CELPIP Listening Practice Test 72

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2. Read the questions for each recording here and mark your answers on the answer sheet.
3. Check your answers with the answer key, then read the transcript for every question you missed.

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

At the Parking Garage Pay Office

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/72**

1. Why does the man object to the charge?

A The car he drove belongs to someone else.
B He was told that patients park for free.
C He has only stayed a short time.
D He already paid at the dentist's office.

2. Why does the woman ask for the plate number?

A to find out when the car arrived
B to locate the car on level three
C to contact the owner of the car
D to charge the fee to the car's insurance

3. What will the man probably do next?

A phone his sister for the number
B search the dentist's waiting room again
C pay the daily maximum and leave
D go to the car to find a document

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4. Why does the woman tell the man to hurry?

A The processing fee goes up at the end of the day.
B The office that can lower his fee closes soon.
C His record will soon be deleted.
D The garage gate locks at four o'clock.

5. How does the man feel about the processing fee?

A relieved
B annoyed
C amused
D indifferent

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6. What had happened to the man's ticket?

A It had slid under a seat in the car.

B It was in his jacket pocket all along.

C It fell when he took out another card.

D The receptionist picked it up by mistake.

7. How does the woman seem at the end of the conversation?

A impatient

B suspicious

C apologetic

D good-humoured

8. Where does the man want to go before he pays?

A



B



C



D



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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Selling a Car Online

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/72**

9. What makes the man suspicious of the first buyer?

A He sent a picture of his dog.
B He asked whether the car was still available.
C He wants to come to her building.
D His offer is too generous.

10. Why is the woman unsure about Joanne's visit?

A Joanne wants to pay by certified cheque.
B Joanne's father might ask for a lower price.
C She is uneasy about strangers coming to her home.
D She is busy on Saturday.

11. Why does the man suggest bringing the maintenance records?

A to prove that she owns the car
B to help her get the price she wants
C to show that the winter tires are included
D to satisfy the police at the meeting place

12. What mistake did the woman make in her ad?

A She undersold one feature of the car.
B She asked too little for the car.
C She forgot to post any photos.
D She gave the wrong pick-up address.

13. What can we infer about the woman?

A She has already accepted one offer.
B She plans to keep the winter tires.
C She has sold several cars online before.
D She tends to trust people too easily.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Calling a Home Insurance Company

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/72**

14. Why is the man calling?

A to report water damage in his basement
B to check his coverage after a renovation
C to buy insurance for his new tenant
D to ask how to get a building permit for the suite

15. What detail does the man correct?

A the name of his contractor
B the date of the final inspection
C the city where his house is
D when his tenant will move in

16. What does the woman advise about the tenant's belongings?

A The tenant should arrange her own coverage.
B They are covered for an extra fee.
C They are included in the suite coverage.
D The man should list them in the lease.

17. Why does the woman mention the storms two summers ago?

A to explain why his premium is going up
B to explain a delay in handling his file
C to show that the risk is a real one
D to suggest that his basement flooded then

18. Why does the man decide against the rental income coverage?

A It costs more than sewer backup coverage.
B His tenant will have her own insurance.
C He could handle a short gap in rent himself.
D His contractor's insurance already includes it.

19. What does the woman need before the change takes effect?

A proof that the finished work was inspected
B the contractor's building permit
C a signed copy of the lease
D proof that the tenant has bought her own insurance

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Geese on the Highway

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/72**

20. Drivers reacted to the geese by

A honking to move them along.
B leaving their cars to help them.
C driving slowly around them.
D shielding them with their cars.

21. Sylvie Gagnon's interview

A was moved to the afternoon.
B led to a job offer.
C was cancelled because of the delay.
D took place by phone.

22. The geese were most likely crossing the highway because

A they could only reach the pond on foot.
B a police officer was guiding them.
C traffic had stopped for them.
D they were looking for grass to eat.

23. Wildlife specialists advise drivers to

A turn on their hazard lights.
B avoid roads near ponds.
C remain in their cars.
D report geese to the police.

24. The tone of the report is

A critical.
B light-hearted.
C alarming.
D sorrowful.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Planning a Business Lunch

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/72**

25. Why does Malcolm prefer the usual caterer?

A It is dependable.
B It costs less than the new place.
C The client asked for it.
D Its menu offers more variety.

26. Why does Malcolm mention the taco truck?

A to suggest hiring it again
B to show that the director likes tacos
C to explain why he avoids taking risks
D to point out that food trucks cost less

27. What worries Malcolm about the burners?

A They would make the food too hot.
B They cost extra to rent.
C They take too long to set up.
D They could set off a safety system.

28. What can we infer about Todd?

A He has run a catering business himself.
B He has not checked every practical detail.
C He thinks Harvest Table is the safer choice.
D He knows the owners of Cedar and Salt.

29. How does Pamela react to Todd's point about wheat in Lebanese dishes?

A She wants facts, not guesses.
B She finds it reassuring.
C She thinks gluten-free food costs too much.
D She suggests ordering from both caterers.

30. Why is this lunch especially important?

A The client is visiting the city for the first time.
B The client complained about earlier meals.
C The client asked to try Lebanese food.
D The client's future business is at stake.

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31. Why does Pamela say the client has never been to one of their training days?

A to suggest inviting the client to a training day

B so the usual menu would feel new to them

C to complain about training-day food

D to explain why the lunch must be held elsewhere

32. What is the best subject line for a follow-up email after the meeting?

A Harvest Table booked for the client lunch

B Client lunch cancelled

C Client lunch: checking the new caterer before we decide

D New fire safety rules for the boardroom

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Fireplaces in New Homes

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/72**

33. The report is mainly about

A the dangers of smoke in valley towns.
B a conflict between public health and practical needs.
C the history of the fireplace in Canadian homes.
D how modern stoves have reduced emissions compared with older ones.

34. Lavoie's remark about people who have never split a log suggests that he

A believes cutting firewood is a lost skill.
B thinks city residents burn more wood.
C wants officials to visit his building sites.
D thinks rule-makers misunderstand rural life.

35. Priya Raman suggests that fireplace owners

A affect others, not only themselves.
B rarely light fires in winter.
C mostly live in rural communities.
D often suffer from asthma themselves.

36. Martin Lavoie's attitude toward a ban is

A indifferent.
B amused.
C resentful.
D approving.

37. Raman's response to the claim about modern stoves is that

A they are as dirty as open fireplaces.
B they cost too much for most families.
C they are inspected every year.
D their benefit depends on how people use them.

38. The speaker would most likely favour

A allowing cleaner stoves only where they are really needed.
B a complete ban on burning wood at home.
C keeping open fireplaces in rural areas.
D letting each homeowner decide what kind to install.

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
9 _____	10 _____	11 _____	12 _____
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37 _____	38 _____		

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Answer key

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1 C He has only stayed a short time.

2 A to find out when the car arrived

3 D go to the car to find a document

4 B The office that can lower his fee closes soon.

5 B annoyed

6 C It fell when he took out another card.

7 D good-humoured

8 B Picture B

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9 D His offer is too generous.

10 C She is uneasy about strangers coming to her home.

11 B to help her get the price she wants

12 A She undersold one feature of the car.

13 D She tends to trust people too easily.

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14 B to check his coverage after a renovation

15 D when his tenant will move in

16 A The tenant should arrange her own coverage.

17 C to show that the risk is a real one

18 C He could handle a short gap in rent himself.

19 A proof that the finished work was inspected

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20 D shielding them with their cars.

21 B led to a job offer.

22 A they could only reach the pond on foot.

23 C remain in their cars.

24 B light-hearted.

Part 5: Planning a Business Lunch

25 A It is dependable.

26 C to explain why he avoids taking risks

27 D They could set off a safety system.

28 B He has not checked every practical detail.

29 A She wants facts, not guesses.

30 D The client's future business is at stake.

31 B so the usual menu would feel new to them

32 C Client lunch: checking the new caterer before we decide

Part 6: Fireplaces in New Homes

33 B a conflict between public health and practical needs.

34 D thinks rule-makers misunderstand rural life.

35 A affect others, not only themselves.

36 C resentful.

37 D their benefit depends on how people use them.

38 A allowing cleaner stoves only where they are really needed.

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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 Parking Garage Pay Office

Section 1

WOMAN: Hi there, how can I help?

MAN: Hi, so, this is a little embarrassing, but I've lost my parking ticket. I was sure it was in my jacket pocket, and I already went back up to the dentist's and checked the waiting room.

WOMAN: The trouble is, without a ticket the system charges the lost-ticket rate, which is the daily maximum. That's $42.

MAN: Forty-two dollars? I've only been here since about one o'clock. It was supposed to be a quick cleaning, and then they found a cavity, so… anyway. Two and a half hours, tops.

WOMAN: I believe you, but the gate won't. There might be another way, though. The cameras at the entrance read licence plates, so if you give me your plate number, I can see exactly when you came in.

MAN: The plate, right, um, here's the thing. It's my sister's car, mine's in the shop. And I'd call her, but she's on a flight to Halifax until tonight.

WOMAN: Well, check the glove box for her insurance slip. The plate number's printed on it.

MAN: Oh, good thinking. The car's down on level three. I'll be back in five minutes.

WOMAN: Sure, and while you're down there, check under the seats. Tickets love to slide under them.

Section 2

MAN: Okay, found it, it was in the glove box, like you said. It's B-F-R, four-zero-two-seven. Nothing under the seats, though.

WOMAN: B, F, R, four, zero, two, seven… here we go. You came in at twelve fifty-two. So that's $14.

MAN: Great, that's way better.

WOMAN: Plus the $10 processing fee for a lost ticket, I'm afraid.

MAN: Wait, there's a fee for losing it? So I'm being charged extra for… being forgetful?

WOMAN: More or less. Sorry, it's not my rule. But your dentist validates parking. Patients get half off. Normally they stamp the ticket, but if you ask at the front desk, they can phone down a code instead.

MAN: Huh, they never mentioned that. It's quarter to four, though, and I think they close at four.

WOMAN: Then I'd hurry. I'll keep your record open right here.

Section 3

MAN: Okay, you won't believe this. The receptionist found my ticket. It was on the floor under the front desk. It must have fallen out when I pulled out my insurance card.

WOMAN: Ha, of course it was. No processing fee now, then.

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MAN: And she stamped it, see? Half off.

WOMAN: Perfect, so half of $14, that's $7. Tap or insert?

MAN: Tap, please. Oh, one more thing. My sister's prescription is ready at the pharmacy on the ground floor. Can I just pop in on my way out?

WOMAN: You can, but once you've paid, you've got fifteen minutes to get through the gate. After that, you'd be paying again.

MAN: Fifteen minutes. The line at that pharmacy is usually… well, hmm, actually, can you hold off on the payment for a second?

WOMAN: No problem. Just bring the ticket back when you're ready. And try not to lose it this time.

MAN: Believe me, it's not leaving my hand.

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Part 2: Selling a Car Online

WOMAN: Oh good, you're here. Can you look at something on my phone? It's about the car.

MAN: The hatchback? You finally put it up for sale?

WOMAN: Last Tuesday, and my phone hasn't stopped buzzing since. Mostly people asking if it's still available and then just vanishing. But this one guy is offering $9,500, which is actually five hundred more than I'm asking. He says he's working up north, so he'll mail me a certified cheque and send a driver to pick it up.

MAN: Okay, stop right there. That's one of the oldest tricks around. Either the cheque bounces a week after the car's gone, or he asks you to send back the extra five hundred. Nobody pays over the asking price for a ten-year-old car they've never even seen.

WOMAN: Are you serious? He seemed so polite. He even sent me a picture of his dog.

MAN: Ha, they always do. Look, just delete it. What about the people who actually want to come and see it?

WOMAN: There's a nursing student, Joanne, who wants to bring her dad on Saturday for a test drive. But honestly, I'm a bit nervous about strangers showing up at my building, and, I don't know, what if they just drive off with it?

MAN: So meet somewhere public. A lot of police stations have a spot in their parking lot for exactly this kind of thing, with cameras. Then go along on the test drive, and hold onto their licence until you're back.

WOMAN: Their licence? Isn't that a bit rude?

MAN: Not at all, any dealer does the same. Oh, and bring the maintenance records. You've got that folder from the garage, right? Buyers love that. It's the difference between someone haggling you down and someone paying what you ask.

WOMAN: The folder… I think it's in my mom's basement, with the winter tires. Which, by the way, come with the car.

MAN: Then say so in the ad! Around here, winter tires are worth a few hundred bucks to anybody. You didn't mention them?

WOMAN: I thought I did. Hmm, no, I wrote all-season tires. That's—

MAN: —not the same thing at all, no.

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Part 3: Calling a Home Insurance Company

WOMAN: Good afternoon, Northgate Insurance, this is Rachel speaking. How can I help you?

MAN: Hi, Rachel. My name's Kevin Osei. I've got a home policy with you for my house in Hamilton, and, well, we've just finished turning the basement into a separate apartment. Kitchen, bathroom, its own entrance, the whole thing. Someone's moving in on the first, so I figured I'd better make sure I'm still properly covered.

WOMAN: I'm glad you called before, not after. A lot of people don't, and if something happens in a suite we don't know about, a claim can be refused entirely. Can I ask, was the work done with a building permit?

MAN: Yes, my contractor took care of all that, and the final inspection was last week. Oh, wait, sorry, the move-in isn't the first, it's the fifteenth. Her lease at her old place runs a couple of weeks longer.

WOMAN: No problem, I'll note the fifteenth. So, adding a legal suite to your policy would raise your premium by about twenty-two dollars a month. That covers the suite itself, and your liability if, say, your tenant's guest slips on the stairs.

MAN: Okay, that's less than I expected. And her furniture and things would be covered under that as well, right?

WOMAN: Actually, no. Her belongings aren't part of your policy at all. She'd need tenant insurance of her own. A lot of landlords make it a condition of the lease, and honestly, I'd recommend it.

MAN: Huh, good to know. I'll bring it up with her before she signs anything. What if, say, a pipe bursts and she has to move out for a month? I'd lose the rent.

WOMAN: That's called loss of rental income. It's an optional add-on, roughly six dollars a month. But since we're talking about a basement, the one I'd really look at is sewer backup. Your current policy doesn't include it.

MAN: Wait, it doesn't? I just assumed with a basement it would—

WOMAN: It's a surprisingly common gap. After the storms two summers ago, we had dozens of claims from your area that weren't covered. It'd be another eleven dollars a month.

MAN: Hmm, okay. The rental one I can probably live without, since I've got enough put aside to manage a month or two. But the sewer one, yes, let's add that. My neighbour had six inches of water down there last year.

WOMAN: Sounds wise. I'll email you a quote with the suite and sewer backup, and you can sign it online. Just one thing, though: I'll need a copy of the final inspection report before the change takes effect.

MAN: Sure, it's in an email from my contractor somewhere. I'll dig it up tonight.

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Part 4: Geese on the Highway

NARRATOR: Commuters in Gatineau, Quebec, faced an unusual delay on Tuesday morning when a family of Canada geese decided to stroll across a busy highway. Shortly before eight o'clock, two adult geese and seven fluffy goslings wandered onto the westbound lanes near an exit ramp, bringing rush-hour traffic to a crawl. Rather than honking, several motorists switched on their hazard lights and stopped completely, forming a protective barrier of vehicles around the birds. One driver, Sylvie Gagnon, admitted she was running late for a job interview but simply couldn't bring herself to steer around the family. A police officer arrived within minutes and patiently guided the geese toward a grassy embankment beside a pond. Wildlife specialists say the birds were almost certainly heading for water, since goslings this young are incapable of flying. They caution that drivers should never leave their vehicles to chase animals off the road, which is considerably more dangerous than waiting. The disruption lasted approximately twenty minutes. As for Gagnon, she arrived at her interview fifteen minutes late, explained the circumstances, and was offered the position that same afternoon. Her new employer, it turns out, is an enthusiastic bird watcher.

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Part 5: Planning a Business Lunch

Pamela: Right, the Calder Group lunch. It's a week from Thursday, twelve of them plus the three of us, and I'd like to book the food today if we can.

Todd: Pamela, can I make a pitch before anyone says Harvest Table? Every time we've used them, it's the same wraps, the same pasta salad, and those cookies that taste like cardboard.

Malcolm: Nobody's ever complained about those cookies, though. Harvest Table shows up on time, they set up, they clear away. After last spring, I'm not taking chances.

Pamela: Last spring was the taco truck?

Malcolm: The taco truck that showed up forty minutes late while the regional director stood there holding an empty plate. Yes.

Todd: Okay, fair. But hear me out. There's a Lebanese place that opened on Queen Street, Cedar and Salt. They catered my nephew's graduation party, and people are still talking about it. Grilled chicken, stuffed grape leaves, three kinds of salad. And it's two dollars a head cheaper than Harvest Table.

Pamela: Cheaper is nice, but did they deliver, or did someone have to go and pick it up?

Todd: They delivered, and it was hot, too, in those foil trays with little burners underneath.

Malcolm: Burners, in our boardroom? You know the sprinkler's right above that table?

Todd: They're not open flames, Malcolm, they're… well, actually, I'm not totally sure what they are.

Pamela: Let's find out before somebody soaks a client. The other thing is the dietary list. Their assistant sent it this morning: two vegetarians, and one person who can't have gluten at all. Not prefers not to. Can't.

Malcolm: That's exactly my point. Harvest Table labels everything, and the gluten-free meals come in their own sealed boxes. A small kitchen might not have a separate area for that.

Todd: Or they might. A lot of Lebanese dishes don't use wheat anyway, don't they? Rice, grilled meat…

Pamela: Might isn't good enough if somebody ends up in the hospital. Todd, could you call them this afternoon? Ask about the gluten, and about those burners.

Todd: Sure, and if they pass?

Malcolm: Then I'll eat my words. Along with the grape leaves, I suppose.

Pamela: Just remember, these are the people deciding whether to renew our contract next year. Whatever we serve, it can't look like we grabbed it from the food court on the way in.

Malcolm: Harvest Table doesn't look like the food court.

Todd: It looks like every training day we've ever had.

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Pamela: Well, the client's never been to one of our training days. Though, honestly, I'm curious what you find out. Let's leave it until tomorrow morning and see.

Part 6: Fireplaces in New Homes

NARRATOR: Few images capture a Canadian winter quite like a crackling fire on a snowy evening. Yet that cherished ritual has become the subject of a surprisingly heated debate. Several municipalities, particularly in British Columbia, are weighing whether to prohibit wood-burning fireplaces in newly constructed homes, and the proposal has provoked a fierce response from people who regard a hearth as practically a birthright. Proponents frame the idea as overdue public health policy; opponents denounce it as yet another intrusion into private life.

NARRATOR: Respirologist Priya Raman argues that the romance obscures an inconvenient truth. On calm winter nights, she notes, smoke from residential chimneys can account for most of the fine particle pollution in some valley towns, where cold air traps it close to the ground for days. Those microscopic particles penetrate deep into the lungs, and Raman sees the consequences every January: children with asthma, elderly patients with heart conditions, and families who have never lit a fire themselves. To her, a fireplace is hardly a private indulgence, since the smoke drifts straight into the neighbour's bedroom. Building new homes with them, she contends, simply locks in decades of avoidable harm.

NARRATOR: Homebuilder Martin Lavoie finds such reasoning persuasive in theory but naive in practice. Lavoie, who has built houses in rural communities for three decades, points out that when an ice storm knocks out power for a week, a wood stove may be the only thing standing between a family and frozen pipes. He bristles at what he calls city rules written for people who have never split a log. Moreover, he insists that modern certified stoves bear little resemblance to the smoky fireplaces of his grandparents' era, releasing only a fraction of the emissions. Banning them all, in his view, punishes responsible owners for the sins of outdated equipment.

NARRATOR: Raman concedes that newer stoves are cleaner, but only when they're operated properly. Burn damp wood or choke the air supply, she cautions, and even an expensive stove will smoulder like a campfire. Inspections, meanwhile, typically happen once, at installation, and never again. A stove installed today, she adds, may well still be burning half a century from now.

NARRATOR: Ultimately, the two sides may be talking about different fireplaces altogether. A bylaw that retires the open hearth entirely, while still permitting certified stoves in places where winter outages are a genuine threat, would hardly satisfy purists on either side. It might, however, let everyone breathe a little easier.

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