CELPIP Listening Practice Test 61

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1. Open celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/61 to play the recordings (free, no account). Play each one once only, as in the real test.
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 Laptop That Won't Turn On

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/61**

1. What is the woman's problem?

A Her charger has stopped working.
B Her computer shows no sign of power.
C Her son spilled juice on the keys.
D One of the outlets in her kitchen is broken.

2. Why does the man use one of the shop's chargers?

A to charge the battery more quickly than hers can
B to show her how it should be connected
C to see whether her kitchen outlet is faulty
D to check if her cord is to blame

3. What is likely true about the woman?

A She has not saved copies of her work recently.
B She is planning to replace the laptop with a newer one.
C She has had the laptop repaired before.
D She needs the laptop for her schoolwork.

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4. What does the man suggest about the repair?

A It would take several days.
B It could be finished within an hour or so.
C It may not be worth paying for.
D It can't be done on this model.

5. How does the woman feel when she hears what caused the problem?

A exasperated
B relieved
C confused
D uninterested

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6. Why does the woman want the memory stick today?

A Her husband needs his computer back.

B Moving files to a new laptop costs more.

C The shop has no laptops in stock.

D She has a deadline to meet.

7. What has the woman decided about her old laptop?

A She will have the main board replaced.

B She won't pay to have it fixed.

C She will give it to her son.

D She will sell it to the shop.

8. What does the woman ask the shop about?

A



B



C



D



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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Planning a Canada Day Street Party

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/61**

9. What does the city require before it will close the street?

A a fee from each household
B a letter from the Hendersons
C the support of most neighbours
D a plan for cleaning up afterward

10. Why does the man suggest collecting signatures on weeknights?

A He will be out of town on the weekend.
B The deadline is too close to wait for the weekend.
C Most neighbours work on Saturdays.
D He is busy with the barbecue on weekends.

11. Why does the man prefer a potluck?

A He does not want to rent a barbecue.
B He thinks ten dollars is too much.
C His grill is too small for a crowd.
D A past money collection caused trouble.

12. What did the man wrongly assume about the Hendersons?

A They would host the party.
B They would object to the event.
C They had already signed the form.
D They were planning to move away.

13. What will people probably do after the party?

A help the man clean up the street
B set off fireworks on the street
C watch fireworks somewhere else
D meet the Hendersons' new baby

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Visiting Hours at the Hospital

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14. Why is the man calling?

A to ask how his father's operation went
B to get practical details for a visit
C to complain about the hospital's parking
D to ask if his children may stay overnight

15. What will the man probably do because of the quiet period?

A wait in the lounge until it ends
B leave his children at his brother's
C come back for the evening hours instead
D arrive later than he first intended

16. What does the woman say about the man's children?

A They will have to take turns at the bedside.
B They must be at least twelve years old.
C They may wait in the lounge on their own.
D They need a visitor pass of their own.

17. Why does the woman recommend the weekly pass?

A The machines in the garage do not accept cards.
B The daily rate goes up on weekends.
C He will probably visit several days in a row.
D The staff lot is closed to visitors.

18. What is true about the lot across from the emergency entrance?

A Only hospital employees may use it.
B It is cheaper than the garage under the hospital.
C It closes at six in the evening.
D It is under the hospital building.

19. How will the man most likely pay for parking today?

A with a weekly pass from the cashier
B at the gift shop on the main floor
C by parking in the staff lot
D at a machine in the garage

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Thunder Bay Student Wins Spelling Bee

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/61**

20. Leila's participation was uncertain because

A she had failed a qualifying round.
B her school refused to sponsor her.
C her grandmother could not coach her.
D of what the trip would cost.

21. Leila prepared for the competition by

A attending classes in Winnipeg.
B practising with a relative online.
C studying with a retired teacher at school.
D competing for many years.

22. In the semifinal, Leila

A spelled the winning word.
B objected to the judges' ruling.
C was given another chance.
D apologized to the organizers.

23. Leila's classmates

A raised money for her trip.
B travelled with her to Toronto.
C baked a cake for her victory.
D donated their bus tickets.

24. The principal's comment suggests that

A the school will pay for the next trip.
B more fundraising is being planned.
C Leila is known as a talented baker.
D the national event will be in Toronto.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Finding a Spot for the Plant Sale

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/61**

25. What is the main purpose of the discussion?

A to find a new place for the yearly sale
B to plan a children's event at the library
C to decide how many plants to grow
D to reschedule the repairs to the church lot

26. What is Nina's concern about the farmers' market?

A The stall fee is too high.
B Buyers would have to carry plants a long way.
C There would not be enough room.
D It is only open in the afternoon.

27. What does Nina misunderstand?

A how much a stall at the market costs
B which library Michelle has in mind
C when the church lot will be repaved
D how many pots the club sold last year

28. Why does Calvin mention his daughter?

A to suggest she could help at the sale
B to explain why he is busy on Saturdays
C to argue that the library attracts many visitors
D to explain how he knows about the new branch

29. What does Nina think of the composting idea?

A She doubts it would draw customers.
B She thinks it would cost too much.
C She would like to give the talk herself.
D She prefers it to the free seedlings.

30. Why does Michelle mention the year it rained?

A to warn that bad weather could hurt sales
B to suggest holding the sale indoors
C to praise one generous customer
D to show that regular buyers are loyal

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31. What is still uncertain at the end of the discussion?

A whether the church lot will be repaved

B how many plants the club has to sell

C whether the library will be available

D whether children enjoy story time

32. What is the best subject line for Michelle's email?

A Booking a Market Stall for May

B Holding Our Plant Sale on Your Grounds

C Composting Workshop for Families

D Repaving Schedule for the Church Lot

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Walking to School Alone

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/61**

33. The report is mainly about

A why fewer families walk anywhere today.
B the dangers of busy four-lane roads.
C whether young children can safely go alone.
D the benefits of volunteer-led walking groups.

34. According to Lise Tremblay, parents' fears are

A based on news stories rather than real risk.
B justified by a rise in crime.
C caused mostly by heavy traffic.
D strongest among working parents.

35. Why does Tremblay mention cars outside schools?

A to show how busy parents have become
B to argue that schools need more parking
C to suggest that buses would be cheaper
D to show caution can backfire

36. Gary Mitchell believes that younger children

A are often targeted by strangers.
B can't reliably judge how fast cars are moving.
C should cross only where there is a guard.
D are less sensible than teenagers.

37. According to the report, some schools now

A require an adult to pick up younger pupils.
B have hired extra crossing guards.
C organize walking school buses.
D ban parents' cars from the street.

38. The speaker suggests that a single age limit for walking alone is

A overdue.
B reassuring.
C misguided.
D unenforceable.

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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 Her computer shows no sign of power.

2 D to check if her cord is to blame

3 A She has not saved copies of her work recently.

4 C It may not be worth paying for.

5 A exasperated

6 D She has a deadline to meet.

7 B She won't pay to have it fixed.

8 A Picture A

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9 C the support of most neighbours

10 A He will be out of town on the weekend.

11 D A past money collection caused trouble.

12 B They would object to the event.

13 C watch fireworks somewhere else

Part 3: Visiting Hours at the Hospital

14 B to get practical details for a visit

15 D arrive later than he first intended

16 A They will have to take turns at the bedside.

17 C He will probably visit several days in a row.

18 A Only hospital employees may use it.

19 D at a machine in the garage

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20 D of what the trip would cost.

21 B practising with a relative online.

22 C was given another chance.

23 A raised money for her trip.

24 B more fundraising is being planned.

Part 5: Finding a Spot for the Plant Sale

25 A to find a new place for the yearly sale

26 C There would not be enough room.

27 B which library Michelle has in mind

28 D to explain how he knows about the new branch

29 A She doubts it would draw customers.

30 D to show that regular buyers are loyal

31 C whether the library will be available

32 B Holding Our Plant Sale on Your Grounds

Part 6: Walking to School Alone

33 C whether young children can safely go alone.

34 A based on news stories rather than real risk.

35 D to show caution can backfire

36 B can't reliably judge how fast cars are moving.

37 A require an adult to pick up younger pupils.

38 C misguided.

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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 Laptop That Won't Turn On

Section 1

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

WOMAN: Hi. So, this laptop just… died on me. It was fine last night, and this morning, nothing. No lights, no fan, not a sound.

MAN: Okay. Did you try a different outlet? Sometimes it's as simple as—

WOMAN: —the plug, yeah, I thought of that. I tried three outlets. Even the one in the kitchen.

MAN: Fair enough. Let me try one of our chargers, just to rule that out. Hmm. Still nothing. Has it been dropped, or gotten wet at all?

WOMAN: No. Well… my son did homework on it Tuesday with a glass of apple juice beside him. But he swears nothing spilled.

MAN: Right. I'd have to open it up to know for sure. There's a $40 charge to look inside, but if you go ahead with the repair, that comes off the bill.

WOMAN: That's fine. Honestly, it's the files I'm worried about. There's a grant application on there that's due Friday, and my last backup was… I actually don't know when.

MAN: Got it. I'll make that the priority. You'll hear from me tomorrow afternoon.

Section 2

MAN: Hi, is this Ms. Okafor? It's Dev, from the repair shop.

WOMAN: Oh, hi! Good news, I hope?

MAN: Well, it's mixed. There was liquid inside after all. Not much, but it got onto the main board, and that's why it won't power up.

WOMAN: So he did spill it. Unbelievable. I asked him twice. Can it be fixed?

MAN: It can, but a new board for this model is about $380, plus an hour of labour. And to be honest, the laptop's six years old. For not much more, you could get something new and a lot faster.

WOMAN: Hmm. And my application? Is that just… gone?

MAN: Not necessarily. The board's damaged, but the storage drive looks fine. I'll know more once I've got it out. Can you come by around four?

Section 3

MAN: Okay, so I took the drive out and connected it to our machine, and everything's there. Documents, photos, the lot.

WOMAN: Oh, thank goodness. Including the grant application?

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MAN: Including that. Now, I can copy it all onto a memory stick today for $25. Or, if you buy a new laptop from us, we'll move everything over for free.

WOMAN: Well, about that. After what you said yesterday, I'm not putting four hundred dollars into a six-year-old machine.

MAN: That's what I'd do too. We've got a couple of models on the shelf there, or I can order—

WOMAN: Actually, could I just take the memory stick for now? I have to finish this application tonight on my husband's computer. I'd rather not rush into buying something.

MAN: Sure, makes sense. And forget the $40 for today; it'll count toward a new one whenever you're ready. The copying takes about ten minutes.

WOMAN: Oh, that's kind. And, um, after the whole juice thing… do you sell those plastic keyboard covers?

MAN: We do. Right over there by the door. Have a look while you wait.

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Part 2: Planning a Canada Day Street Party

WOMAN: Ravi! Got a minute? I wanted to ask about the street party. Did you ever hear back from the city about closing the road?

MAN: I did, yeah, this morning. So the good news is the permit itself is free for a block party. The catch is they want signatures from at least two-thirds of the households on the street, and the form has to be in by June twentieth.

WOMAN: June twentieth? That's, what, nine days? Okay, well, there are only thirty-two houses. If we split the street, you take the even side and I take the odd side, we could probably knock it out in one weekend.

MAN: Sure, except I'm away this weekend. My sister's getting married in Kingston. Could we do weeknights instead? I could cover a few houses every evening after work, and honestly, people are friendlier once they've had dinner.

WOMAN: That works. Now, food. I was thinking we could rent one of those big barbecues, and everybody chips in, say ten dollars a household.

MAN: Hmm, I'd rather go potluck. The last time somebody collected money on this street, a few people never paid, and it turned into this whole thing with angry notes in mailboxes. A potluck just seems… simpler.

WOMAN: Oh, the hockey pool. Right, I'd forgotten about that. Fine, potluck it is. But we'll still need somebody with a grill for the hot dogs.

MAN: Mine's big enough. What about the Hendersons, though? With the new baby, I can't see them wanting a crowd outside their window all afternoon.

WOMAN: The Hendersons? Oh, no, they're the ones who asked me to organize it in the first place.

MAN: Wait, really? I just assumed they'd be the first to complain.

WOMAN: Nope. Sandra says the baby sleeps through anything, and she wants a chance to meet people now that she's home all day. Anyway, we'll wrap up by eight, so everyone can head down to the waterfront for the fireworks.

MAN: Good, because the last thing I want is to—

WOMAN: —set off your own? Don't even think about it.

MAN: I was going to say stay up till midnight cleaning, but sure.

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Part 3: Visiting Hours at the Hospital

WOMAN: Good morning, Lakeshore General Hospital information line, this is Diane. How can I help you?

MAN: Hi, yes, um, my father had hip surgery yesterday, and I'm driving down from Barrie this afternoon to see him. I wanted to check when I'm actually allowed in, and, well, where I'm supposed to park, because the last time I was there I drove around for twenty minutes.

WOMAN: Of course. So, general visiting hours are eleven in the morning until eight at night. Do you know which unit your father is on?

MAN: Uh, the fourth floor, I think. Orthopaedics?

WOMAN: Okay, then there's one thing to keep in mind. The orthopaedic unit has a quiet period every afternoon, from one until three, when patients are expected to rest. Visitors are asked to wait in the lounge at the end of the hall.

MAN: Ah. I was planning to get there around two. Well, I'm not sitting in a lounge for an hour. I'll stop for lunch on the way. Oh, and I'll have my two kids with me. Is that a problem?

WOMAN: Children are welcome, as long as an adult stays with them. The only rule is that no more than two visitors can be at the bedside at once, so you'd have to rotate.

MAN: Okay. They're nine and eleven, they'll manage. Now, parking. Is that the lot across from the emergency entrance?

WOMAN: No, that one's reserved for staff. The visitor garage is underneath the building, with the entrance off Queen Street. It's four dollars per half hour, up to twenty-two dollars a day. But if you'll be coming more than a couple of times, there's a weekly pass for forty-five, and you can come and go as often as you like.

MAN: Forty-five for the whole week? Hmm. They're saying he could be in for five or six days, and I'm staying at my brother's place in town, so…

WOMAN: Then the pass would save you quite a bit. Just so you know, you can't buy it at the pay machines in the garage. It's sold at the cashier's office on the main floor, beside the gift shop, and that closes at six, Monday to Friday.

MAN: Six. Hmm. Well, today's Friday, and with the kids wanting to see their grandpa, we won't be leaving before seven. So I guess the pass will have to wait till Monday.

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Part 4: Thunder Bay Student Wins Spelling Bee

NARRATOR: A twelve-year-old from Thunder Bay is Ontario's new spelling champion, and she very nearly didn't compete at all. Leila Haddad, a grade seven student at Westfort Public School, outlasted forty-three finalists at Saturday's provincial championship in Toronto, correctly spelling chiaroscuro in the twenty-first round. Her participation had been in doubt until last month, when her family realized that travel and hotel rooms would cost upwards of eighteen hundred dollars. Undeterred, her classmates organized a bake sale and a car wash, and a local coach company donated return tickets. Haddad, who began entering contests only two years ago, credits her grandmother, a retired English teacher, who quizzed her every evening by video call from Winnipeg. Remarkably, Haddad stumbled in the semifinal on a far simpler word, rhythm, but was reinstated after judges reviewed the recording and concluded that the word had been mispronounced to her. Organizers admitted the error and apologized publicly. Haddad will now represent the province at the national championship in Ottawa this spring. Her principal, Gordon Fraser, says the school community is determined to rally behind her once again, though this time, he jokes, the champion may have to bake a few cakes herself.

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Part 5: Finding a Spot for the Plant Sale

Michelle: So, the church lot's out this year. They're repaving the whole thing in May, which is, of course, exactly when we need it.

Calvin: Typical. Okay, well, I had a thought. What about a table at the farmers' market? Saturday mornings, there must be, what, two thousand people walking through there.

Nina: I looked into that, actually. It's sixty dollars for a stall, which is fine, but you only get one table. Last year we had something like four hundred pots. Where would we even—

Calvin: —stack them? Okay, fair. So maybe we bring half.

Nina: And the other half dies in somebody's garage. No, thank you.

Michelle: What about the library? That lawn is huge, and it's free for community groups.

Nina: The library on Elm? There's no parking at all, though. People buy six tomato plants and a bag of soil. They're not carrying that four blocks.

Michelle: No, no, the new branch. Out on Harvest Road. It's got a whole lot behind it.

Nina: Oh. I didn't even know that one was open yet.

Calvin: It opened in March. My daughter goes to story time there. It's kind of quiet, though, honestly. I'm not sure anybody would just wander by.

Michelle: That's what signs are for. And the newsletter. Remember the year it poured, and we still sold out by eleven?

Calvin: That was mostly Mrs. Kowalski buying for her whole street.

Michelle: Still counts. People who've bought from us before will track us down wherever we are.

Nina: Okay, one practical thing. The church always let us use their outdoor tap. Seedlings sitting in the sun all morning, we're going to need water.

Michelle: I'd assume the library has one. They have to water that lawn somehow. But I'll ask.

Calvin: Look, I'm not against the library. I just think if we're giving up the market crowd, we should do something to pull people in. A free seedling for every kid, or a little talk on composting…

Nina: A composting talk. At a plant sale.

Calvin: People like that stuff!

Michelle: Actually, free seedlings for kids isn't bad. Story time families, right there in the building.

Nina: Fine. But if nobody shows up, I'm blaming the compost.

Michelle: Noted. I'll email the library about the date and the tap, and, well, let's wait and see what they say before we tell the rest of the club anything.

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Calvin: And if they say no?

Michelle: Then I suppose it's sixty dollars and one very crowded table.

Part 6: Walking to School Alone

NARRATOR: A generation ago, the sight of a seven-year-old trudging to school alone, lunch box in hand, scarcely merited a second glance. Today, in many Canadian neighbourhoods, it may prompt a worried phone call. The share of elementary students who walk to school on their own has plummeted, and some schools now insist that children under twelve be collected by an adult at the end of the day. Whether that caution is prudent or excessive has become a surprisingly heated question.

NARRATOR: Lise Tremblay, who studies child development at a university in Quebec, argues that the pendulum has swung too far. Children who walk without a grown-up, she points out, get daily exercise without any organized program, and, perhaps more importantly, learn to read traffic, judge distances and solve small problems on their own. Tremblay contends that parents' fears are fuelled largely by headlines rather than evidence; the odds of a child being harmed by a stranger, she notes, are extremely low and have not risen in decades. Ironically, she adds, the line of cars idling outside schools every morning makes the street far more hazardous for the few children still on foot.

NARRATOR: Gary Mitchell, who has supervised crossing guards in Hamilton for fifteen years, is unmoved. His worry isn't strangers; it's traffic. Neighbourhoods built decades ago were never meant for today's volume of cars, he observes, and many routes now cross four-lane roads with no guard in sight. Drivers, he adds, routinely ignore the reduced speed limits posted near schools, particularly during the morning rush. Younger children, Mitchell insists, simply cannot gauge the speed of an approaching vehicle, however sensible they may be. He also questions whether the debate is fair to families. A parent with a flexible schedule can practise the route for weeks; a parent working an early shift may feel pressured to send an unprepared child out the door.

NARRATOR: Interestingly, the two agree on more than one might expect. Both favour walking school buses, in which a rotating volunteer escorts a group of children along a fixed route. Tremblay sees them as a stepping stone toward independence; Mitchell, as a sensible compromise. Their quarrel, in other words, is less about whether children should eventually walk alone than about how quickly they should be allowed to. What neither endorses is a blanket age rule, and that, perhaps, is the most telling point of all. Readiness depends on the child and the route, not on a birthday.

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