CELPIP Listening Practice Test 58

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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 Missing Minivan at the Airport

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/58**

1. Why can't the man have the minivan he booked?

A It is out until the weekend.
B It is damaged and must be repaired.
C Someone else has already driven it away.
D His booking was for a different month.

2. Why does the man mention the hockey bags?

A to ask where he can leave them
B to explain why his family is late
C to request a car with a roof rack
D to show how much room he needs

3. What will probably happen next?

A The woman will consult her boss.
B The man will pay an extra $150.
C The family will rent two smaller cars.
D The man will go and get his family.

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4. What has the supervisor agreed to do?

A have the SUV cleaned more quickly
B find the man another minivan
C let him keep his original price
D give the man a cheaper sedan

5. How does the man react to the vouchers?

A He is grateful.
B He is impatient.
C He is suspicious.
D He is indifferent.

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6. What is the man's problem with the SUV?

A It doesn't have enough seats for everyone.

B It is still being cleaned.

C His children are uncomfortable in it.

D It has too little luggage space.

7. What is likely true of the man's mother-in-law?

A She has already bought a shuttle ticket.

B She is tired of waiting.

C She would rather drive herself.

D She dislikes the rental SUV.

8. What will be added to the man's SUV?

A



B



C



D



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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Sharing the Drive to Work

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/58**

9. Why does the man want to carpool?

A His new home is poorly served by transit.
B His car has become unreliable.
C He wants to save money on gas.
D He hopes to get a reserved parking spot.

10. What is the woman's main concern about carpooling?

A that gas costs will keep going up
B that the man's car is too old
C that their hours don't line up
D that her son will annoy the man

11. What do we learn about the man's job?

A His manager wants him in early.
B He often works until six.
C He has to answer the phones all morning.
D He can choose when to arrive.

12. How does the woman want to share the driving?

A by taking turns every day
B by taking turns week by week
C she drives in, and he drives home
D he drives, and she pays for gas

13. What can we infer about the man?

A He is used to being around young children.
B He has a son in daycare.
C He has met the woman's son Owen before.
D He has always lived in Orleans.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Booking an Outdoor Rink

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/58**

14. Why is the woman calling?

A to sign her daughter up for skating lessons
B to complain about teenagers playing hockey
C to plan a celebration for her child
D to ask about renting a movie for a party

15. What did the woman assume about the rental?

A The warm-up shack would cost extra.
B Her group would have the rink to itself.
C Rinks could only be booked on weekdays.
D Each block would last one hour.

16. Why does the man mention the boards?

A to explain why rentals cost more
B to suggest she book the side used for hockey
C to warn her about public skating
D to reassure her about young skaters

17. What does the man suggest for hot drinks?

A bringing them ready-made
B buying them at the warm-up shack
C plugging in a slow cooker in the shack
D serving them at home after the skate

18. When would the woman NOT get her money back?

A if the ice turned to slush
B if city staff closed the rink
C if the wind chill reached minus thirty-five
D if the guests found it too cold to go out

19. What will the woman probably do in mid-January?

A call Brian to confirm her booking
B book online as early as she can
C pick up the link from the office
D decide to hold a movie party instead

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

A Bus Driver's Final Route

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/58**

20. Gerald Thibodeau originally took the job

A after retiring as a carpenter.
B so he could drive his grandchildren.
C after riding the bus as a student.
D only as a short-term arrangement.

21. His colleagues' description suggests that Thibodeau was

A thorough.
B strict.
C talkative.
D forgetful.

22. Thibodeau says his attendance record is due to

A his physical toughness.
B arriving early every morning.
C luck and support at home.
D the district's safety training.

23. During the ice storm, Thibodeau

A missed his only day of work.
B worked in spite of problems at home.
C was given a safety award.
D had his route cancelled.

24. We can infer that Thibodeau

A intends to keep driving part-time.
B has ambitious plans for his retirement.
C is looking forward to more rest.
D was surprised by the scrapbook.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Covering the Warehouse in December

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/58**

25. What are the speakers mainly trying to work out?

A whether to hire more permanent staff
B how to keep the warehouse running over the holidays
C how to process returns more quickly
D whether to rewrite the staff handbook

26. Why does Tanya mention her night shift?

A to ask for more workers on the night shift over the holidays
B to complain about her own schedule
C to show that the current rule is causing resentment
D to explain why returns are delayed

27. What does Amanda point out about the handbook?

A Seniority is optional, not required.
B It was changed last year.
C It gives new hires first choice.
D It places a limit on overtime.

28. How does Rohan react to the idea of hiring temps?

A He is eager to try it.
B He offers to call the agency.
C He thinks it costs too much.
D He doubts it would help.

29. What does Rohan offer to do?

A ask head office for the overtime money
B get last year's schedule details
C speak to the night shift about the plan
D phone agencies for former temps

30. What is suggested about Grace?

A She has already asked for all of Christmas week off.
B She works on Tanya's night shift.
C She used to work for a temp agency.
D She might be glad to work during the holidays.

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31. What will most likely happen next?

A The workers may get a say in the plan.

B Rohan will present the split to the night shift.

C The seniority system will stay as it is.

D Head office will release the overtime money.

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

A Seniority rules to remain unchanged

B No vacation for anyone in December

C Holiday coverage: split weeks and extra hands

D Night shift moving to days

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Free Wi-Fi Downtown

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/58**

33. The main purpose of the report is to

A weigh up the case for a proposed public service.
B promote a Halifax councillor's plan.
C warn listeners about online banking fraud.
D explain how wireless networks function.

34. Douglas Fraser mentions the Ontario project to show that

A such networks are very secure.
B winter weather was not a factor.
C a small pilot is the best approach.
D costs can exceed expectations.

35. According to Priya Raman, free Wi-Fi would especially benefit

A commuters who already carry their own smartphones.
B residents who can't get online at home.
C café owners in the downtown core.
D students at the central library.

36. Downtown business associations have

A objected to the expense.
B called for a pilot first.
C come out in favour of it.
D complained about visitors.

37. Douglas Fraser would most likely support

A subsidized home internet for needy families.
B a trial network at the bus terminal.
C replacing outdoor equipment each year.
D free wireless access on every downtown street.

38. The speaker's attitude toward free downtown Wi-Fi is

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

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
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37 _____	38 _____		

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Answer key

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1 B It is damaged and must be repaired.

2 D to show how much room he needs

3 A The woman will consult her boss.

4 C let him keep his original price

5 A He is grateful.

6 D It has too little luggage space.

7 B She is tired of waiting.

8 C Picture C

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9 A His new home is poorly served by transit.

10 C that their hours don't line up

11 D He can choose when to arrive.

12 B by taking turns week by week

13 A He is used to being around young children.

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14 C to plan a celebration for her child

15 B Her group would have the rink to itself.

16 D to reassure her about young skaters

17 A bringing them ready-made

18 D if the guests found it too cold to go out

19 B book online as early as she can

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20 D only as a short-term arrangement.

21 A thorough.

22 C luck and support at home.

23 B worked in spite of problems at home.

24 C is looking forward to more rest.

Part 5: Covering the Warehouse in December

25 B how to keep the warehouse running over the holidays

26 C to show that the current rule is causing resentment

27 A Seniority is optional, not required.

28 D He doubts it would help.

29 B get last year's schedule details

30 D She might be glad to work during the holidays.

31 A The workers may get a say in the plan.

32 C Holiday coverage: split weeks and extra hands

Part 6: Free Wi-Fi Downtown

33 A weigh up the case for a proposed public service.

34 D costs can exceed expectations.

35 B residents who can't get online at home.

36 C come out in favour of it.

37 A subsidized home internet for needy families.

38 D cautious.

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Your estimated CLB

Correct answers (of 38)	Estimated level
38	CLB 12
37	CLB 11
35–36	CLB 10
33–34	CLB 9
30–32	CLB 8
27–29	CLB 7
22–26	CLB 6
17–21	CLB 5
11–16	CLB 4

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Transcripts

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Part 1: A Missing Minivan at the Airport

Section 1

WOMAN: Next, please. Hi there, do you have a reservation with us?

MAN: Yes, hi. It's under Kowalski. I booked a minivan back in, uh, January. We're driving out to Canmore this afternoon.

WOMAN: Kowalski… okay, here it is. Seven-seater, five days. Hmm. Just give me a second here.

MAN: That doesn't sound good.

WOMAN: Well, the thing is, the van we'd set aside for you came back yesterday with a cracked windshield, so it's off the road. And our other two are both out until the weekend.

MAN: You're kidding. I've got my wife, three kids and my mother-in-law waiting over by the baggage carousel. Plus two hockey bags. A regular car isn't going to cut it.

WOMAN: No, I understand. What I can do is put you in a full-size SUV. It seats seven too, though the very back row is a bit tight for adults.

MAN: Okay, and that's at the same rate, right? Since it's not exactly my fault?

WOMAN: Well, normally there's a $30-a-day difference, but let me see what I can—

MAN: Thirty a day? For five days? That's $150 I didn't budget for.

WOMAN: I hear you. Let me check with my supervisor whether we can waive it. It'll just be a minute.

Section 2

WOMAN: Okay, sorry about the wait. Good news and, well, not-so-good news.

MAN: Go on.

WOMAN: My supervisor's agreed to drop the difference on the SUV, so you'd pay exactly what you booked. The not-so-good news is that it's still being cleaned. It'll be about forty minutes.

MAN: Forty minutes. With three tired kids. Well… I suppose it beats squeezing everyone into a sedan. Is there somewhere they can at least get something to eat?

WOMAN: There's a food court just upstairs, past the escalators. And here, take these. They're meal vouchers, ten dollars each, for the trouble.

MAN: Oh. That's, uh… that's actually really decent of you. Thanks.

WOMAN: I'll text you the minute it's ready.

Section 3

MAN: Hi, sorry, me again. The SUV's great, the kids already love it, but there's a bit of a problem.

WOMAN: Oh no. Don't tell me something's wrong with it.

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MAN: No, nothing's wrong exactly. Just, with all seven seats up, there's barely room behind the back row for a grocery bag, never mind two hockey bags.

WOMAN: Ah. Yeah, that's the trade-off with that model. We do have cargo boxes, though. They clip onto the rails on the roof, and the bags would fit in there easily.

MAN: And how much is that?

WOMAN: It's normally $15 a day, but honestly, after the morning you've had, I'll just add it to your booking and leave it at that. Give me ten minutes and one of the guys will bring it out and put it on.

MAN: Another ten minutes. Okay. My mother-in-law is already asking if she can just take the shuttle bus to Canmore instead.

WOMAN: Ha. Well, it does leave every hour, but…

MAN: No, no, she's coming with us. Although maybe I'll let her think it over while I grab everybody a coffee.

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Part 2: Sharing the Drive to Work

MAN: Hey, Lauren, quick question. You live out in Orleans, right? Near the big arena?

WOMAN: Just past it, yeah. Why, are you finally moving out of downtown?

MAN: Actually, yes. My wife and I just bought a townhouse on Tenth Line, and we get the keys next week. And I've been staring at the bus schedule, and it's two transfers and well over an hour each way. So I was wondering if you'd ever thought about carpooling.

WOMAN: Funny you should ask. I've been driving in alone for six years, and my gas bill lately is just painful. Plus I hear the company's giving carpoolers those reserved spots right by the front door now.

MAN: Right, the ones with the green paint. I'd be happy to share the driving, too. My car's not exactly fancy, but it's never let me down.

WOMAN: Okay, but here's my problem. I drop my son at daycare at seven-fifteen, so I'm usually at my desk by quarter to eight. And I leave at four sharp, because they charge a dollar a minute if you're late for pickup. You're a nine-to-five guy, aren't you?

MAN: Usually, yeah. But honestly, that's more habit than anything. My manager doesn't care when I come in, as long as I'm around for the ten o'clock meetings. And I'd probably get more done before the phones start ringing anyway.

WOMAN: Really? Because I don't want you to feel like you have to—

MAN: No, it's fine, really. So how would it work? We'd switch every other day?

WOMAN: I was thinking every other week, actually. That way we're not texting each other every night trying to remember whose turn it is. And on my weeks, we'd have to stop at the daycare first, so you'd get to meet Owen. Fair warning, he talks the entire time.

MAN: Every other week works. And don't worry, I've got three nephews under six. I'm immune.

WOMAN: Ha, we'll see. Oh, one thing, though. What happens on days I have to stay late? At month-end, I'm sometimes here until six.

MAN: Then I'll take the bus those days. Two transfers once a month, I can survive that.

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Part 3: Booking an Outdoor Rink

MAN: City of Saskatoon Recreation, this is Brian speaking.

WOMAN: Hi, Brian. Um, I'm hoping you can help me. My daughter's turning ten in February, and she's decided, out of nowhere, that she wants a skating party. Outdoors. I didn't even know you could rent the rinks.

MAN: You can, yeah, a lot of people don't realize. We've got four outdoor rinks you can book on weekends, in two-hour blocks. It's $85 a block, and that includes the warm-up shack, so the kids have somewhere to change and thaw out.

WOMAN: Oh, perfect. So we'd have the whole place to ourselves? Because some of her friends are just learning, and I'd hate for them to get knocked over by teenagers playing hockey.

MAN: Ah, not quite. A rental gets you half the ice. The other half stays open for public skating. But the hockey side's always separated by boards, so the little ones should be fine. Most parents find half a rink is plenty for a group of fifteen or so.

WOMAN: Fifteen, that's about what we're looking at. Okay. And what about food? I was going to bring a slow cooker of hot chocolate and plug it in inside the shack.

MAN: The shacks don't have outlets, unfortunately. Just benches and a heater. People usually bring big thermoses, and you can have cake inside, as long as everything gets cleaned up afterwards.

WOMAN: Thermoses, fine. Now here's what really worries me. What if we get one of those warm spells and the ice turns to slush? Do I just lose the money?

MAN: No, if our crew closes the rink, you get every penny back, or you can move to another date. Where people get caught out is the cold. We don't close for cold unless it hits minus thirty-five with the wind chill. So if it's minus twenty-five and nobody feels like going out, that's on you, I'm afraid.

WOMAN: Minus twenty-five. With a bunch of ten-year-olds. Hmm. I guess I'd better have a backup plan, like a movie at the house or—

MAN: Honestly, the kids around here don't seem to mind. It's usually the parents who complain. Anyway, bookings for February open on January fifteenth, online only, and the Saturday afternoon slots are usually gone within a day.

WOMAN: So I should be sitting at my computer first thing on the fifteenth.

MAN: Exactly. I'll email you the link so you have it ready.

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Part 4: A Bus Driver's Final Route

NARRATOR: After four decades behind the wheel, Moncton school bus driver Gerald Thibodeau completed his final route on Friday, and, remarkably, he never once called in sick. Thibodeau, now sixty-eight, began driving for the district in 1985, at first as a temporary fill-in while he searched for carpentry work. That temporary arrangement, he jokes, simply never ended. District officials estimate he carried more than two thousand students, including, in recent years, the grandchildren of several former passengers. Colleagues describe him as meticulous: he arrived forty-five minutes early every morning to inspect his vehicle, and he knew every child's birthday by heart. His perfect attendance was not always easy. During one brutal ice storm, he completed his route even though his own home had been without power for several days. Thibodeau credits his record not to toughness, but to good fortune and a very patient wife. On his final morning, families lined the route holding handmade signs, and students presented him with a scrapbook of drawings. The district has announced that its annual safety award will now bear his name. Thibodeau's own retirement plans are far more modest: he intends to sleep past six o'clock for the first time in forty years.

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Part 5: Covering the Warehouse in December

Amanda: Okay, I printed the vacation requests. Brace yourselves. Between the three shifts, we've got forty-one people asking for the twenty-fourth through the second.

Rohan: Forty-one? We've only got sixty on the floor, total.

Tanya: And that's the week all the returns come flooding back. Last year on the twenty-seventh we had, what, three times the usual volume at the docks?

Amanda: Closer to four. So we can't just say yes to everybody. The question is how we choose.

Rohan: Well, the way we've always done it is seniority. Whoever's been here longest picks first.

Tanya: Which is exactly why half my night shift is ready to walk out. The same eight people have had Christmas off for six years straight, and the new hires get stuck with every holiday, every year.

Rohan: I'm not saying it's fair, I'm just saying it's in the—

Amanda: —the handbook, yes, but it says seniority "may" be used, not "must." I went through it last night. We've got more room than we think.

Rohan: Oh. Okay, I didn't realize that.

Tanya: So what if we split it? Christmas week or New Year's week. You get one or the other, not both. And anyone who worked Christmas last year gets first pick this time.

Amanda: I like that. Though we don't really have records of who worked last year. Payroll would, I suppose.

Rohan: I can pull that. But even with your split, we're still short on the twenty-seventh. Remember the year we got caught with a skeleton crew? Trucks lined up out to the highway, and the drivers were, well… you remember.

Tanya: Vividly. What about agency temps? Just for the return days?

Rohan: Temps on the scanners in December? We'd spend the whole first morning training them, and then they're gone.

Amanda: Not necessarily. Some of the agencies keep a list of people who've already worked here. If we ask early enough, we might get a few of them back.

Tanya: And there's the overtime money. We came in under budget in October, so there's a little left over.

Rohan: A little. Head office will want to see a plan before they release a cent of it, though. And let's be honest, nobody wants to work a double on Boxing Day.

Amanda: You'd be surprised. Grace in shipping asked me just last week if there'd be any holiday overtime. She's saving up for a trip.

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Tanya: Then let's ask around before we assume anything. Some people might actually prefer the money to the days off.

Rohan: Fine, but if this split goes over badly, I'm not the one telling the night shift.

Amanda: Well, it's Tanya's crew, so I suppose that falls to—

Tanya: —or maybe, for once, we don't tell them anything. Maybe we ask them.

Part 6: Free Wi-Fi Downtown

NARRATOR: Walk through almost any Canadian downtown, and you'll see people hunched over their phones, hunting for a signal or a café password. A growing number of cities argue that connectivity has become an essential public service, comparable to streetlights or sidewalks, and that cities should offer free wireless access throughout their downtown cores. Others regard the idea as an expensive solution in search of a problem.

NARRATOR: Among the most vocal advocates is Priya Raman, a city councillor in Halifax. She points out that roughly one in five low-income households in the region has no home internet, yet residents increasingly need a connection to apply for jobs, renew permits or communicate with their children's schools. During last winter's prolonged storm, she adds, the handful of free hotspots downtown became an indispensable gathering point for residents trying to reach relatives. Free Wi-Fi, she contends, is less a luxury than a lifeline. Raman also emphasizes the economic dividends: visitors who can navigate easily tend to linger, explore independent shops and spend more. Downtown business associations have enthusiastically endorsed her proposal, and several have offered to contribute toward installation.

NARRATOR: Critics, however, remain unconvinced. Douglas Fraser, a technology consultant who advised a mid-sized Ontario city on a similar project, warns that installation is merely the beginning. Equipment must be replaced every few years, outdoor hardware deteriorates in harsh winters, and usage frequently plummets once the novelty fades and mobile data becomes cheaper. Routine maintenance alone, he estimates, can swallow a substantial share of a city's technology budget. His client's network, he recalls, was quietly dismantled after six years, having cost taxpayers far more than projected. Fraser is equally concerned about security: open networks, he argues, invite fraudsters to intercept unwary users' banking information, and municipalities are rarely equipped to respond. In his view, cities would accomplish more by subsidizing home connections for families who genuinely need them than by blanketing downtown streets for commuters who already carry smartphones.

NARRATOR: Raman counters that the technology has advanced a great deal since that earlier project, and that modern networks are both cheaper and more secure. Still, even she concedes that a modest pilot, perhaps limited to the central library and the main bus terminal, would be a prudent first step. Whether free downtown Wi-Fi earns public support may ultimately depend less on the technology itself than on whether councils can demonstrate that it reaches the people who need it most.

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