CELPIP Listening Practice Test 71

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

At the Ski Rental Shop

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/71**

1. Where is the boot rubbing the woman's leg?

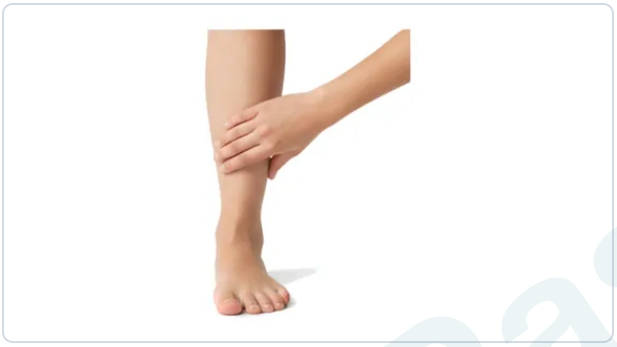
A



B



C



D



2. What was the woman's mistake?

A She chose her boots by her shoe size.
B She stayed out in the cold too long.
C She skied runs that were too difficult.
D She thought extra socks would help.

3. What does the man suggest about the tight feeling?

A It will probably ease after some skiing.
B It means she needs a bigger size.
C It comes from the foam on her shin.
D It will go away as soon as she changes socks.

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4. What is wrong with the boots now?

A They pinch her toes.
B They are far too stiff.
C Her foot moves around inside them.
D One of the buckles has broken.

5. How does the woman feel about the man's solution?

A resigned
B overjoyed
C furious
D puzzled

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6. Why did the woman ski better in the afternoon?

A Her instructor corrected her technique.
B She had warmed up in the morning.
C She had a private lesson before lunch.
D Her new boots held her foot firmly.

7. Why does the man make an exception for the woman?

A He wants her to buy boots from the shop.
B He feels the shop let her down.
C He thinks she was too clumsy.
D He holds boots for all regular guests.

8. What will the woman most likely do tomorrow?

A buy her own boots at the shop
B have liners fitted in Toronto
C collect the same boots early
D ride the eight-thirty bus

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

A Send-off for Gerald

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/71**

9. What had the man got wrong?

A the day the party will be held
B the room that has been booked
C the amount of money collected
D who will bring Gerald to the party

10. Why does the woman want to call the event a safety review?

A Gerald enjoys long staff meetings.
B The boardroom is only for official meetings.
C It hides the party and ensures he comes.
D The staff must review safety before he retires.

11. Why does the man mention a pigeon?

A to suggest a gift with a bird theme
B to explain why Gerald parks indoors
C to complain about the office parking lot
D to express surprise at the hobby

12. What does the man think of the woman's gift idea?

A It costs more than they have.
B It is not personal enough.
C It cannot be ready in time.
D It was Gerald's wife's suggestion.

13. What does the woman suggest about the man?

A He owes her a favour.
B He does not like Gerald.
C He might spoil the surprise.
D He forgot to give money.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Calling a Hearing Clinic

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/71**

14. Why is the man calling the clinic?

A to ask how much hearing aids cost
B to book a full hearing assessment
C to ask if his health plan covers testing
D to arrange a check that costs nothing

15. What does the woman advise the man to do before his visit?

A find out what his work benefits pay for
B stop wearing earplugs at work
C bring his wife's list of medications
D arrive fifteen minutes before the screening begins

16. What does the woman have to correct?

A how long the screening will take
B his idea that hearing aids might be included
C where the Saturday tests are held
D his belief that his wife is not allowed to attend

17. Why does the woman ask about the man's job?

A to find out whether his employer will pay
B to decide which specialist he should see
C to see if noise could skew his results
D to recommend a better kind of earplug

18. What is likely true about the man's wife?

A She suspects he has a hearing problem.
B She also works at the sawmill.
C She has already booked her own test.
D She prefers the Thursday time.

19. Why does the woman mention music in the truck?

A She has heard that his truck is noisy.
B She wants him to listen to traffic news.
C She is teasing him about his taste in music.
D She is reminding him to protect the results.

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Young Petitioners Make a Splash

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/71**

20. 1. Ava and Liam started their petition after they

A saw a news story about splash pads.
B were asked to by their teacher.
C could not get into a busy beach.
D visited a splash pad in another city.

21. 2. The vote succeeded partly because

A outside money lowered the city's share.
B every councillor supported the idea.
C the city's finances had improved.
D the project cost less than expected.

22. 3. In their letters, the children argued that

A the local beach was unsafe for swimming.
B the park needed more shade.
C a splash pad would cost very little.
D nearby children relied on adults to get to one.

23. 4. Ava's reaction to the vote was

A completely thrilled.
B mostly positive.
C deeply disappointed.
D rather uncertain.

24. 5. We can infer that Liam

A intends to campaign again.
B is unhappy with the splash pad.
C plans to run for city council.
D has given up on the park.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

A Meeting at the Food Bank

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/71**

25. What are the three volunteers mainly discussing?

A whether to hire more volunteer drivers
B how to improve the food they hand out
C changing when clients can come in
D how to make the parking lot safer

26. Why does Faith mention the woman across the hall?

A to show the food bank needs more helpers
B to show who the current hours shut out
C to complain that grocery stores pay too little
D to suggest the woman could volunteer on Thursdays

27. How does Dennis respond to the news about the lights?

A He thanks Valerie for checking with the church.
B He doubts the lights will be ready in time.
C He offers to help pay for the new lights.
D He says a bigger problem is still unsolved.

28. According to Valerie, how did clients feel about the food?

A They were generally pleased with it.
B They wanted more variety.
C They found it hard to carry home.
D They thought the portions were small.

29. Why was Wednesday evening ruled out?

A The board meets on Wednesdays.
B Mrs. Albright comes on Wednesdays.
C The hall is already booked then.
D The new lights will not be ready.

30. What does Dennis suggest about the Thursday morning regulars?

A They would gladly switch to Tuesdays.
B They may not adjust well to a new schedule.
C They have already complained about the opening hours.
D They mostly drive to the food bank.

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31. What is Dennis's attitude toward the teenage volunteers?

A enthusiastic

B hostile

C indifferent

D doubtful

32. What is the best subject line for Valerie's message to the board?

A Proposal to trial Thursday evening hours

B Request for new parking lot lights

C Adding a third day each week

D Students needed for intake desk

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Raising the Driving Age

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/71**

33. 1. The report is mainly about

A why teenagers in rural areas depend on cars.
B whether a later licensing age is worth its costs.
C how Canadian licensing rules compare with Europe's.
D how the teenage brain judges risk.

34. 2. Raymond Gauthier regards a licence for rural teenagers as

A a convenience.
B a reward.
C a hazard.
D a necessity.

35. 3. Helen Okafor believes young drivers crash mainly because

A they have not been taught enough driving skills.
B they often drive late at night after work.
C their judgment of danger is still developing.
D they rarely practise with a parent.

36. 4. Gauthier would most likely agree that

A learning while living at home is safer.
B eighteen-year-olds make more careful drivers.
C farm work exemptions are a sensible compromise.
D Okafor's crash figures are greatly exaggerated.

37. 5. Okafor's offer of farm exemptions shows that she

A has given up her original proposal.
B wants the rules enforced more strictly.
C accepts part of the case against her.
D believes farm work is safe for teenagers.

38. 6. The speaker seems to believe that

A Gauthier has made the stronger case.
B the debate may be overlooking a point of agreement.
C exemptions for farm families would work well.
D Canada should simply follow European rules.

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
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Answer key

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1 C Picture C

2 D She thought extra socks would help.

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4 C Her foot moves around inside them.

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7 B He feels the shop let her down.

8 C collect the same boots early

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9 A the day the party will be held

10 C It hides the party and ensures he comes.

11 D to express surprise at the hobby

12 B It is not personal enough.

13 C He might spoil the surprise.

Part 3: Calling a Hearing Clinic

14 D to arrange a check that costs nothing

15 A find out what his work benefits pay for

16 B his idea that hearing aids might be included

17 C to see if noise could skew his results

18 A She suspects he has a hearing problem.

19 D She is reminding him to protect the results.

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20 C could not get into a busy beach.

21 A outside money lowered the city's share.

22 D nearby children relied on adults to get to one.

23 B mostly positive.

24 A intends to campaign again.

Part 5: A Meeting at the Food Bank

25 C changing when clients can come in

26 B to show who the current hours shut out

27 D He says a bigger problem is still unsolved.

28 A They were generally pleased with it.

29 C The hall is already booked then.

30 B They may not adjust well to a new schedule.

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Part 6: Raising the Driving Age

33 B whether a later licensing age is worth its costs.

34 D a necessity.

35 C their judgment of danger is still developing.

36 A learning while living at home is safer.

37 C accepts part of the case against her.

38 B the debate may be overlooking a point of agreement.

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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: At the Ski Rental Shop

Section 1

MAN: Back already? You only went up an hour ago.

WOMAN: I know. I made it down twice, and by the second run I could barely feel my toes. And this spot on my left shin is, well, it's rubbing like crazy.

MAN: Have a seat and let's take a look. What size did they give you?

WOMAN: No idea. I told the guy this morning I wear a seven, and he just grabbed these.

MAN: That's usually about right. What socks have you got on?

WOMAN: Two pairs. Wool ones over cotton ones. It's minus eighteen out there, so I figured—

MAN: —more is warmer, yeah, everybody figures that. In a ski boot it's the opposite. The extra layer squeezes your foot, the blood can't get through, and your toes freeze.

WOMAN: So I've been freezing my own feet. Great.

MAN: Happens all the time. Take the cotton ones off, and I'll stick some foam over that shin spot.

WOMAN: Okay… hmm, that's better. Still tight across the top, though.

MAN: Give it a couple of runs before we swap anything. Boots loosen up once they warm up.

Section 2

WOMAN: Me again, sorry. The toes are fine now, thanks. But you were right about the boots loosening up. Maybe too right.

MAN: Uh-oh, too loose now?

WOMAN: My heel lifts every time I turn. On that steep bit under the chairlift I nearly went over twice.

MAN: Let me squeeze the shell… yeah, feel how this lining's gone flat? These have done a lot of seasons. That's on us, not you. I'd put you in a newer pair, but in your size all I've got left is a racing boot, and that'll feel like a cast.

WOMAN: So what are my options? Because my lesson's at two.

MAN: I can go half a size down in a newer model. It'll pinch for the first run or so, and then it should feel just right.

WOMAN: A pinch, wonderful. Fine, let's try it.

Section 3

MAN: Hey, how'd the afternoon go? Any pinching?

WOMAN: For about ten minutes, and then I forgot I had them on. My instructor said my turns looked totally different.

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MAN: That's your heel staying put. You can't steer properly if your foot's swimming around in there.

WOMAN: So it wasn't just me being clumsy. Good to know. Listen, we're here until Sunday. Could I have these exact ones again tomorrow?

MAN: I'll put your name on them behind the counter. Normally I can't hold anything overnight, but after this morning, we owe you one. And I've taken today's boots off your bill.

WOMAN: You didn't have to do that, but thank you. Actually, I'm starting to think I should just buy my own.

MAN: If you do, have a boot fitter shape the liners to your feet. We do it here, or any good shop back in Toronto could.

WOMAN: Hmm, let me see how tomorrow goes first. What time do you open?

MAN: At eight, but come before the bus crowd gets here at eight-thirty, and you'll skip the line.

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Part 2: A Send-off for Gerald

WOMAN: Got a minute? It's about Gerald. His wife finally called me back, and she's in. She'll make sure he doesn't sneak off early that day, which, knowing him, is a real risk.

MAN: Oh, great. So Friday at four in the lunchroom, like we said?

WOMAN: Thursday, actually. Did you not see my email? He's using up his last vacation day on Friday, so Thursday's really his last day. Which means we've got one day less than we thought.

MAN: Ugh, okay, Thursday. And the lunchroom's still a problem, by the way. He eats in there every single day. If we start hanging streamers at three, he'll walk right in on us.

WOMAN: I thought about that. What if we book the big boardroom and put it on the shared calendar as a quarterly safety review? Nobody would look twice at that. And everyone has to attend those, so he can't wriggle out of it.

MAN: He's going to be so grumpy. A safety review on his last afternoon, after thirty-one years? He'll be muttering the whole way down the hall.

WOMAN: That's kind of the fun of it, isn't it? Anyway, the collection's up to $340. I was thinking a gift card for that outdoor store, since his wife says he's getting really into birdwatching.

MAN: Wait, Gerald's into birdwatching? The man who complains every time a pigeon lands on his car? Huh, well, if she says so. But a gift card seems kind of… I don't know, like something you'd give a client. Why not a really good pair of binoculars? We could have his name engraved on the case.

WOMAN: Could we get that done by Thursday, though?

MAN: My brother-in-law does engraving, and he owes me a favour. Leave that part with me.

WOMAN: Fine, but I'm holding you to it. And keep your voice down when he's around. You're hopeless at keeping secrets.

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Part 3: Calling a Hearing Clinic

WOMAN: Good afternoon, Clearwater Hearing, this is Bonnie speaking.

MAN: Hi, yeah, I'm calling about the ad in the paper, the free hearing test? My wife circled it and left it on the kitchen table, so, uh, I guess that's a hint.

WOMAN: We hear that a lot, actually. Just so you know what it involves, the free one is a screening. It takes about fifteen minutes. You wear headphones, listen for beeps at different pitches, and then our specialist tells you whether there's anything worth looking into.

MAN: And if there is? I mean, do I walk out with hearing aids that day? Because if those are free too, sign me up for two pairs.

WOMAN: Oh, no, I'm afraid not. If the screening finds something, we'd book you a full assessment. That's a separate visit, about an hour, and it's $120. A lot of workplace health plans cover it, though, so it's worth checking yours before you come in.

MAN: Well, I've been at the sawmill for twenty-two years, so they'd better cover something. Honestly, I'm mostly doing this so she'll stop turning the TV down on me. She says the neighbours can follow the hockey game.

WOMAN: The sawmill, okay, that's actually useful to know. So you're around loud machinery?

MAN: All day. I wear earplugs. Well, most of the time, anyway, unless I'm—

WOMAN: Then here's one important thing. Try to avoid loud noise for at least sixteen hours before the test. Otherwise your ears are still tired, so to speak, and the results can look worse than they really are.

MAN: Sixteen hours. So not straight after a shift.

WOMAN: Ideally, no. This week we have Thursday at seven-thirty in the morning here at the clinic, or Saturday at eleven. On Saturdays we're set up at the Lakeview community centre.

MAN: Thursday I'm on days, starting at seven, so that's out. Saturday's my day off, and Friday I finish at three, so that should be plenty.

WOMAN: Let me just check, three on Friday until eleven on Saturday… that's twenty hours, so you're fine. Can I get your name?

MAN: Glen Hartley. And, um, can my wife come in with me? She'll want to hear what they say. Probably better than I will.

WOMAN: Absolutely, we encourage it. Bring your health card and a list of any medications you take. And Mr. Hartley, no loud music in the truck on the way over.

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Part 4: Young Petitioners Make a Splash

NARRATOR: Children in Barrie, Ontario, will have a new place to cool off next summer, thanks largely to a petition started by two ten-year-olds. City council voted eight to three on Tuesday night to build a splash pad in a small park in the city's south end. The idea began last July, when classmates Ava Chen and Liam Brooks arrived at a city beach on one of the hottest afternoons of the year, only to be told it had already reached capacity. Instead of simply complaining, they made a poster and went door to door with their parents, collecting nearly twelve hundred signatures. They also wrote to every councillor, explaining that most children in their neighbourhood had no easy way to reach a splash pad independently. The project is estimated to cost about $450,000. Several councillors questioned the expense and suggested waiting a year until the city's finances improve. However, a local business association offered to cover a third of the cost, which helped the motion pass. Asked how she felt, Ava said she was proud, but a little disappointed that the splash pad won't open until June. Liam, meanwhile, says their next petition will be for a skateboard park.

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Part 5: A Meeting at the Food Bank

Valerie: So, I finally finished going through the client surveys. We got back about a hundred and forty, which is way more than I expected.

Faith: And what did people say? Don't keep us in suspense.

Valerie: Well, the food itself got good marks. People really like the fresh produce. But the comment that came up again and again was timing. Almost half said they can't get here between ten and two because they're at work.

Dennis: At work? I thought most of our clients were seniors.

Valerie: That was true five years ago. Now it's a lot of young families, people in retail, warehouse jobs, that kind of thing.

Faith: That doesn't surprise me at all. The woman across the hall from me has two kids and works at a grocery store downtown, and she's never once been in here. By the time her shift ends, we've locked up. So she buys the cheapest stuff she can find and skips lunch herself.

Dennis: Okay, but who's going to staff an evening? Look around on a Tuesday morning. Most of us are retired. Half our drivers won't go out after dark once November hits, and I don't blame them. That parking lot is pitch black.

Valerie: I asked the church about the lot, actually. They're putting in new lights next month.

Dennis: Lights are one thing. Getting eight volunteers to give up their dinner hour is another.

Faith: So what if we didn't add anything? We just move one of the days. Keep Tuesday morning as it is, and switch Thursday to, say, four to seven.

Valerie: I'd thought about Wednesday evening, honestly, but the choir has the hall then. Thursday's free. I checked.

Dennis: Hmm, and what about the Thursday morning regulars? Mrs. Albright has been coming on Thursdays since before I started, and she takes the bus. She's not going to come out at six o'clock in the dark.

Faith: She could come on Tuesdays, couldn't she?

Dennis: She could, sure. Whether she will is another question. Some of these folks have had the same routine for ten years.

Valerie: That's fair. Maybe we try it for two months and see who shows up. If nothing changes, we switch back. Nobody's carving anything in stone.

Faith: And for volunteers, my son's high school makes the kids do forty hours of community service. Evenings would suit them better than mornings, since they're in class.

Dennis: Teenagers handling the intake forms? With people's addresses and incomes on them?

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Faith: Not the forms. Stocking shelves, carrying boxes out to cars. The adults would still do intake.

Dennis: Well, I'll believe it when I see it. But I suppose I could do the first couple of Thursdays, just to see.

Valerie: I'll write it up for the board, then. They meet on the twentieth, so if they agree—

Faith: —we could be open in the evenings before the holidays.

Dennis: If they agree. The last time we asked them for anything, it took three meetings for them to say no.

Part 6: Raising the Driving Age

NARRATOR: In most Canadian provinces, a sixteen-year-old can walk into a licensing office, pass a written test and begin the long apprenticeship of learning to drive. That threshold, set generations ago when far more young people worked on farms, is now being questioned. A growing chorus of safety advocates argues that the minimum age should be raised to eighteen, as it already is across much of Europe. Their opponents contend that such a change would impose an unwarranted burden, particularly on families outside the cities.

NARRATOR: Doctor Helen Okafor, who studies injury prevention at a hospital in Halifax, is among the most vocal proponents. Collisions, she points out, remain a leading cause of death for Canadian teenagers, and the danger peaks in the first months of driving alone. Okafor attributes this less to a lack of skill than to biology: the regions of the adolescent brain that govern impulse control, she says, keep maturing into the early twenties. Two more years would not eliminate reckless choices, in her estimation, but would make them considerably rarer. Graduated licensing, which limits nighttime driving and passengers, has helped, she acknowledges, but in her view it treats the symptoms rather than the cause. She is unmoved by claims that teenagers need cars for work, which she regards as convenience dressed up as necessity.

NARRATOR: Raymond Gauthier is unpersuaded. A driving instructor in rural Saskatchewan for nearly thirty years, he notes that many of his students drive to part-time jobs, to hockey practice forty kilometres away, or to help on family farms where no bus has ever run. For them, he insists, a licence is hardly a luxury. Gauthier also challenges Okafor's reasoning head-on. Inexperience, he maintains, is hazardous at any age; raising the threshold would merely postpone the riskiest period until young people have left home, when no parent is sitting in the passenger seat. A sixteen-year-old practising with a mother or father, he argues, is safer than an eighteen-year-old learning alone in an unfamiliar city.

NARRATOR: Okafor concedes that rural teenagers face genuine hardship and has proposed exemptions for farm work. Gauthier counters that such exemptions are notoriously difficult to enforce and would leave teenagers in towns feeling cheated. Notably, neither of them disputes that new drivers need far more supervised practice than most currently get. Each, in other words, is worried about the same untested driver; they simply disagree about when that driver should appear. That shared ground may deserve more attention than the birthday on which the practice begins.

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