He would like to borrow her tent.
C He enjoyed sleeping in the car.
D He thinks the trip should be in summer.

12. Why does the woman want to stop in Calgary?

A to buy new sleeping bags
B to visit the dinosaur museum
C to pick up gear for the cold
D to split the long drive in half

13. What will most likely decide where they sleep in Banff?

A the weather forecast
B the price of a hotel room
C whether her cousin can lend a tent
D what time they leave Regina

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Enquiring about a Placement Test

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14. Why does the woman want to study French?

A to qualify for a better position
B to move to a bilingual city
C to help her children with schoolwork
D to prepare for a trip abroad

15. Why does the man encourage her to take the test?

A The beginner class is already full.
B Her employer requires a test score.
C It is free for all new students.
D She may know more than she expects.

16. What does the man say about changing groups?

A It costs an extra fee.
B It requires a second test.
C It can only be done early in the course.
D It is allowed at any point during the course.

17. Why will the woman do her interview on a Saturday?

A The online test is only on Saturdays.
B Her job keeps her busy on weekdays.
C The weekday times are already taken.
D She would rather speak in person.

18. What is true about the thirty-dollar fee?

A It is already included in the $480 course fee.
B It is paid after the interview.
C It is only charged to beginners.
D It is deducted if she enrols in a course.

19. What can we infer about the woman?

A She is a little nervous about being tested.
B She has already signed up for a class.
C She plans to wait until December.
D She lives close to the school.

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

A Teen's Free Bike Repair Stand

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/55**

20. Customers at the stand

A pay whatever amount they feel they can afford.
B pay nothing at all.
C pay for replacement pieces only.
D pay a small weekly fee.

21. The idea for the stand came after Owen

A was overcharged at a bike shop.
B had his own bike taken.
C found a bike at the dump.
D watched repair videos online.

22. Diane Leblanc suggests that Owen is

A quick but careless.
B popular with seniors.
C too young for the work.
D careful and thorough.

23. The bike shop owner's view of the stand

A became more positive over time.
B remained critical.
C was favourable right from the very start.
D depended on Owen's prices.

24. Owen learned to repair bikes mainly by

A following online tutorials.
B helping at a local bike shop.
C working on an old bike he found.
D taking a class at school.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

A Double-Booked Conference Room

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/55**

25. What is the main purpose of the discussion?

A to plan the nurses' spring workshop
B to sort out a booking conflict
C to fix the hotel's booking software
D to win a new corporate client

26. Why does Mateo mention the software update?

A to blame IT for losing a client
B to suggest replacing the system
C to show he had read the contract
D to explain how the error happened

27. Why does Paula mention that the association has come for eight years?

A to show that the group is also valuable to the hotel
B to suggest they could book a different date
C to prove the room is too small
D to complain about the organizer

28. What is the problem with the Birch Room for the software group?

A It is too small for forty people.
B It is in the basement.
C It gets little daylight.
D It is next to a noisy parking lot.

29. Why does Paula reject the idea of the folding wall?

A Sound would carry between the groups.
B The nurses need the whole room.
C The wall is broken.
D The software group needs windows.

30. Why does Rosa reject Mateo's idea about the hotel across the street?

A The other hotel is fully booked.
B They would lose the thirty guest rooms as well.
C The nurses would refuse to move.
D The hotel could lose the client for good.

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31. What can we tell about Rosa?

A She has decided the nurses should move to the Birch Room.

B She wants more information before deciding.

C She blames Mateo for the mistake.

D She has already contacted IT.

32. What is the best subject line for the email Mateo will send Rosa?

A Cancelling the nurses' spring workshop

B Complaint about the booking software

C Costs of options for Thursday

D Dinner cruise plans for Friday

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Delivery Drones in the City

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/55**

33. The report as a whole suggests that drone delivery in cities

A is held back mainly by its environmental costs.
B would succeed only where residents have yards.
C depends less on the technology than on how it is governed.
D has already proven itself in remote communities.

34. How does Okafor respond to the environmental argument for drones?

A She grants it but does not find it decisive.
B She says the trials were too limited to judge it.
C She argues that vans could be made cleaner instead.
D She claims the energy figures are misleading.

35. Why does Haddad mention complaints about startled dogs?

A to show that the trials disturbed local pets
B to suggest the feared dangers have not appeared
C to argue that noise matters more than privacy
D to explain why drones avoid residential yards

36. What does Okafor imply about the people who would benefit most from drone delivery?

A They mostly live in high-rise buildings.
B They are largely housebound seniors.
C They would be the first to complain about noise.
D They are already well served.

37. Okafor mentions ride-hailing apps to suggest that

A companies often act before the rules are settled.
B flight corridors would not reduce the noise.
C drones should carry only prescriptions.
D delivery firms should be treated like taxis.

38. The speaker's attitude toward the drone industry appears to be

A openly hostile.
B mildly skeptical.
C warmly supportive.
D entirely neutral.

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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 C It was first worn by someone else.

2 A A working detail would be lost.

3 D check with the suit's owner

4 B The jacket no longer fits him.

5 D to explain when the tight fit would show

6 D Picture D

7 C He isn't bothered by small imperfections.

8 B He is grateful for the free work.

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9 D His back bothers him.

10 B Rooms in Banff would be hard to afford.

11 A He has doubts about camping.

12 C to pick up gear for the cold

13 A the weather forecast

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14 A to qualify for a better position

15 D She may know more than she expects.

16 C It can only be done early in the course.

17 B Her job keeps her busy on weekdays.

18 D It is deducted if she enrols in a course.

19 A She is a little nervous about being tested.

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20 C pay for replacement pieces only.

21 B had his own bike taken.

22 D careful and thorough.

23 A became more positive over time.

24 C working on an old bike he found.

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25 B to sort out a booking conflict

26 D to explain how the error happened

27 A to show that the group is also valuable to the hotel

28 C It gets little daylight.

29 A Sound would carry between the groups.

30 D The hotel could lose the client for good.

31 B She wants more information before deciding.

32 C Costs of options for Thursday

Part 6: Delivery Drones in the City

33 C depends less on the technology than on how it is governed.

34 A She grants it but does not find it decisive.

35 B to suggest the feared dangers have not appeared

36 D They are already well served.

37 A companies often act before the rules are settled.

38 B mildly 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: Altering a Suit for Graduation

Section 1

WOMAN: Hi there. Picking something up, or dropping off?

MAN: Dropping off. I graduate next Saturday, and this suit wasn't exactly made for me. It's my older brother's. He wore it at his wedding, what, six years ago?

WOMAN: Let's see it on you. Hmm. The trousers are easy. I'll just take up the hem, three centimetres. That's $15.

MAN: Great. And the sleeves? Can't you just chop a bit off the end?

WOMAN: Normally, yes. But look here. These buttons on the cuff actually undo, see? The buttonholes are real. If I shorten from the bottom, they're gone.

MAN: Does anybody actually notice that kind of thing?

WOMAN: Your brother might. The proper way is to take the sleeve off at the shoulder and shorten it from the top. But that's $120, and I'd need a full week.

MAN: A hundred and twenty? I was hoping for under fifty. What if you just moved the buttons up?

WOMAN: I can do that. They'd be sewn on just for show, and the old holes… well, you'd see them if you looked closely. That one's $35, ready by Wednesday.

MAN: Hmm. It's not really my call, is it? Let me just… Can I let you know tomorrow?

WOMAN: Sure. I'll pin everything now so it's ready either way.

Section 2

MAN: Hi, it's me again. The borrowed suit?

WOMAN: Oh, right, the sleeves. So, what's the verdict?

MAN: The cheaper way. My brother actually laughed when I asked. He said the jacket hasn't done up on him since about a year after the wedding, so I'm welcome to it. I think he was just relieved I didn't—

WOMAN: —ask him to pay? Ha. Okay, $35 it is. While you're here, put the jacket on and raise your right arm.

MAN: Like this? Oh. It's pulling across the back.

WOMAN: Mm-hm. Standing still, you'd never know. But you'll be crossing that stage and shaking hands, and every photo will catch it. There's extra fabric in the back seam, so I'll let it out. Since the jacket's on my table anyway, no charge for that.

MAN: Really? Thanks.

Section 3

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WOMAN: There he is. Everything's ready, go try it on.

MAN: Okay… The sleeves look perfect. And I can actually lift my arms now.

WOMAN: Good. Hmm, but the trousers… Are those the shoes you're wearing on Saturday?

MAN: These? Yeah, my white sneakers. Half my class is doing it.

WOMAN: Oh dear. I hemmed them for dress shoes. With flat sneakers, see how they bunch up at the bottom? I could take them up another centimetre, but I'm booked solid until Monday.

MAN: Honestly, I don't think anyone will be looking at my ankles. I'll be under a gown for most of it anyway.

WOMAN: Fair enough. That's $50 altogether, then.

MAN: Here's sixty. Keep the change, seriously. You did the back for nothing.

WOMAN: That's kind. Tell you what, send me a picture from the stage. I like seeing my work out in the world.

MAN: If my mother ever lets go of the camera, sure.

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Part 2: Planning a Road Trip to the Rockies

WOMAN: So I've been looking at the map, and if we leave Regina Friday at six in the morning, we could be in Banff by dinner. It's about nine hours of driving, but we'd be splitting it, so really it's only four and a half each.

MAN: Nine hours? Hmm. I was sort of picturing a stop halfway. My back's been acting up ever since I helped my sister move, and I'm not great after about four hours sitting in a car.

WOMAN: Okay, fair. Medicine Hat is roughly halfway. Or, oh, what about Drumheller? It's a little out of the way, but there's the dinosaur museum, and I've wanted to go since I was a kid.

MAN: A little out of the way? It's like a two-hour detour. Then again, I guess it gives my back a break. Fine. But here's the thing about Banff. On a long weekend, every hotel in town is either full or charging $400 a night. I checked last night.

WOMAN: Oh, I wasn't thinking hotel. I meant the campground. I've still got the tent from—

MAN: —from that trip where it rained for three days straight and we ended up sleeping in the car?

WOMAN: That was one time! Anyway, I already looked. The campground on Tunnel Mountain still has spots, but you have to reserve online, and the good ones are going fast.

MAN: Well, it's the middle of September. It gets close to freezing up there at night. Do we even have the right sleeping bags?

WOMAN: My cousin in Calgary has proper ones, good to minus ten. We'd drive right past her place, so we could grab them on the way. She'd probably feed us, too.

MAN: Wait, so now we're stopping in Drumheller and in Calgary? At this rate we'll get to Banff on Sunday.

WOMAN: Ha. Okay, okay. Drumheller on the way back, then. We won't be in any rush coming home, since Monday's the holiday.

MAN: Deal. I'll cover the gas if you book the campsite tonight, before they're all gone. Oh, and check the forecast first. If it's calling for rain, I'm voting for a hotel, whatever it costs.

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Part 3: Enquiring about a Placement Test

WOMAN: Hi, I'm calling about your evening French courses. Your website mentions a placement test, and I wasn't sure whether that applies to me.

MAN: It applies to just about everyone, I'm afraid, unless you're a complete beginner. Have you studied French before?

WOMAN: Well, in high school, but that was twenty years ago. I can order a coffee, and that's about it. The thing is, my department is switching to bilingual positions, so if I want the promotion I've got my eye on, I need to reach an intermediate level by next fall.

MAN: Okay, then the test is really worth doing. A lot of people in your situation remember more than they think. If you start in the beginner class, you'll probably spend the first month bored, and after the second week we can't move you to a different group.

WOMAN: Oh, I didn't realize it was that strict. So what's the test like? I haven't written an exam since—

MAN: Don't worry, nobody passes or fails. There are two parts. The first one's online, reading and listening, about forty minutes, and you can do it at home whenever you like. The second is a short conversation with one of our teachers, ten minutes or so.

WOMAN: And is that on the computer as well?

MAN: No, that one's in person, here at the school. We do them Saturday mornings, or on weekdays between nine and four.

WOMAN: Weekdays are out, I'm at work downtown until five. Saturday's fine, though. Now, the website said thirty dollars. Is that on top of the course fee? Because the course is already $480.

MAN: It's thirty, yes, but if you register for a course within a month, we take it off your tuition. So really, it only costs you anything if you decide not to join.

WOMAN: Oh, that's fair. And when do I need to have it all done?

MAN: Classes start January eighth, so ideally by the middle of December. The Saturday interview slots fill up fast before the holidays, though, so I wouldn't leave it too long.

WOMAN: Got it. Could you send me the link for the online part? I might try it tonight, while I'm still feeling brave.

MAN: Sure. What's your email address?

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Part 4: A Teen's Free Bike Repair Stand

NARRATOR: A fifteen-year-old in Moncton, New Brunswick, has become something of a neighbourhood celebrity after transforming his family's driveway into a free bicycle repair stand. Every Saturday since May, Owen Tremblay has patched tires, adjusted brakes and replaced chains for anyone who rolls up, charging nothing beyond the cost of parts. Tremblay says the idea originated last winter, when his own bike was stolen and he discovered that a replacement was considerably beyond his budget. Rebuilding a discarded bicycle he rescued from the municipal dump taught him most of what he knows, supplemented by online tutorials. His clientele ranges from children with wobbly training wheels to seniors who depend on bicycles for grocery shopping. Neighbour Diane Leblanc, whose daughter's bike was repaired in twenty minutes, describes him as remarkably patient and meticulous. Not everyone was initially enthusiastic. The owner of a nearby bike shop worried the stand would undercut his business, but after visiting, he now refers customers with minor repairs to Tremblay and has even donated a professional toolkit. Tremblay intends to continue through October, weather permitting, and is considering recruiting classmates to help. The most satisfying moment, he says, is watching a youngster ride away grinning.

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Part 5: A Double-Booked Conference Room

Rosa: Okay, I've got ten minutes before the call with the owners. Someone said there's a problem with the Lakeview Room on Friday?

Paula: Thursday, actually. And yes. The nurses' association has it all day. They booked it back in March. And now there's a second contract for the same room, same day.

Mateo: That second one's mine. And before anyone says anything, the system showed the room as open. I checked twice. It's that software update from last week. It wiped a whole batch of bookings from the calendar view.

Rosa: Wonderful. How many people are we talking about?

Paula: Sixty nurses. And forty from his group, a software company doing staff training.

Mateo: Who've also reserved thirty guest rooms for two nights. Plus a group dinner. So, I mean, it's not a small account.

Paula: Neither is the association. They've held their spring workshop here eight years running, and their organizer has sent us two other groups this year alone.

Rosa: All right. Could one of them go into the Birch Room?

Mateo: My group would fit, technically. But their organizer specifically asked for windows. She said the last hotel put them in a basement, and people were nodding off by two o'clock.

Paula: And the Birch Room has, what, one little window looking onto the parking lot.

Rosa: What about splitting the Lakeview with the folding wall? Sixty on one side, forty on the other.

Paula: I thought of that. But the nurses do hands-on practice in the afternoon, with the dummies, and it gets loud. That wall stops nothing. You can hear people coughing through it.

Mateo: Okay, so what if I called the hotel across the street? They might have a room, and we'd still keep the guest rooms—

Rosa: —and hand a competitor our client for the day? They'd be booking there next year. No.

Mateo: Fair.

Paula: Look, the nurses' organizer is pretty easygoing. If we gave them the Birch Room in the morning, they could move back into the Lakeview once your group leaves for the dinner cruise at—

Mateo: No, the cruise is Friday. On Thursday they're in that room until five.

Paula: Oh. I had that backwards.

Rosa: Honestly, the fair thing is that whoever booked first keeps the room. But fair doesn't always keep the lights on.

Paula: So what are you saying?

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Rosa: I'm saying I want both options costed by the end of the day, including what a free lunch for sixty would set us back. And somebody needs to talk to IT before this happens again.

Mateo: I'll get the numbers.

Paula: And if the nurses say no?

Rosa: Let's find out what they'd say yes to first.

Part 6: Delivery Drones in the City

NARRATOR: Anyone who has waited at home all day for a parcel will understand the appeal of a delivery that arrives within thirty minutes, lowered gently onto the back deck by a small, buzzing aircraft. Drone delivery, once the stuff of science fiction, is already routine in parts of Australia and the United States, and several Canadian retailers are now lobbying for permission to launch similar services in urban areas. Federal regulators have so far approved only limited trials, mostly in remote communities, where the case for drones is difficult to dispute.

NARRATOR: Transportation engineer Samir Haddad, who has studied delivery networks for over a decade, believes cities are precisely where drones could do the most good. Delivery vans, he points out, now account for a substantial share of downtown congestion, double-parking on narrow streets and idling at the curb. Shifting even a fraction of small parcels into the air would ease traffic and cut emissions. Haddad is particularly enthusiastic about prescriptions, which could reach housebound seniors without anyone climbing into a car. As for safety, he is patient with public nervousness, though he notes, with a smile, that the trial flights have generated more complaints about startled dogs than about falling packages.

NARRATOR: Toronto city councillor Linda Okafor is unpersuaded. She doesn't quarrel with the environmental arithmetic, but maintains that a city is not an empty field, and that cleaner air is only one item on the ledger. Hundreds of drones crisscrossing neighbourhoods would produce a persistent, high-pitched whine that residents never agreed to tolerate. Okafor also wonders aloud who stores the footage from the cameras these machines navigate with, and for how long. And a drone, she reminds us, needs somewhere to set its cargo down. In a city of high-rises, that means the convenience would land mostly in the backyards of people who were never waiting very long for anything.

NARRATOR: Haddad counters that noise could be contained through designated corridors above rail lines and highways, and that privacy rules could be written before the technology spreads rather than after. Okafor finds this reassuring in principle, but recalls that ride-hailing apps operated in Canadian cities for years before anyone decided whether they were legal. It is a fair point, and not one the industry has been especially eager to address. Perhaps the debate was never really about the aircraft at all.

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