CELPIP Listening Practice Test 59

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

Repairing Winter Boots

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/59**

1. What will the woman wear while her boots are being fixed?

A



B



C



D



2. Why does the man recommend fixing both boots?

A Fixing only one costs nearly as much.
B The leather on both boots is cracked.
C The other boot will probably fail soon.
D Both soles have worn completely through.

3. What is likely true about the woman?

A She moved to Winnipeg quite recently.
B She plans to buy new boots this winter.
C She has no other shoes she can wear.
D She hopes to keep using her old boots.

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4. Why does the woman call the shop?

A to ask for the repair to be done sooner
B to cancel the repair she ordered
C to find out the cost of a quick fix
D to check that the shop still has her boots

5. What does the man suggest about a glue-only repair?

A It would be ready the same afternoon.
B It would cost more than stitching.
C His nephew could do it on Saturday.
D It might fail in very cold weather.

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6. How was the man able to finish the boots in time?

A He glued the soles instead.
B He stayed late on Friday night.
C His nephew served the other customers.
D The woman paid extra for a rush.

7. Why does the man recommend the wax?

A to protect the boots from road damage
B to make the new stitching less stiff
C to keep her feet warmer up north
D to replace the polish he applied

8. What will the woman probably do next?

A pay the man for the repair and wax
B try on the boots to check the fit
C go home to look for her own wax
D ask the man to soften the stitching

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

A Day at the Apple Orchard

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/59**

9. What problem did the man have at the orchard?

A The orchard had run out of apples.
B His children got lost in the corn maze.
C The café by the barn was closed.
D He could not start picking right away.

10. How does the man's family feel about the wait now?

A The children ended up enjoying it.
B It spoiled the day for the children.
C They blame the staff at the gate.
D It made them leave without picking.

11. What does the man suggest about the price of the apples?

A It is lower than at the farmers' market.
B It includes rides on the hay wagon and maze.
C It is fair for the amount you can take.
D It depends on which kind of apple you pick.

12. Why does the man advise the woman not to wait?

A The leaves will be gone by late October.
B A favourite type of apple is almost over.
C The orchard closes at the end of the month.
D Weekends get busier as the season goes on.

13. What will the woman probably do?

A wait for the leaves to change colour
B buy her apples at the market instead
C go to the farm with the petting zoo
D reserve a time to pick apples

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Driving Lessons Before a Road Test

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/59**

14. Why is the woman calling?

A to prepare for a second test
B to book her first road test
C to complain about her examiner
D to rent a vehicle for her husband

15. What does the man imply about drivers like the woman?

A They usually pass on the first attempt.
B They need more lessons than beginners do.
C Their earlier driving can work against them.
D They should take the test in their own car.

16. Why does the man advise her not to buy a block of lessons yet?

A Blocks are only sold after the test.
B She may not need that many lessons.
C The block price is about to go up.
D The assessment comes with free lessons.

17. Why does the woman want to use the school's car?

A Her husband will need the truck that day.
B It costs less than a regular lesson.
C Her friend's car is no longer available.
D The pickup is hard to manoeuvre.

18. What does the man say about using the school's car for the test?

A It comes with practice just beforehand.
B It is mostly chosen by hospital staff.
C It must be booked before the assessment.
D It is only available on Thursday afternoons.

19. Why does the man recommend Thursday?

A Daniel is the most experienced instructor.
B Tuesday is already fully booked.
C She would be exhausted on Tuesday.
D Afternoon lessons are better for nurses.

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Lemonade Stand Helps Children's Hospital

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/59**

20. Ava originally planned to

A buy new equipment for the hospital.
B raise a small sum for a hospital.
C sell lemonade at a local bakery.
D pay for her brother's asthma treatment.

21. The stand became popular after

A a bakery began giving away cookies.
B a newspaper wrote a story about Ava.
C an anonymous donor left an envelope.
D a picture of it was shared online.

22. Ava's reaction to the attention suggests that she is

A modest.
B overwhelmed.
C ungrateful.
D exhausted.

23. The largest single gift

A came from a local business.
B was given by the hospital.
C was left by an unknown person.
D paid for the cups and sugar.

24. We can infer that Ava's brother

A will run the stand on his own.
B will have a bigger job next summer.
C has completely recovered from his asthma.
D will work at the hospital as a volunteer.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Opening the Dental Office on Saturdays

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/59**

25. What is the main topic of the discussion?

A how to win patients back from the mall clinic
B whether to hire a second hygienist
C whether to add weekend hours
D how to handle more emergencies on Mondays

26. Why does Brooke mention the Morrisons?

A to show the hours have already cost them patients
B to point out that the mall clinic is closed on Sundays
C to give an example of a family with a dental emergency
D to explain why parents keep their children out of school

27. What personal concern does Lawrence raise?

A the cost of staying open an extra day
B losing patients to another clinic
C having to train a new hygienist
D his family's weekend commitments

28. Why does Brooke prefer Wednesday as the day off?

A She already has Wednesdays off.
B Mondays are busy with urgent cases.
C Wednesdays are quiet after lunch.
D Priya works on Wednesdays.

29. Why does Lawrence mention his sister?

A to recommend a clinic in Moncton
B to suggest she could work part-time
C to show that summer is a slow season
D to cast doubt on the weekend plan

30. How does Gina respond to the Moncton example?

A She says summer was the real problem.
B She agrees Saturdays would not succeed.
C She plans to contact the Moncton clinic.
D She proposes opening only in summer.

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31. What can we infer about Lawrence at the end?

A He has turned the idea down.

B He will work the first Saturday.

C He wants a clear promise of time off.

D He would rather have Mondays off.

32. What is the best subject line for Gina's message to Dr. Chen?

A Hiring a second hygienist

B Proposal for a Saturday trial

C Closing early every Wednesday

D Why we should stay closed on weekends

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Charging for Paper Bags

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/59**

33. The report is mainly about

A the environmental damage caused by plastic bags.
B how grocery chains spend the money from bag sales.
C why Canada placed limits on plastic bags.
D whether charging for bags is a good policy.

34. Why does Rebecca Lam mention a town in Quebec?

A to show that advertising changes behaviour
B to prove a fee can work by itself
C to praise a store that gave away its proceeds
D to compare how much water two towns use

35. What does Lam suggest about shoppers who switched from plastic to paper?

A They may be doing less for the environment than they think.
B They are funding local environmental groups.
C They have doubled their use of reusable bags.
D They are being overcharged by retailers.

36. Why does Derek Hollis mention a pensioner who shops on foot or by bus?

A to argue that seniors should get free bags first
B to explain why stores should disclose their earnings
C to show the fee weighs most on those least able to pay
D to suggest that seniors rarely shop at large chains

37. Derek Hollis would most likely support

A a higher fee for every disposable bag.
B a ban on paper bags at checkouts.
C a charge only for shoppers who drive.
D a rule making stores report what fees earn.

38. The speaker's attitude toward bag fees is

A mildly supportive.
B firmly opposed.
C entirely neutral.
D deeply distrustful.

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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 B Picture B

2 C The other boot will probably fail soon.

3 D She hopes to keep using her old boots.

4 A to ask for the repair to be done sooner

5 D It might fail in very cold weather.

6 C His nephew served the other customers.

7 A to protect the boots from road damage

8 B try on the boots to check the fit

Part 2: A Day at the Apple Orchard

9 D He could not start picking right away.

10 A The children ended up enjoying it.

11 C It is fair for the amount you can take.

12 B A favourite type of apple is almost over.

13 D reserve a time to pick apples

Part 3: Driving Lessons Before a Road Test

14 A to prepare for a second test

15 C Their earlier driving can work against them.

16 B She may not need that many lessons.

17 D The pickup is hard to manoeuvre.

18 A It comes with practice just beforehand.

19 C She would be exhausted on Tuesday.

Part 4: Lemonade Stand Helps Children's Hospital

20 B raise a small sum for a hospital.

21 D a picture of it was shared online.

22 A modest.

23 C was left by an unknown person.

24 B will have a bigger job next summer.

Part 5: Opening the Dental Office on Saturdays

25 C whether to add weekend hours

26 A to show the hours have already cost them patients

27 D his family's weekend commitments

28 B Mondays are busy with urgent cases.

29 D to cast doubt on the weekend plan

30 A She says summer was the real problem.

31 C He wants a clear promise of time off.

32 B Proposal for a Saturday trial

Part 6: Charging for Paper Bags

33 D whether charging for bags is a good policy.

34 B to prove a fee can work by itself

35 A They may be doing less for the environment than they think.

36 C to show the fee weighs most on those least able to pay

37 D a rule making stores report what fees earn.

38 A mildly supportive.

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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: Repairing Winter Boots

Section 1

MAN: Afternoon. What've you got there?

WOMAN: Hi. My winter boots, and, well, you can see the problem. The sole on the left one is coming away at the toe. It flapped open on my way to the bus this morning, and now my sock's soaked.

MAN: Ooh, yeah. Hmm. These are good boots, actually. Leather all the way up, stitched soles. Where'd you get them?

WOMAN: My dad bought them, oh, eight or nine years ago, when I first moved to Winnipeg. Everyone says just buy new ones, but honestly, I'd rather not. They're the only boots that ever kept my feet warm at thirty below.

MAN: Good news is, the leather's in great shape. The glue's given up, and the stitching's worn through at the front. I can restitch both soles and reseal them. It's $45 for the pair.

WOMAN: Both? It's only the left one that's falling apart.

MAN: For now. But see how the right one's starting to lift at the edge? Another month of slush and you'll be right back here.

WOMAN: Fair enough. Do both, then. How long will it take?

MAN: I've got a backlog this time of year. Everybody remembers their boots when the first snow hits. Realistically, a week from Friday.

WOMAN: A week from Friday… okay. I guess I'll dig out my running shoes.

Section 2

WOMAN: Hi, I dropped off brown winter boots yesterday? The loose soles?

MAN: Sure, I remember. They're on the shelf right behind me.

WOMAN: Great. So, um, change of plans. Work's sending me up to Thompson on Monday, and I really don't want to be up there in running shoes. Is there any chance—

MAN: —of having them sooner? Hmm. I could just glue them today, no stitching, and you'd have them tomorrow. But honestly, glue alone in that kind of cold… it might hold a week, it might not.

WOMAN: Oh. That's not very reassuring.

MAN: No. Other thing is, my nephew helps out Saturdays. If he takes the walk-ins, I could probably stitch yours Saturday morning. No promises.

Section 3

MAN: There she is. Good timing, I finished the last stitch about ten minutes ago.

WOMAN: Really? Oh, what a relief. I was half expecting an apology call.

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MAN: Well, my nephew handled everyone who came through the door, so I had the whole morning. Here, have a look.

WOMAN: Wow, they look… actually, better than when my dad bought them. Did you polish them?

MAN: A little, no charge. But since you're heading north, I'd put a coat of this wax on first. It keeps the salt from eating into the leather. $12 a tin.

WOMAN: Hmm, I think I've got some at home somewhere. Probably. Well, maybe not. Oh, fine, I'll take one. So with the repair, that's…

MAN: $57. Oh, but before you pay, try them on and walk around a bit. New stitching can be stiff, and if anything rubs, I'd rather fix it now than have you limping around Thompson.

WOMAN: Good idea. Can I sit over here?

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Part 2: A Day at the Apple Orchard

WOMAN: So how was the weekend? Didn't you say you were taking the kids apple picking?

MAN: We did, yeah. We went to that orchard out past Milton, the one with the corn maze. The kids loved it. Although, honestly, I think they spent more time riding around on the hay wagon than actually picking anything.

WOMAN: Oh, the one with the petting farm? With the goats? I took my nephew there once.

MAN: No, no, that's the place on the other side of the highway. This one's bigger, more of a proper farm. Anyway, word of advice, book online. We just showed up around eleven, and they'd already sold out of picking times for the morning. We had to wait until one o'clock.

WOMAN: Two hours? With kids? What on earth did you do?

MAN: Well, they did the corn maze twice, and then we had lunch at the little café by the barn. Their apple fritters, by the way, are incredible. Bigger than your hand. Funny thing is, the kids keep saying the waiting part was their favourite.

WOMAN: Okay, fritters, noted. And what about the apples themselves? Is it expensive? Last time I bought a bag at the farmers' market I nearly fainted.

MAN: It's not cheap. It's $35 for a bag, but it's a big bag, and you can fill it right to the top, and believe me, my daughter did. We came home with about twenty pounds. We've had apple crisp three nights in a row.

WOMAN: Twenty pounds! Okay, so should I go this weekend, or wait a bit? I was thinking maybe later in October, when the leaves are—

MAN: —at their best? Sure, the colours will be gorgeous, but I'd go sooner if I were you. The guy at the gate told us the Honeycrisp are pretty much done, and by the end of the month it's mostly the sour ones people use for baking.

WOMAN: Hmm. Well, the sour ones are fine for pies, but Jamal won't touch anything except Honeycrisp. He'd never let me hear the end of it.

MAN: Then I wouldn't wait. And go early in the day, before the fritters sell out.

WOMAN: Okay, okay, you've convinced me. I'm going on their website the minute I get home.

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Part 3: Driving Lessons Before a Road Test

MAN: Good morning, Riverside Driving School, Ravi speaking.

WOMAN: Hi, good morning. Um, I've got my road test coming up on the twenty-eighth, and I was hoping to fit in a few lessons before then. I'm just not sure it's enough time.

MAN: It might be, depending on where you're at. Is this your first road test, or…?

WOMAN: Well, technically my second. I drove for about twelve years back in Colombia, so I thought it would be easy. But I failed the first one in August. The examiner said I wasn't checking my blind spots, and apparently I rolled through a stop sign. Which, honestly, I didn't even notice I'd done.

MAN: That's really common with people who've been driving a long time, actually. Everybody brings habits from wherever they learned. What I'd suggest is starting with a ninety-minute assessment. The instructor rides along, spots whatever's going to cost you marks, and then we plan the rest of your lessons around that.

WOMAN: Okay. And how much is that?

MAN: The assessment's $85. After that, regular lessons are $60 an hour, or you can buy a block of five for $275.

WOMAN: Five for $275… so that's $50 each?

MAN: Fifty-five, actually. But I'd honestly hold off on buying a block until after the assessment. Some people only need two or three lessons, and there's no point paying for hours you won't use.

WOMAN: That makes sense. Oh, and my friend said you can use the school's car for the test itself. Is that true? Because otherwise I'd be taking my husband's pickup, and parking that thing is, well, an adventure.

MAN: Yes, we do that. It's $120, and it includes a one-hour warm-up lesson right before your test, so you're not going in cold. Most people tell us that's the most useful hour of the whole thing.

WOMAN: Oh, that's great. Okay, so when could I start? I work shifts at the hospital, so it's a bit—

MAN: —complicated? Don't worry, we get a lot of nurses. Let me look. Our instructors are pretty booked up with all the fall tests, but Daniel has Tuesday at seven, or Thursday at three in the afternoon.

WOMAN: Tuesday at seven in the evening would be perfect, actually.

MAN: Sorry, no, seven in the morning. He starts early.

WOMAN: Oh. Hmm. I'm on nights that week, so I'd be coming straight off a twelve-hour shift.

MAN: Then I'd really steer you toward Thursday. You don't want your assessment to be the day you can barely keep your eyes open.

WOMAN: No, that's fair. Thursday it is. Could you put me down for that?

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MAN: Sure. Can I get your full name, and the number on your licence?

Part 4: Lemonade Stand Helps Children's Hospital

NARRATOR: An eight-year-old from Regina has turned a modest summer lemonade stand into a remarkable fundraising phenomenon. Ava Kowalski set up her stand in July with a hand-painted table and a single pitcher, intending to raise $100 for the children's hospital that treated her younger brother after a serious asthma attack last winter. Her mother posted a photograph of the stand on a neighbourhood social media page, and within days, customers were lining up around the block. Several local businesses donated cups, ice and sugar, and a nearby bakery contributed a cookie for every purchase. By the time the stand closed on Labour Day, Ava had collected more than $14,000, including a single donation of $5,000 left in an unsigned envelope beneath the cash box. Hospital representatives say the money will purchase specialized equipment for the pediatric respiratory unit. Ava, however, appears remarkably unimpressed by all the attention. Asked about her achievement, she shrugged, insisted that her customers deserved the credit, and explained that she mostly enjoyed squeezing the lemons. Her family insists the stand will return next summer, though her brother has reportedly negotiated a promotion to cashier.

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Part 5: Opening the Dental Office on Saturdays

Gina: So, Dr. Chen wants our thoughts by the end of the month on opening Saturdays. I told her I'd talk to you two first, because, honestly, most of it's going to land on us.

Brooke: Well, from the front desk, I can tell you people want it. I get three or four calls a day asking about weekend appointments. Mostly parents. They don't want to pull their kids out of school, and they can't get time off themselves.

Lawrence: Sure, but how many of those callers just end up booking a weekday anyway? It's not like they're going somewhere else. They're still coming to us.

Brooke: Some do. But not all. The Morrisons moved to that new clinic in the mall last spring, and they told me straight out it was the hours.

Gina: The mall place is open seven days, isn't it?

Brooke: Six. They close Sundays. But still.

Lawrence: Okay, here's my problem. I've got two kids in hockey. Saturday mornings, I'm at the rink at six. If this turns into a regular shift, then I'm—

Gina: Nobody's talking about every Saturday, Lawrence. What I had in mind was a rotation. Each of us would do maybe one in four.

Lawrence: One in four I could probably live with. Would we get a weekday off in exchange, or is it just extra hours?

Gina: That's the part I'd have to sort out with Dr. Chen. My guess is she'd want us to take Monday afternoons. Mondays are dead after lunch anyway.

Brooke: Are they? I'd say Wednesday. Monday's when we get everything that broke over the weekend. Cracked teeth from Saturday's barbecue, that sort of thing.

Gina: Fair, fair. Wednesday, then. Let me just jot that down.

Lawrence: The other thing is the cleanings. Now that Priya's gone part-time, I'm the only hygienist. If I'm off on Wednesday and in on Saturday, that's the same number of cleanings, just moved around. So where's the gain?

Brooke: The gain is the people who can't come on a Wednesday at all. Same chair, different patients. And honestly, I'd put money on Saturday cleanings booking up weeks ahead.

Lawrence: Maybe. My sister works at a clinic in Moncton. They tried Saturdays for a year and dropped it. By the summer, half their appointments were no-shows.

Gina: Summer's different, though. Everyone's at the cottage. We could run it from September to June and see what happens.

Lawrence: So, a trial, you mean.

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Gina: A trial. Six months, and then we look at the numbers.

Brooke: I'd be happy to take the first one. It's not like I do anything on Saturdays. Well, sleep.

Lawrence: Easy for you to say, Brooke. You're not at a rink at six in the morning. Look, I'm not saying no. I just want to see the swap in writing before I agree to anything.

Gina: That's fair. I'll put something together for Dr. Chen. Whether she'll actually go for the weekday off, though… that's another question.

Part 6: Charging for Paper Bags

NARRATOR: At checkouts across the country, shoppers who forget their reusable bags are increasingly confronted with a small but irritating question: are they willing to pay for a paper one? Since the federal restrictions on most single-use plastic bags, many grocery chains have begun charging anywhere from ten to twenty-five cents per paper bag, and several municipalities are now considering making such fees mandatory. The proposal sounds modest, yet it has provoked a surprisingly heated debate, one that pits environmental advocates against those who worry about what small charges add up to for families on tight budgets.

NARRATOR: Supporters, among them Halifax environmental consultant Rebecca Lam, argue that paper is hardly the innocent alternative many consumers assume. Manufacturing a paper bag, she points out, consumes considerably more water and energy than producing a plastic one, and because paper is heavier, transporting it generates additional emissions. In Lam's view, the objective was never to substitute one disposable product for another, but to change habits altogether, and a fee, she contends, is the gentlest available nudge. She cites a Quebec town where the use of reusable bags doubled within six months of a fifteen-cent charge being introduced, without any accompanying advertising. Lam also dismisses the accusation that retailers are profiteering, noting that several chains already donate the proceeds to local environmental organizations.

NARRATOR: Critics remain unconvinced. Calgary city councillor Derek Hollis, who has twice voted against a mandatory fee, describes it as a regressive tax disguised as environmental policy. Affluent shoppers, he observes, barely notice an extra quarter. A pensioner who shops on foot or by bus, by contrast, tends to buy a few items at a time, often without planning the trip, and so pays the charge again and again. Hollis is equally sceptical of those voluntary donations, pointing out that nothing obliges stores to disclose how much they actually collect. Rather than penalizing customers at the till, he would have cities hand out free reusable bags through libraries and community centres, a measure he believes would achieve the same goal without the resentment.

NARRATOR: Both sides, admittedly, share the same goal; the question is whether shoppers change their ways more readily when they are charged or when they are equipped. Given how quickly most Canadians adapted to losing plastic bags, one suspects the fee will provoke more grumbling than genuine hardship, though Hollis's concerns about who shoulders the burden deserve a fuller hearing than they have so far received.

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