CELPIP Listening Practice Test 76

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

Cloudy Pool Water

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/76**

1. Why does the man mention his son's birthday party?

A to explain why he couldn't come in sooner
B to explain what may have changed the water
C to ask which products are safe for children
D to say the pool was too small for the guests

2. What does the water test show?

A The chlorine is much higher than it should be.
B The chlorine tablets have stopped dissolving.
C The sample was not collected properly.
D A different level is the real problem.

3. What will the man most likely do this afternoon?

A add something to bring the pH down
B shock the pool with a dose of chlorine
C take the filter cartridge out to check it
D put in more chlorine tablets

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4. What did the woman first think about the cartridge?

A It had been damaged.
B It was too dirty to ever clean.
C It was the wrong model for his pump.
D It was missing its label.

5. Why does the man decide to buy a new cartridge?

A The woman says the old one is beyond saving now.
B The cleaner costs almost as much as a new one.
C He has always kept two of them.
D He wants the pool running again right away.

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6. Why is the water probably still hazy?

A The new cartridge was not put in the right way.

B The pH has risen again after the treatment.

C He hasn't added a clarifier.

D The man treated it at the wrong time of day.

7. What does the woman advise about the clarifier?

A Buy it now to be ready for the weekend party.

B Wait and see whether it is really needed.

C Ask the neighbour which brand to get.

D Use it in place of a second shock.

8. What should the children do before getting into the pool?

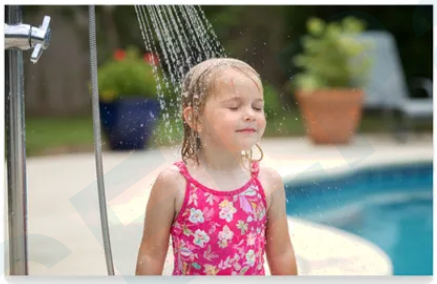
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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

A New Shop on the Street

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/76**

9. What did the man assume about the new coffee shop?

A It would be run by people from the market.
B It would also sell hardware.
C It would belong to a large company.
D It would open only in the mornings.

10. Why does the woman think parking won't be a problem?

A Most customers will be locals walking over.
B The shop will have its own small lot.
C The city is adding spaces near the bus stop.
D Customers will mostly come in the afternoon.

11. What worries the man most about the shop?

A Customers will block his driveway.
B He will have to stand in long lines.
C Its hours will be longer than those of the store before it.
D Outdoor noise could disturb his daytime sleep.

12. Why does the man hesitate to speak to the owners?

A He thinks Marisol is hard to deal with.
B He doesn't want to make a poor first impression on them.
C He would rather send comments to the city.
D He thinks the tables have already been approved.

13. What does the man's last question suggest?

A He may become a customer himself.
B He wants the shop to close earlier.
C He doubts the couple will succeed.
D He has decided to write to the city.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Opening a Bank Account

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/76**

14. Why was the woman worried about her identification?

A Her passport was about to expire.
B Her paper from the airport was the wrong one.
C She had no proof of her new job.
D One of the usual documents had not arrived yet.

15. What does the man say about her address?

A She must show a utility bill.
B Her cousin's home is acceptable.
C She has to return after she moves.
D Her cousin must come in to sign a form.

16. What will happen to the account after the first year?

A She will need to open a different account.
B Her credit card limit will go up.
C A fee may apply, depending on her balance.
D She will pay $14 every month no matter what.

17. Why does the man suggest using the credit card for small purchases?

A to show she can handle credit responsibly
B to make sure she never goes over her $1,000 limit
C to avoid paying the monthly account fee
D to let her employer see how she spends

18. Why does the man mention a letter from her employer?

A The bank needs it to open the account.
B It is required for direct deposit.
C It will raise her credit card limit.
D It could help her rent sooner.

19. What will the woman probably do on Monday?

A return to the bank to pick up a form
B hand in a form at her new job
C show her new permanent resident card
D start viewing apartments with her cousin

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

A Rescue at the Beach

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/76**

20. The swimmer got into trouble because he

A had a cramp in his leg.
B fell off a paddleboard.
C was carried out by moving water.
D was not used to cold ocean water.

21. Tremblay helped the swimmer by

A using his board to bring him in.
B swimming out and pulling him in by the arm.
C throwing him a life jacket from the beach.
D calling for an ambulance.

22. Tremblay's lifesaving course taught him to

A always phone for help before acting.
B bring something buoyant when helping a swimmer.
C stay out of the water where currents are strong.
D use a paddleboard for every rescue.

23. After the rescue, the swimmer

A was taken to hospital overnight.
B presented Tremblay with an award.
C returned home to Alberta right away.
D was checked where he came ashore.

24. Tremblay's comments about the rescue show that he is

A modest about what he did.
B proud of his own training.
C annoyed by all the attention.
D worried about his sister.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Replacing the Company Van

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/76**

25. Why does the company need a different van?

A The old van was damaged in an accident.
B Repairs would not be a good use of money.
C The business needs a second vehicle.
D The lease on the old van is ending.

26. Why does Philip mention his brother-in-law?

A to suggest a dealer who sells electric vans
B to show that electric vans save on fuel
C to explain how leasing a vehicle works
D to point out a winter drawback of electric vans

27. Why is Hector worried about the electric van?

A He has never driven an electric vehicle before.
B The airport has nowhere to charge.
C Charging could make his deliveries late.
D It may be too small for his route.

28. What did Sarah misunderstand?

A the price of one of the options
B the size of the banner stands
C which dealer sells the electric van
D how long the electric van can go without charging

29. Why does Philip want a taller roof?

A so the van can carry more boxes on each trip
B so that Hector can stand up inside
C so large items aren't harmed on the way
D so it matches the extended-length model

30. Why does Philip object to leasing?

A A lease requires a large first payment.
B They would go over the distance limit.
C Hector's cousin had a bad experience.
D Leased vans cannot be electric.

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31. What will Hector do tomorrow?

A test drive the electric van

B ask the landlord about a charger

C check on the used van at the dealership

D make deliveries in a borrowed vehicle

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

A New van depends on the landlord's reply

B Electric van ordered from Mill Street dealer

C Old van to be repaired next week

D Team agrees to lease a high-roof van

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Limiting Drive-Throughs

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/76**

33. The report mainly discusses

A how drive-through lanes add to air pollution in Canadian cities.
B why restaurants depend on drive-through customers.
C whether the harms of drive-throughs justify refusing new ones.
D how drive-throughs could be redesigned for cyclists.

34. Osei mentions spending on cycling infrastructure in order to

A show that some city decisions contradict others.
B argue that bike lanes cost cities too much.
C prove that drive-through queues block bike lanes.
D suggest a better use for drive-through land.

35. Kowal mentions parents and shift workers in order to

A argue that they should be exempt from any ban.
B explain why drive-throughs should stay open all night.
C show that these groups were consulted about bans.
D show that others depend on drive-throughs as well.

36. Kowal's reply to Osei's alternatives suggests that he

A thinks they would be too costly for cities.
B doubts they would work well in practice.
C prefers delivery to the drive-through.
D accepts them as a fair compromise.

37. According to Osei, drive-throughs put pedestrians at risk because

A drivers speed up to beat the morning rush.
B idling cars make the air unsafe to breathe nearby.
C people on foot must cross the path of cars.
D the lanes leave no room for sidewalks.

38. The speaker most likely believes that

A all existing drive-throughs should eventually close.
B new drive-throughs could be allowed in some cases.
C Kowal's concerns are mostly exaggerated.
D the matter is best left to business owners.

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
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Answer key

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1 B to explain what may have changed the water

2 D A different level is the real problem.

3 A add something to bring the pH down

4 A It had been damaged.

5 D He wants the pool running again right away.

6 D The man treated it at the wrong time of day.

7 B Wait and see whether it is really needed.

8 C Picture C

Part 2: A New Shop on the Street

9 C It would belong to a large company.

10 A Most customers will be locals walking over.

11 D Outdoor noise could disturb his daytime sleep.

12 B He doesn't want to make a poor first impression on them.

13 A He may become a customer himself.

Part 3: Opening a Bank Account

14 D One of the usual documents had not arrived yet.

15 B Her cousin's home is acceptable.

16 C A fee may apply, depending on her balance.

17 A to show she can handle credit responsibly

18 D It could help her rent sooner.

19 B hand in a form at her new job

Part 4: A Rescue at the Beach

20 C was carried out by moving water.

21 A using his board to bring him in.

22 B bring something buoyant when helping a swimmer.

23 D was checked where he came ashore.

24 A modest about what he did.

Part 5: Replacing the Company Van

25 B Repairs would not be a good use of money.

26 D to point out a winter drawback of electric vans

27 C Charging could make his deliveries late.

28 A the price of one of the options

29 C so large items aren't harmed on the way

30 B They would go over the distance limit.

31 D make deliveries in a borrowed vehicle

32 A New van depends on the landlord's reply

Part 6: Limiting Drive-Throughs

33 C whether the harms of drive-throughs justify refusing new ones.

34 A show that some city decisions contradict others.

35 D show that others depend on drive-throughs as well.

36 B doubts they would work well in practice.

37 C people on foot must cross the path of cars.

38 B new drive-throughs could be allowed in some

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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: Cloudy Pool Water

Section 1

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

MAN: Hi, I brought in a water sample from my pool. It was perfectly clear on Friday, and now you can't even see the bottom of the deep end. My kids call it the milkshake.

WOMAN: Oh dear, did anything happen over the weekend?

MAN: Well, my son had his birthday party on Saturday, fifteen kids in the water all afternoon, and it was over thirty degrees. So on Sunday I threw in three extra chlorine tablets, and today it actually looks worse.

WOMAN: Okay, let me test it… Right, your chlorine's a little low, but that's not really the issue. Your pH is way too high, and when it's up there, the chlorine hardly does anything.

MAN: So those tablets were money down the drain.

WOMAN: Not totally, but they can't work until the pH comes down. Add a pH reducer this afternoon and run the pump overnight. Tomorrow, take out the filter cartridge and check it, then shock the pool in the evening.

MAN: Shock it? Is that, like, something electrical—

WOMAN: No, no, it just means adding a big dose of chlorine all at once.

MAN: Right, okay. I'll take the pH stuff, then.

Section 2

MAN: Hi, it's me again. I took the filter out like you said, and, well, have a look at this.

WOMAN: Wow, that's not just dirty, that's coated. Sunscreen, probably, from all those kids. And is that a crack along the top?

MAN: No, no, that's only an old label peeling off.

WOMAN: Oh, good, I thought the cap had split. So, you can soak this one overnight in cleaner, that's $18, but the pump can't run without it, so the pool just sits until tomorrow. Or a new cartridge is $70, and you're filtering again in ten minutes.

MAN: Seventy dollars, huh? Honestly, I just want the water back to normal. I'll take the new one, and the cleaner, so I can keep this one as a spare.

WOMAN: Good thinking, lots of our customers switch between two.

Section 3

WOMAN: Hi again! How's the milkshake?

MAN: More like skim milk now. I can see the drain in the deep end, but it's still a bit hazy.

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WOMAN: Hmm, and you shocked it in the evening, like we said?

MAN: Well, I did it Tuesday around noon. It was nice and sunny, so I figured, why wait?

WOMAN: That's the thing, though. Strong sun burns off chlorine in a few hours. That's why we tell people to do it after sunset. It probably only did half the job.

MAN: Ah, so tonight, then, after dark. And should I get one of those clarifier bottles? My neighbour swears by them.

WOMAN: You could, but I'd hold off. If tonight clears it, that's $25 for nothing. If it's still cloudy on Friday, come back then.

MAN: Fair enough. Oh, and the kids want another pool party this weekend.

WOMAN: Then make everyone rinse off in the shower first. Fifteen kids covered in sunscreen, that's what clogged your filter in the first place.

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Part 2: A New Shop on the Street

WOMAN: Did you see the paper finally came off the windows at the old hardware store? It's going to be a coffee shop.

MAN: I saw. Another one of those big chains, I suppose. Twelve kinds of milk and a line out the door at seven in the morning.

WOMAN: No, that's the best part. It's Dev and Marisol, the couple with the coffee truck at the farmers' market. They've been saving for years to get a real place, and they bought all the old wooden shelves from the hardware store to use inside.

MAN: Oh, well, that's nicer than I expected, I'll admit. But you know what this street's like for parking already. If people start pulling into my driveway to grab a latte—

WOMAN: —they're mostly going to walk, though. Half the people on this block go to that market every Saturday, and they already know the truck. I really don't think it'll be a parking problem.

MAN: Maybe, but honestly, parking isn't even what bothers me most. I saw the notice on the pole. They've applied to put tables out on the sidewalk, right under my bedroom window. I'm on nights at the hospital until spring, so I'm trying to sleep from about eight till three.

WOMAN: Ah, I hadn't thought of that. That would be hard, with people chatting right outside all morning.

MAN: And the notice says until six in the evening, seven days a week.

WOMAN: Well, the notice also says the city's taking comments until the end of the month, so you could write in. Or, better, talk to them directly. Marisol's really reasonable. Maybe they'd put the tables on the other side of the door, over by the bus stop.

MAN: I don't want to be the grumpy neighbour who complains before they've even opened.

WOMAN: You won't be, if you go in friendly. Bring them a card or something to welcome them. People remember that kind of thing.

MAN: Hmm, do you think they'll have decaf? I can't drink the real stuff before bed.

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Part 3: Opening a Bank Account

WOMAN: Hi, I'd like to open a bank account, please. I moved here from the Philippines three weeks ago, and I start a new job on Monday.

MAN: Welcome to Halifax, and congratulations on the job. We can definitely do that today. I'll just need two pieces of identification. Do you have your passport and your permanent resident card?

WOMAN: The passport, yes. But the card hasn't come yet. They told me it could take two months. I have this paper they gave me at the airport, but I wasn't sure if that—

MAN: —that's your confirmation of permanent residence. That works perfectly well with your passport. Lots of newcomers are in exactly the same situation.

WOMAN: Oh, good, I was worried I'd have to come back. And I don't have a utility bill or anything with my address. I'm staying with my cousin until I find an apartment.

MAN: That's okay too. We just need an address where you can get mail, so your cousin's place is fine. When you move, you can change it online in a couple of minutes.

WOMAN: Great, and is there a monthly fee? At home, my bank charged me for almost everything.

MAN: For newcomers, we have a package with no monthly fee for the first year, and that includes unlimited transactions. After that, it becomes our regular account, which is $14 a month, but we waive the fee in any month you keep at least $3,000 in it.

WOMAN: Fourteen dollars, okay, I'll keep that in mind for next year. What about a credit card? Someone told me I need one here to rent an apartment.

MAN: It definitely helps, because landlords often check your credit history, and right now you don't have one in Canada. The package includes a card with a $1,000 limit, even without any history. If you use it for small things and pay it off every month, after about six months you'll have a record a landlord can look at.

WOMAN: Six months? I was hoping to move out a lot sooner than that.

MAN: In that case, a letter from your new employer showing your salary can help a lot. Many landlords will accept that instead.

WOMAN: Okay, and my manager also asked me for some form, something about direct deposit? So my pay goes straight into the account.

MAN: Yes, once your account's open, I'll print that for you. It has all your account numbers on it, and you just hand it to your payroll department.

WOMAN: Perfect, then I can take it in with me on my first day.

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Part 4: A Rescue at the Beach

NARRATOR: A sixteen-year-old from Nanaimo is being praised for his quick thinking after he helped rescue a struggling swimmer on Sunday afternoon. Owen Tremblay was paddleboarding with his sister near a popular beach north of the city when he heard someone shouting. A vacationer in his sixties from Alberta had swum out farther than he anticipated and was caught in a strong current that kept dragging him away from shore.

NARRATOR: Rather than diving into the water, Tremblay paddled over, told the exhausted swimmer to hold on to the front of his board, and gradually pushed him back toward the beach. Meanwhile, his sister called nine-one-one. Paramedics examined the man on the sand, and he did not need to go to hospital.

NARRATOR: Tremblay completed a lifesaving course only last month, and he credits his instructor for teaching him never to approach a panicking swimmer without something that floats. The vacationer's family has since expressed their gratitude publicly, and a local community group plans to give Tremblay an award. Tremblay, however, insists he was simply in the right place at the right time. What he would really like, he says, is for permanent warning signs about the current to be installed at that beach.

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Part 5: Replacing the Company Van

Sarah: Okay, so the mechanic called back about the van. He can fix the transmission, but it's around $4,500, and honestly, that's more than the whole van is worth at this point.

Philip: So we're not fixing it.

Sarah: I'd rather not throw good money after bad. I've been looking at a couple of options. There's a used cargo van at the dealership on Mill Street, three years old, about $31,000. Or there's the electric version of the same van, brand new, for $58,000.

Hector: Fifty-eight thousand? For a van?

Sarah: There's a rebate that brings it down a bit, and fuel would be next to nothing. I did the math, and over eight years it's actually not that far off.

Philip: My brother-in-law bought one of those for his landscaping business. He loves it in the summer, but he says in January he loses almost a third of the range. On cold mornings he has to plan his whole route around charging.

Hector: That's what I'm worried about. Some days I'm out to the airport, back downtown, then out to the university, all before noon. If I'm sitting at a charger for forty minutes, the trade show banners don't get there on time.

Sarah: We'd charge it here overnight, though. You'd start every day full.

Hector: Here where? We rent this building. There isn't a single plug in that parking lot.

Sarah: Right, I'd have to ask the landlord about putting one in.

Philip: Can I bring up something else? Whatever we get, it needs a taller roof. The big banner stands don't fit standing up in the old van, so Hector's been laying them in on an angle, and two came back bent last month.

Sarah: Isn't the high roof an extra $6,000? Because that's—

Philip: No, that's the extended length. The high roof's only about $1,200 more. It's on the same sheet.

Sarah: Oh, I misread it. Then that's fine.

Hector: Has anyone thought about leasing? My cousin's company leases all their trucks. No big payment up front.

Philip: They usually cap the kilometres, though. With all the running around he does, we'd be over by the summer and paying for every extra one.

Hector: Fair enough, I was only asking.

Sarah: Look, I'm not saying no to electric. But until I know whether the landlord will even let us put in a charger, it's just a nice idea.

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Philip: And if he says no?

Sarah: Then I guess we're back at Mill Street. If the used one's still there by then.

Hector: Meanwhile, I'm borrowing my brother's pickup for tomorrow's deliveries. I hope nobody minds a bit of dog hair.

Part 6: Limiting Drive-Throughs

NARRATOR: Few sights are as familiar in Canadian suburbs as the drive-through lane: a ribbon of idling cars curling around a coffee shop or burger outlet, often spilling onto the street during the morning rush. Several municipalities have now stopped approving new ones, at least in certain neighbourhoods, and others are considering following suit. Opinions, predictably, are sharply divided. The question is whether such restrictions represent overdue planning reform or an unwarranted intrusion on everyday convenience.

NARRATOR: Urban planner Margaret Osei is among the most outspoken proponents of a moratorium. She contends that drive-throughs are fundamentally at odds with the walkable communities cities claim to want. Every lane, she notes, requires a driveway that forces pedestrians to cross a stream of turning vehicles, and queues routinely block sidewalks and bike lanes. She also points to emissions: a car idling for ten minutes, multiplied across thousands of daily visits, adds up to a considerable and entirely avoidable source of pollution. In her view, cities that approve new drive-throughs while spending millions on cycling infrastructure are working at cross purposes.

NARRATOR: Disability advocate Raymond Kowal sees things rather differently. For people with limited mobility, he argues, a drive-through is not a luxury but one of the few genuinely accessible ways to buy a meal or pick up a prescription without assistance. Parents with sleeping infants and shift workers heading home at three in the morning rely on them too. Kowal is exasperated that such residents are rarely consulted when bans are drafted, and he warns that well-meaning environmental policies can quietly shift the burden onto those least able to bear it.

NARRATOR: Osei acknowledges the concern but maintains that alternatives exist. Curbside pickup, short-term parking spots and delivery services, she argues, can meet the same needs without permanent car lanes. Kowal counters that these options often cost extra or depend on a smartphone, which many older customers simply do not own, and that a promise of accommodation is not the same as a working one.

NARRATOR: Both make compelling points. Osei is surely right that cities cannot keep designing for cars while claiming to discourage them. But a ban that leaves vulnerable residents to fend for themselves would merely trade one exclusion for another. Perhaps the wiser course is not a blanket prohibition but firmer conditions: new drive-throughs approved only where pedestrians are barely affected, and only once dependable alternatives are actually in place.

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