CELPIP Listening Practice Test 66

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1. Open celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/66 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 Missed Connection

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/66**

1. Why did the man miss his train?

A He went to the wrong platform.
B His first train was badly delayed.
C His phone could not show his ticket.
D He stopped to print his ticket.

2. Why will the man not have to pay for a new ticket?

A The railway treats his journey as one.
B He booked the two trips on different days.
C The agent is making a special exception.
D The freight company will pay for it.

3. Why does the man hesitate about the 7:25 train?

A It is full of students.
B It costs more than the 5:40.
C It means a late night for someone else.
D It does not go all the way through to Kingston.

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4. What does the man suggest about the upgrade fee?

A He would gladly pay it to get there sooner.
B He believes the woman set the price herself.
C It is more than a business class seat is worth.
D He feels he is paying for someone else's problem.

5. What does the woman suggest about the man's chances on standby?

A They are good, though nothing is certain.
B They depend on paying for an upgrade.
C They are poor because so many students are travelling.
D They are certain, since he is first on the list.

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6. Why does the man come back to the counter?

A He has been given a seat on the 5:40.

B He has realized he doesn't know where his bag is.

C He has lost the tag for his suitcase.

D He wants to switch to the 7:25 after all.

7. What does the man need from his suitcase for tomorrow?

A



B



C



D



8. What will the man probably do next?

A go back and wait for the 7:25 train

B ask for his bag to be held overnight

C arrange to have his bag delivered

D charge his phone and then call his sister

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Joining a Curling League

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/66**

9. Why does the woman need a new player?

A The league requires five players.
B A team member has hurt her knee.
C Her team lost too many games last year.
D A teammate is relocating.

10. Why does the woman mention the players on the next team?

A to warn him that the other teams are strong
B to show that his injury need not stop him
C to explain how her team lost last March
D to suggest he join their team instead

11. What does the man think of the cost?

A It is reasonable.
B It is more than he expected.
C It does not include the shoes he needs.
D He would rather spend the money on squash.

12. What mistake does the woman make?

A She gives the wrong price per game.
B She forgets when the lessons start.
C She names the wrong player who is leaving.
D She first gives last season's game night.

13. What is most likely true about the man?

A He has already asked his wife about Thursdays.
B He has played curling once or twice.
C He normally drives his son to swimming.
D He plans to buy his own shoes.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Smoke Alarm Safety

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/66**

14. Why does the host mention the toast?

A to describe a small fire he once had in his kitchen
B to explain why he took out his battery
C to admit he seldom gives his alarm any thought
D to ask how to stop false alarms

15. According to the officer, what do annoyed people often do?

A leave their alarm without power
B call the fire department to complain
C move the alarm off the ceiling
D buy a quieter model

16. What does the officer say about the green light?

A It means the battery should be changed.
B It does not prove the alarm can sense smoke.
C It flashes for people who are hard of hearing.
D It should be checked on the first of the month.

17. Why does the officer mention paying her mortgage?

A to offer a way to remember the test
B to show that alarms are affordable
C to explain that she has recently bought a home
D to point out that owners, not renters, must test alarms

18. What is most likely true about the host's alarm?

A It should be moved off the ceiling.
B It was installed by his landlord.
C It is probably past its useful life.
D It has no test button.

19. Who must test a smoke alarm in a rented apartment each month?

A the landlord
B the fire department
C the building manager
D the person who lives there

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

A New Life for an Old Bridge

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/66**

20. Gordon Pike is probably attached to the bridge because

A it is connected to his family's past.
B he designed it as a young engineer.
C he crossed it by train as a child.
D he works for the company that inspected it.

21. Two years ago, the town planned to

A repair the bridge.
B sell the bridge.
C remove the bridge.
D reopen the bridge to trains.

22. The inspection showed that

A the bridge needed new supports.
B the deck was in excellent shape.
C repairs would cost too much.
D most of the structure was sound.

23. The money for the project is coming from

A the town and a construction company.
B the province and the community.
C Gordon Pike and his family.
D an online petition.

24. We can infer that the plank offer

A is open only to businesses.
B will end when the path opens next summer.
C has been popular.
D pays for the bridge inspection.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

A Weekend at the Cottage

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/66**

25. Why does Vera mention the retirement party?

A to remind the others how happy their mother looked
B to point out a downside of a complete surprise
C to suggest holding the party at the same place
D to explain why their father should be told

26. Why will Vera arrive after the others?

A She has to pick up Aunt Joyce.
B She does not want to drive in the dark.
C She is going to buy the fish.
D She can't miss work on Friday.

27. Why will there be enough room for Aunt Joyce's family?

A They are bringing tents.
B They will not stay the night.
C Someone will sleep on the porch.
D Vera is not coming until Saturday.

28. Why does Leon change his menu?

A Their mother has changed her diet.
B Fish is cheaper than ribs.
C The barbecue at the cottage is broken.
D Vera prefers fish to steak.

29. What does Leon's reply about the wedding suggest?

A He objects to the idea that he can't afford it.
B He wants to pay for the whole canoe himself.
C He agrees that Cynthia should pay a bigger share.
D He has already bought a gift.

30. What is Cynthia's main doubt about the photo album?

A Their mother would prefer a canoe.
B Sixty pictures would cost too much to print.
C Putting it together would take ages.
D Their father has thrown out the old photos.

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31. What does Cynthia's last comment suggest?

A She has given up on the canoe.

B She will call Uncle Ray herself.

C She thinks the gift should not be put off.

D She agrees to decide in a few days.

32. What would be the best subject line for a follow-up email about this discussion?

A A canoe for Mom's birthday: which model?

B Remembering Dad's retirement party

C Family barbecue in Kenora

D Mom's 60th at the lake: plan so far

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

A Fee to Drive Downtown

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/66**

33. The speaker suggests that widening roads has

A been popular with voters.
B brought no lasting relief.
C cost cities more than a fee would.
D been unfair to people who do not drive.

34. According to Daniel Okafor, money from the fee should be used to

A repair downtown roads.
B lower the cost of parking.
C help downtown restaurants.
D give people other ways to get around.

35. Why does Okafor mention the vote in Stockholm?

A to show that opposition may fade over time
B to prove that traffic fell immediately
C to argue that voters should decide the issue
D to show that the fee was popular from the start

36. Michelle Tran's main objection is that the fee would

A make morning traffic even worse.
B force her restaurant to close.
C penalize workers who cannot easily switch to transit.
D be too small to change how most people travel.

37. What can we infer about Michelle Tran?

A She takes the bus to her shop.
B She drives to work.
C She is against any kind of fee.
D She lives in the suburbs.

38. Which statement would both Okafor and Tran probably accept?

A Voters will welcome the fee right away.
B Transit is already good enough for a fee.
C The fee should apply at all hours.
D A fee could be fair under certain conditions.

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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 His first train was badly delayed.

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4 D He feels he is paying for someone else's problem.

5 A They are good, though nothing is certain.

6 B He has realized he doesn't know where his bag is.

7 A Picture A

8 D charge his phone and then call his sister

Part 2: Joining a Curling League

9 D A teammate is relocating.

10 B to show that his injury need not stop him

11 A It is reasonable.

12 D She first gives last season's game night.

13 C He normally drives his son to swimming.

Part 3: Smoke Alarm Safety

14 C to admit he seldom gives his alarm any thought

15 A leave their alarm without power

16 B It does not prove the alarm can sense smoke.

17 A to offer a way to remember the test

18 C It is probably past its useful life.

19 D the person who lives there

Part 4: A New Life for an Old Bridge

20 A it is connected to his family's past.

21 C remove the bridge.

22 D most of the structure was sound.

23 B the province and the community.

24 C has been popular.

Part 5: A Weekend at the Cottage

25 B to point out a downside of a complete surprise

26 D She can't miss work on Friday.

27 B They will not stay the night.

28 A Their mother has changed her diet.

29 A He objects to the idea that he can't afford it.

30 C Putting it together would take ages.

31 C She thinks the gift should not be put off.

32 D Mom's 60th at the lake: plan so far

Part 6: A Fee to Drive Downtown

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35 A to show that opposition may fade over time

36 C penalize workers who cannot easily switch to transit.

37 B She drives to work.

38 D A fee could be fair under certain conditions.

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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 Missed Connection

Section 1

WOMAN: Next, please. Hi, what can I do for you?

MAN: Hi. Um, I just came in from Windsor, and I was supposed to be on the 3:15 to Kingston. But we sat outside London for, what, forty minutes? Some freight train ahead of us. By the time I got to the platform, the doors were closing.

WOMAN: Oh, no. Can I see your ticket?

MAN: Here. I printed it, my phone's almost dead. I'm guessing a new ticket won't be cheap.

WOMAN: Good news there. Both trips are on one booking, so if our late train makes you miss the next one, we rebook you at no charge.

MAN: Oh. What a relief. I wasn't sure, because I booked the two legs on different days.

WOMAN: Doesn't matter. Now, the next train to Kingston is at 5:40, but it's completely full.

MAN: Full? On a Tuesday?

WOMAN: Students heading back after the long weekend. There's a 7:25 with lots of room, though. That gets in at, um, nine-fifty.

MAN: Nine-fifty… My sister's picking me up, and she starts work at six in the morning.

Section 2

MAN: What about the 5:40? I'll sit anywhere.

WOMAN: Let me check business class… two seats left. But the free rebooking only covers the class you paid for. The upgrade would be $70.

MAN: So I'd be paying $70 because your train sat in a field for forty minutes. Right.

WOMAN: I understand. But I don't make the rules. What I can do is put you on the standby list for the 5:40, free, and you'd keep your seat on the 7:25 as a backup.

MAN: And standby means… what, exactly?

WOMAN: Be at gate twelve by 5:20. Any unclaimed seats go to the list in order, and you'd be second. After a long weekend, a few people always miss it.

MAN: Second. Okay. Not bad.

WOMAN: I can't promise anything, but I'd be surprised if you didn't get on.

Section 3

MAN: Sorry, me again. I was at the gate and it suddenly hit me. I checked a suitcase in Windsor. Where is it now?

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WOMAN: Give me your claim tag… okay. Checked bags are transferred automatically, so… it went to Kingston on the 3:15. Without you.

MAN: Great. So at least one of us made it.

WOMAN: Ha. It'll be at the Kingston baggage office, but they close at seven, and even on the 5:40 you're not in until 8:05.

MAN: Can't they keep it overnight? I'll grab it first thing.

WOMAN: They can, but they don't open until ten. Or we can send it to your address tomorrow, free. It usually arrives by mid-afternoon.

MAN: That's no good either. My suit's in that bag, and my job interview is at nine.

WOMAN: Could anyone in Kingston pick it up before seven? They'd need a photo of your claim tag and a signed note… actually, no, just an email from you.

MAN: My sister. She's off work by now. Although my phone's on about two percent…

WOMAN: There's a charging spot past the coffee stand.

MAN: Perfect. Wish me luck.

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Part 2: Joining a Curling League

WOMAN: Hey, got a minute? You know how I said our curling team was falling apart? Well, Denise is moving to Halifax in November, so we're down to three, and the league won't let us play short all season.

MAN: Oh, that's too bad. Wait, you're not asking me, are you? I've never even held one of those brooms. I'd have no idea what I was doing out there.

WOMAN: That's honestly fine. It's a beginners' league. Half the people in it started last year, and the club runs a learn-to-curl night on the first Sunday, so you'd get the basics before your first real game.

MAN: Hmm. To be honest, I'm more worried about my knee. Since the surgery I can't really get down into that low position, you know, where you slide out on one leg—

WOMAN: —oh, you wouldn't have to. Lots of people throw with a stick now. You just stand, walk forward and push the rock along. Two guys on the team next to us do it, and one of them beat us last March.

MAN: Huh. I didn't know that was allowed. Okay, so what's this going to cost me? Ice time can't be cheap.

WOMAN: It's $180 for the season, which works out to about $8 a game. You can borrow shoes from the club for now. Just don't buy anything fancy until you know you like it.

MAN: Eight a game? I pay more than that for one hour of squash. And what night is it?

WOMAN: Wednesdays at seven… sorry, no, that was last year. Thursdays at seven now.

MAN: Thursdays. That's my son's swimming lesson. Although… my wife keeps saying she'd like to take a turn driving him.

WOMAN: Well, think about it. Honestly, the best part isn't even the curling. After every game, both teams sit down together for a drink. That's how I met half my friends in this city.

MAN: Okay, okay, you've almost got me. Let me talk to Lisa tonight, and if Thursdays work for her, sign me up.

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Part 3: Smoke Alarm Safety

MAN: Welcome back. With me in the studio is Captain Nadia Kowalski of the Regina Fire Department. Captain, thanks for coming in. Now, I'll be honest, the last time I thought about my smoke alarm was when it went off over a piece of toast.

WOMAN: Ha, you're not alone. And that's actually part of the problem. People get annoyed, they pull the battery out to stop the noise, and then they forget to put it back. In about a third of the house fires we attended last year, there was an alarm on the ceiling, but it didn't sound.

MAN: A third. Wow. So what should people be doing? Is it enough to check the little green light?

WOMAN: Unfortunately, no. That light only tells you there's power. It doesn't tell you the sensor still works. You need to press and hold the test button once a month until it sounds. If it's a weak chirp, or nothing at all, change the battery right away, then test again.

MAN: Once a month. I'm guessing most of us don't manage that.

WOMAN: Most don't. My trick is to tie it to something you already do. I test mine on the first of the month, when I pay the rent— well, the mortgage now, but old habits.

MAN: And how long do the alarms themselves last? Mine came with the house, and we bought it back in 2009.

WOMAN: Alarms wear out after about ten years, even if they still beep when you test them. Take it down and look on the back; there's a date printed there. If it's older than ten years, or you can't find a date at all, replace the whole thing. They're about twenty dollars.

MAN: Twenty dollars. Hard to argue with that. What about apartments? Isn't that the landlord's job?

WOMAN: The landlord has to install them and make sure they work when you move in. But after that, the monthly test and the batteries are up to the tenant. A lot of renters don't realize that.

MAN: Good to know. Anything else before we let you go?

WOMAN: One thing. If someone in your home is hard of hearing, an ordinary alarm may not wake them. There are models that flash a bright light or shake the bed. And for seniors on a fixed income, we'll come out and install one free. Just call our non-emergency line.

MAN: Captain, thank you. I think I know what I'm doing when I get home tonight.

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Part 4: A New Life for an Old Bridge

NARRATOR: An abandoned railway bridge in a small southern Alberta town will soon carry walkers and cyclists instead of trains. The wooden bridge, which crosses the river just south of downtown, has not seen a train since 1998, and two years ago the town was ready to tear it down. Officials said repairs would simply be too expensive. That changed when retired engineer Gordon Pike, whose father helped build the bridge in the 1950s, started an online petition. Within a month, more than eight thousand residents had signed it. Pike then convinced a local construction company to inspect the bridge for free. To the surprise of town councillors, the inspection found that the main supports were still in excellent condition. Only the deck and railings need replacing. The project will cost about two million dollars. Half the money will come from the provincial government, and the remainder is being raised by local businesses and families, who can buy a plank with their name carved into it for $150. Pike says nearly all of the planks have already been claimed. The path is expected to open next summer, and Pike has asked to be the first person to walk across.

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Part 5: A Weekend at the Cottage

Vera: So, the cottage. Uncle Ray says we can have it the last weekend of August, but he needs an answer by Sunday. Are we doing this or not?

Leon: We're doing it. Mom's been saying for years that the lake is the only place she actually relaxes. And sixty is a big one.

Cynthia: I'm in, obviously. But let's be realistic about the drive. It's four hours from Winnipeg—

Vera: Three and a half.

Cynthia: Four, with Dad stopping every hour for coffee. My point is, if we leave Friday after work, we're unloading groceries in the dark.

Leon: So we take Friday off. Well, those of us who can.

Vera: Which isn't me. Friday's my busiest day at the clinic. I'd drive up Saturday morning.

Leon: Fine. Now, the big question. Do we tell her, or is it a surprise?

Cynthia: Surprise. Definitely. Remember her face at Dad's retirement party?

Vera: I remember her face, yes. I also remember her saying, for about a month, that she'd have worn a nicer dress if anyone had warned her.

Leon: Ha. That's true. She did go on about that.

Cynthia: Okay, so what if she knows we're going to the cottage, but not that, um, Aunt Joyce and the cousins are coming up on Saturday?

Leon: Half a surprise. I like it.

Vera: Hold on, how many people is that? The cottage sleeps eight. Ten if someone takes the porch couch.

Cynthia: Joyce's lot would just come for the day. Lunch, cake, a swim, then back to Kenora that night.

Leon: That works. And I'll handle the food. I'm thinking a big barbecue, ribs, steaks—

Vera: Mom doesn't eat red meat anymore. Since the spring, remember?

Leon: Right, right. Fish, then. I'll pick up some pickerel on the way.

Cynthia: What about a gift? I was thinking we all chip in for a new canoe. Hers has been leaking since… well, since I was in high school.

Vera: A decent canoe is over a thousand dollars. Leon, you're still paying off the wedding.

Leon: I can manage my share, thanks. Though… maybe something smaller. A photo album? Sixty years, sixty pictures?

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Cynthia: Sixty pictures. That's sweet, but who's going to dig through all of Dad's boxes in the basement? That alone is a month of weekends.

Vera: Not me. I'm already driving up a day late.

Leon: Let's not decide that now. I'll call Uncle Ray tonight and lock in the weekend. The gift can wait a few days.

Cynthia: Can it, though? Canoes sell out by July.

Part 6: A Fee to Drive Downtown

NARRATOR: Anyone who has tried to cross a Canadian downtown at five o'clock knows the feeling: a sea of brake lights, a chorus of horns, and the creeping suspicion that walking would have been faster. For decades, cities have tackled congestion by widening roads, only to watch the new lanes fill up within a few years. Now several municipalities are weighing a bolder remedy, one already in place in London and Stockholm: charging drivers a daily fee to enter the core. It is an idea that tends to provoke passionate reactions. Critics dismiss it as a cash grab disguised as environmental policy; supporters call it overdue.

NARRATOR: Transportation researcher Daniel Okafor is among its most vocal supporters. Roads, he argues, only appear to be free; in reality, everybody pays for them through property taxes, including the many residents who seldom drive. A modest charge simply asks drivers to cover a fair share of the space they occupy. Okafor points to Stockholm, where traffic dropped by about a fifth almost overnight and has stayed down for nearly two decades. Cleaner air and quicker deliveries, he adds, are welcome side benefits. Crucially, he notes, residents there opposed the fee before it began, then voted to keep it once they had lived with it for several months. The revenue, in his view, should go directly into buses and bike lanes, so that commuters who abandon their cars have somewhere to go.

NARRATOR: Restaurant owner Michelle Tran sees things differently. Her family has run a noodle shop downtown for twenty-six years, and much of her evening business comes from suburban families who, she predicts, will simply eat somewhere with free parking. Tran doesn't deny that the traffic is miserable; she sits in it herself every morning. Her objection is that the charge falls hardest on those with the fewest choices: cleaners and kitchen staff on early shifts, when buses barely run, and tradespeople who cannot haul their tools onto a train. A downtown that only the comfortable can afford to reach, she warns, is hardly a downtown at all.

NARRATOR: Okafor concedes that better transit has to come first, and that a fee introduced before buses improve would be unfair. Tran, for her part, says she could live with a charge that applied only at rush hour. On that narrow patch of common ground, a workable compromise may yet be built, though winning over voters could prove the steepest climb of all.

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