CELPIP Listening Practice Test 75

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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 Blender That Stopped Working

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/75**

1. What happened when the man tried the blender again?

A It gave off a burning smell.
B It would not switch on at all.
C It hummed, but the blade stayed still.
D It made a loud grinding noise before stopping.

2. Why can't the woman give the man the same model today?

A He has no proof of purchase.
B The warranty does not cover motors.
C The model is no longer made.
D The store has run out of them.

3. What was the man making when the blender stopped?

A



B



C



D



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4. Why doesn't the man's wife want the newer model?

A It would cost too much extra.
B It is louder than the old one.
C It is too big for its usual spot.
D She would rather get a refund instead.

5. What has the woman arranged?

A A blender will come from another branch.
B The newer model will be shipped to his home.
C The manufacturer will repair his old blender.
D He can pick up a blender on Thursday.

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6. What does the woman explain about the warranty?

A It also covers accidental damage.
B It starts over for another three years.
C It still runs from the first purchase.
D It requires the original receipt.

7. What most likely caused the motor to fail?

A The jug was not attached properly.
B The man overworked it with hot food.
C The motor had a factory defect.
D The lid was left off.

8. What is likely true about the man?

A He will buy the protection plan.
B He is unhappy with the store's help.
C His wife was the one using the blender.
D He had not read the blender's manual.

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

A Wedding Invitation

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/75**

9. What had the man misunderstood?

A where the wedding will take place
B how long Natalie wants guests to stay
C how much the resort charges for each guest
D who is paying for the reception

10. Why can't the man stay for the whole week?

A He is saving for a home.
B His aunt expects him at a family dinner.
C It is a busy period at his job.
D Flights in March are too expensive.

11. Why does the man mention Aunt Rita?

A to suggest she might share a room
B to explain who chose the resort
C to point out that she is paying for the reception
D to explain why a short visit worries him

12. Why is the woman hurt by Natalie's choice?

A Her money situation seemed to be ignored.
B She was not asked to be in the wedding.
C Natalie forgot to invite her family.
D The date clashes with her busy season at work.

13. How does the woman's attitude change when she learns who chose the resort?

A She stops worrying about the cost.
B She becomes upset with the groom's family.
C She decides she will definitely attend.
D She is more forgiving but still worried.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Planning a Backyard Deck

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/75**

14. Why is the woman calling?

A to arrange an inspection of her deck
B to find out if her project needs approval
C to report a neighbour's deck that is too high
D to request a sample drawing

15. Why will the woman need a permit?

A The deck will cover too much of the yard.
B Her neighbour has complained about it.
C Part of the deck will sit too high.
D The deck will be attached to the house.

16. What did the woman fear about the drawing?

A that she would have to pay an expert
B that it must be drawn on a computer
C that she could not find the sample online
D that it would take weeks to approve

17. Why does the man suggest applying this month?

A The fee will go up in April.
B Inspectors are not available in May.
C The sample drawing will be updated in the spring.
D Applications will take longer to process soon.

18. Why does the man mention people digging their posts back up?

A to explain how deep the holes should be
B to show the cost of skipping an inspection
C to suggest hiring a professional builder instead
D to warn that concrete is expensive

19. What can be inferred about the woman's husband?

A He has drawn the deck plans himself.
B He wants to hire a contractor.
C He is the one who spoke to the neighbour.
D He started preparing before learning the rules.

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

A Field of Sunflowers

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/75**

20. The field was originally planted

A for a local photography project.
B to raise money for charity.
C to attract summer tourists.
D simply as a regular farm crop.

21. People started visiting the field after

A the farmer advertised it in town.
B someone passing through shared photos.
C a food bank promoted it as a fundraiser.
D a newspaper ran a story about it.

22. At first, Kowalski found the visitors

A troublesome.
B flattering.
C entertaining.
D harmless.

23. Next summer, Kowalski's field will most likely

A be full of sunflowers again.
B be fenced off to keep visitors out.
C be planted with a different crop.
D be used for visitor parking.

24. The money collected from visitors

A covers the cost of the trampled plants.
B goes to help people in need.
C pays for the new walking paths.
D is shared with neighbouring farms.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Planning a Team Event

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/75**

25. Why does Janet reject Iris's first suggestion?

A Half the team wouldn't use them.
B The money must be spent by December.
C Eleven gift cards would cost more than the budget.
D Gift cards aren't an allowed use of the money.

26. Why does Iris want the event during work hours?

A Evenings are hard for staff with families.
B Restaurants are fully booked in the evenings.
C Nobody calls the office during that week.
D The escape room is closed at night.

27. Why does Janet mention the scavenger hunt?

A to suggest a similar activity for this year
B to point out that it rained on the day of the event
C to hint that games can cause tension
D to show how last year's money was spent

28. Iris's attitude toward the escape room is

A skeptical.
B enthusiastic.
C confused.
D indifferent.

29. What problem does Iris see with doing both activities?

A The escape room cannot fit the whole team at once.
B The plan would go over the budget.
C Lunch would leave no time for the game.
D Those who skip the game get no real treat.

30. Why does Tyler think Sandra will agree?

A She enjoyed the last team event.
B Hardly anyone phones the office that week.
C Janet has already cleared it with her.
D Someone else has offered to answer the phones.

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31. Why does Tyler want to choose a date this week?

A The escape room is almost fully booked for December.

B Sandra needs a date by Friday.

C Delays left them with few choices last year.

D Iris wants to plan a pizza party.

32. What is the best subject line for a follow-up email to the team?

A Year-end outing depends on manager's reply

B Escape room booked for the week before Christmas

C Social budget going to the food drive

D Gift cards for everyone this year

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Grocery Store Surplus

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/75**

33. The report mainly discusses

A how stores decide when food is too old to sell.
B which charities receive the most donated food.
C whether grocers should have to give away surplus food.
D why shoppers waste more food than grocery stores do.

34. Szabo's main criticism of voluntary programs is that

A they cost taxpayers too much.
B they depend too much on each store's choice.
C they lead stores to donate spoiled food.
D they create far too much extra work for charities.

35. Doyle's position is best described as

A unconcerned about how much food is actually wasted.
B in favour of stricter rules for charities.
C opposed to any form of government help.
D agreeing on the problem but not the solution.

36. Szabo mentions fuel, water and labour in order to

A show that the loss goes beyond the food itself.
B explain why some stores avoid donating any food at all.
C argue that trucking food is too costly.
D support offering tax breaks to stores.

37. When Doyle raises the lack of freezer space, Szabo

A denies that charities are short of room.
B says small towns should be exempt.
C argues a law would help charities grow.
D agrees the law should be delayed.

38. The speaker most likely believes that

A small grocers should be permanently exempt.
B donations should become mandatory step by step.
C the debate cannot be settled without much more data.
D incentives deserve more time to work.

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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 It hummed, but the blade stayed still.

2 D The store has run out of them.

3 B Picture B

4 C It is too big for its usual spot.

5 A A blender will come from another branch.

6 C It still runs from the first purchase.

7 B The man overworked it with hot food.

8 D He had not read the blender's manual.

Part 2: A Wedding Invitation

9 B how long Natalie wants guests to stay

10 C It is a busy period at his job.

11 D to explain why a short visit worries him

12 A Her money situation seemed to be ignored.

13 D She is more forgiving but still worried.

Part 3: Planning a Backyard Deck

14 B to find out if her project needs approval

15 C Part of the deck will sit too high.

16 A that she would have to pay an expert

17 D Applications will take longer to process soon.

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20 D simply as a regular farm crop.

21 B someone passing through shared photos.

22 A troublesome.

23 C be planted with a different crop.

24 B goes to help people in need.

Part 5: Planning a Team Event

25 D Gift cards aren't an allowed use of the money.

26 A Evenings are hard for staff with families.

27 C to hint that games can cause tension

28 A skeptical.

29 D Those who skip the game get no real treat.

30 B Hardly anyone phones the office that week.

31 C Delays left them with few choices last year.

32 A Year-end outing depends on manager's reply

Part 6: Grocery Store Surplus

33 C whether grocers should have to give away surplus food.

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35 D agreeing on the problem but not the solution.

36 A show that the loss goes beyond the food itself.

37 C argues a law would help charities grow.

38 B donations should become mandatory step by step.

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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 Blender That Stopped Working

Section 1

WOMAN: Good morning. What can I do for you?

MAN: Hi, so, I bought this blender here back in, um, February. Yesterday I was making soup, and the motor made this grinding noise, then there was a burning smell and it just quit.

WOMAN: Oh, no. Did you try running it again after it cooled down?

MAN: I did, this morning. It hums, but the blade doesn't turn at all.

WOMAN: Okay, that sounds like the motor. These come with a three-year warranty, so you're well covered. Do you have your receipt?

MAN: That's the thing, I can't find it. I paid with my debit card, though.

WOMAN: That's fine, I can look it up with your card. Normally I'd just hand you a new one, but we're sold out of this model until next week.

MAN: Next week… My in-laws are coming on Saturday, and I promised them my squash soup.

WOMAN: I could give you the newer version today, though. You'd just pay the difference, which is $35.

MAN: Hmm, let me call my wife before I decide anything. She's the one who picked this one out.

Section 2

MAN: Hi, it's me again, with the blender?

WOMAN: Of course, the soup emergency. Did you talk to your wife?

MAN: I did, and she's not keen on the newer one. She didn't even mind the price, actually. It's just taller, and it won't fit under our cupboards, where we keep it.

WOMAN: Well, I have better news anyway. Our other location on Gordon Road has two of your model. I can have one sent over here by Friday.

MAN: Thursday's perfect. They don't get in till Saturday.

WOMAN: Sorry, Friday, not Thursday. The truck only comes once a week.

MAN: Friday's cutting it close, but okay. Should I bring the old one with me?

WOMAN: Yes, please, the whole thing, base and jug. The manufacturer wants the broken one sent back to them.

Section 3

WOMAN: Hi again. It came in this morning.

MAN: Great, here's the old one, base and jug.

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WOMAN: Thanks, and one thing about the warranty. It doesn't start over with the new blender. It just carries on from when you bought the first one in February.

MAN: Oh, so I don't get a fresh three years.

WOMAN: No, I'm afraid not. Can I ask, though, were you blending the soup while it was still hot?

MAN: Right off the stove. Is that bad?

WOMAN: With this model, it can be. Steam builds up, the lid's sealed tight, and the motor has to work much harder. The manual says no more than a minute at a time.

MAN: A minute? I usually just let it go until… well, until it's smooth. Five minutes, maybe.

WOMAN: That would do it. Let the soup cool first, and blend it in short bursts.

MAN: My wife's going to love this. She's been telling me to read that manual since February.

WOMAN: There's also a protection plan, $25, that covers accidental damage for two years.

MAN: Thanks, but I think I'll try following the instructions first.

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Part 2: A Wedding Invitation

WOMAN: Did you get the invitation from Natalie? The fancy one with the little seashells on it?

MAN: I did. Mexico, in March. I opened it and my first thought was, well, there goes my vacation budget for the whole year.

WOMAN: Right, and the resort alone is something like $2,000 a person for the week, and that's before flights. And she wants everyone there for the full seven nights, because there's a welcome dinner and a boat trip and…

MAN: Seven nights? I read it as three. There's a three-night minimum, isn't there?

WOMAN: That's the resort's minimum. Natalie's note at the bottom says she's hoping we'll all stay the whole week. Hoping. Which, with Natalie, means expecting.

MAN: Okay, that changes things. I can't take a full week in March. That's our year-end at work, and my boss already gave me a hard time about the long weekend I took in February.

WOMAN: Have you thought about just going for the ceremony? Fly in Friday, fly out Sunday?

MAN: I mean, I could. But you know how Aunt Rita is. If I show up for two days, I'll hear about it at every Christmas dinner for the next ten years.

WOMAN: Better than not showing up at all. Honestly, I'm thinking about not going.

MAN: Really, you'd skip it? You and Natalie were inseparable growing up.

WOMAN: Exactly, which is why it stings a bit. She knows I'm saving for a down payment on a condo. I told her that at Easter. And then she goes and picks the most expensive place she could possibly find.

MAN: To be fair, I think the groom's family picked it. His parents are paying for the reception, so they got a say in where it is.

WOMAN: Oh, I didn't know that. Well, that's… okay, that makes me feel a little less annoyed with her. It still doesn't make it any cheaper, though.

MAN: No, it doesn't. What if we split a room? That would cut it nearly in half for both of us.

WOMAN: Hmm, you snore.

MAN: I do not. Okay, I do. I'll bring you earplugs.

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Part 3: Planning a Backyard Deck

MAN: Building and development, this is Darren speaking.

WOMAN: Hi, I'm hoping you can help me. We want to build a deck in our backyard this summer, and my neighbour told me you don't need a permit if it's under a certain size. Is that right?

MAN: Sort of. It's not really the size that matters, it's the height. If any part of the deck is more than sixty centimetres off the ground, you need a permit, no matter how small it is. A low deck, sitting right on the ground, usually doesn't.

WOMAN: So the sixty centimetres, is that measured from the—

MAN: —from the ground to the top of the deck boards, yes.

WOMAN: Okay, that's a problem, then. Our yard slopes down toward the back fence, so the end by the house would be at ground level, but the far end would be, oh, close to a metre up.

MAN: Then I'm afraid you'll need one. The good news is that for a basic deck it's not complicated. You'd send us a site plan showing where the deck sits on your lot and how far it is from the property lines, plus a drawing of how it's built, the posts, the beams, that sort of thing.

WOMAN: A drawing? Like, from an architect? Because that's going to cost more than the wood.

MAN: No, no, it doesn't have to be professional. Plenty of people sketch it themselves on graph paper. It just has to be to scale and show the measurements. There's a sample drawing on our website you can copy from.

WOMAN: That's a relief. And how long does approval take?

MAN: Right now, about three weeks. In April it'll be more like six, because everybody gets the same idea as soon as the snow melts. So if you're planning to build in May, I'd get it in this month.

WOMAN: And the cost?

MAN: It's based on the value of the project, but for most decks it works out to somewhere between $150 and $250.

WOMAN: And once it's approved, we just go ahead and build?

MAN: Mostly, but there are two inspections. One after the holes for the posts are dug, before you pour any concrete, and a final one when it's finished. Don't skip the first one. I've seen people have to dig their posts right back up.

WOMAN: Oh, my husband would love that. He's already bought the concrete.

MAN: Well, as long as it's still in the bags, you're fine.

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Part 4: A Field of Sunflowers

NARRATOR: A sunflower field just outside Brandon, Manitoba, has become one of the province's most unexpected summer attractions. Farmer Dale Kowalski planted the forty-acre field last spring as an ordinary oilseed crop, and he never imagined it would draw a crowd. But when a visiting photographer shared pictures of the blooms online in early August, cars began lining the gravel road beside his property almost immediately. By the end of the month, an estimated eight thousand people had stopped to wander between the rows and take photographs.

NARRATOR: At first, Kowalski admits, the attention was more of a headache than a blessing. Visitors trampled sunflowers, blocked his equipment and left garbage scattered along the ditch. Rather than put up a fence, however, he decided to welcome them thoughtfully. He mowed a parking area, marked out walking paths, and began charging five dollars a car, with every dollar contributed to the local food bank. So far, the field has raised more than eleven thousand dollars.

NARRATOR: Neighbouring farmers have taken notice, and at least two are considering planting sunflowers of their own next year. Kowalski, however, says the season will end as planned. The flowers will be harvested for seed in September, and the field will go back to wheat.

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Part 5: Planning a Team Event

Janet: So, the email from HR. We've got $1,200 left in the social budget, and it disappears if we don't use it by the end of December.

Tyler: Twelve hundred? For eleven people? That's a real party.

Iris: Or it's eleven gift cards. Honestly, I think most people would rather have the gift cards.

Janet: We can't do that. It has to be an actual event. Cash, or anything like cash, doesn't count. I checked last year.

Iris: Okay, fine. Then something during work hours. Half the team has kids, and nobody's going to show up to anything on a Friday night in December.

Tyler: I was going to say an escape room. There's a new one downtown, and they take groups of up to twelve. It's about $40 a head.

Iris: An escape room. Where you get locked in a small room with your co-workers for an hour.

Tyler: Iris, it's not locked locked. You can walk out whenever you want.

Janet: Didn't we try something like that at the retreat two years ago? The scavenger hunt? I seem to remember two people in accounting didn't speak for a week.

Tyler: That was a scavenger hunt, totally different. And it was pouring rain.

Iris: What about a long lunch? Somewhere nice, a proper sit-down place, on a weekday, and we close the office for the afternoon. Nobody has to find a babysitter, and the people who hate games aren't forced to play one.

Janet: I like that. But lunch for eleven, even somewhere nice, is maybe six or seven hundred. That still leaves a lot on the table.

Tyler: So we do both. Lunch, and then the escape room after for whoever wants to go.

Iris: And the ones who don't want to just go back to their desks and work? That's not much of a reward.

Janet: Unless they go home early. I'd have to clear the afternoon with Sandra, though. Last time she was pretty strict about having someone on the phones, so—

Tyler: —she'll say yes if it's the week before Christmas. Nobody calls us that week anyway.

Janet: That's… actually probably true. Calls drop right off.

Iris: And whatever's left over, could some of it go to the food drive reception is running?

Janet: I don't know if the budget allows donations. I'd have to read the fine print again.

Tyler: Look, whatever we do, can we pick a date this week? Last year we argued until every restaurant was booked, and we ended up with pizza in the boardroom.

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Iris: Which, for the record, I enjoyed.

Janet: Let me talk to Sandra about the afternoon first. If she says no, most of this is pointless anyway.

Iris: And if she says yes, we're still arguing about the escape room.

Tyler: I'll take that as a maybe.

Part 6: Grocery Store Surplus

NARRATOR: Every evening, supermarkets face a quiet dilemma: what to do with day-old bread, bruised apples and yogurt that's approaching its best-before date. Much of it, remarkably, still ends up in the dumpster. Some European countries now oblige large grocers to hand such food over to charities, and a coalition of Canadian advocates argues it's time we did the same. The debate, it turns out, is less about whether such waste is wrong than about who should bear the cost of preventing it.

NARRATOR: Among the most vocal is Renata Szabo, who coordinates a network of community pantries in Winnipeg. She contends that voluntary programs, however well-intentioned, have proved hopelessly inconsistent. Some stores donate generously; others, citing liability worries or simple inconvenience, give nothing at all. A legal requirement, in her view, would level the playing field and reach families who currently depend on whichever store happens to be nearby. She also points out that this food has already been grown, packaged and trucked across the country. Throwing it away, she says, squanders not only groceries but the fuel, water and labour behind them.

NARRATOR: Martin Doyle, who owns three independent grocery stores in eastern Ontario, isn't convinced. He hardly disputes that the waste is scandalous, but argues that a blanket mandate ignores how unevenly the burden would fall. Large chains can afford refrigerated trucks and staff to sort donations; a small rural store cannot. Moreover, charities in many towns lack the freezer space to accept what's offered, so a law might simply move the dumpster from the grocer's parking lot to the food bank's. He'd rather see tax incentives that reward stores for giving, leaving each one to arrange whatever genuinely works locally.

NARRATOR: Szabo concedes that capacity is a legitimate concern, but regards it as an argument for investment, not for inaction. Mandates, she notes, tend to create the very infrastructure they require. Once donations become predictable, charities can plan, fundraise and expand accordingly, and a freezer, she adds dryly, costs far less than a landfill.

NARRATOR: Both arguments carry weight, and Doyle is right that a rule written for a big city could prove unworkable in a village with one store and no food bank. Yet voluntary incentives have been tried for years, and the dumpsters behind many supermarkets are still full. Perhaps the real question isn't whether to require donations, but how to phase in a requirement that small grocers can actually meet.

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