CELPIP Listening Practice Test 80

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Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving

Ordering a Thanksgiving Turkey

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/80**

1. What is the woman's main problem?

A She is too late to place any order.
B The farmer's prices have gone up.
C Her relatives have cancelled their visit.
D The size of bird she wants is gone.

2. What does the man suggest?

A adding a smaller cut of turkey
B ordering two birds of the same size
C choosing a bigger bird next year
D roasting the turkey in two ovens

3. What is likely true about the woman's relatives?

A They will bring some of the food.
B Some of them eat a lot.
C They do not like turkey breast.
D They live in the same town as her.

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4. Why can't the woman pick up the turkey on Sunday?

A The bird would no longer be fresh.
B The turkeys are processed that day.
C The farmer's stall will not be there.
D She has to pay the balance first.

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5. What does the man recommend for storing the turkey?

A



B



C



D



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6. What does the man say about the whole turkey?

A His estimate of its size was too low.
B It costs more per pound than the breast.
C It was processed later than planned.
D It should be brined overnight.

7. Why does the man say brining is not necessary?

A Her fridge has no room for it.
B Brining makes the skin too salty.
C Supermarket turkeys do not need it either.
D His birds are not treated the way many store-bought turkeys are.

8. What will the woman probably do next?

A pay for the turkey in cash
B go back to where she parked
C pack the turkey in her cooler
D call her sister-in-law

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Planning a Backyard Shed

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/80**

9. Why does the woman want a shed?

A to have a quiet place to work on hobbies
B to keep leftover lumber dry
C to free up her garage for her car
D to store a friend's camping gear

10. Why does the man mention ten square metres?

A to warn that her plan may need approval
B to suggest a better size for the loft
C to show that metres are easier to use
D to describe his brother-in-law's deck

11. How does the man suggest the woman avoid a long wait?

A by asking his brother-in-law for drawings
B by placing the shed farther from the house
C by applying to the city online
D by making the shed slightly smaller

12. What does the man say about concrete slabs?

A They are required for a shed this size.
B They are often not really needed.
C They can be poured in a single weekend.
D They should be laid on top of gravel.

13. Why did the woman invite the man over?

A She wanted to give him her extra lumber.
B She wanted advice about the city's rules.
C She wanted his help with the work.
D She wanted to show him her new kayak.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

A Fishing Lodge Package

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/80**

14. Why is the woman calling?

A to change a trip she has already booked
B to reserve seats on the floatplane
C to get details before booking a family trip
D to complain about the lodge's website

15. What does the man say about the luggage limit?

A It does not change with a guest's age.
B It does not include fishing gear.
C Each family can choose how to share it.
D Guests can pay to bring more weight.

16. Why does the man say the husband can leave his tackle box at home?

A The pilot does not allow fishing gear.
B Fishing is slow in August anyway.
C It is too heavy for the children to carry.
D The lodge provides the equipment.

17. Why does the man recommend the guided day at the start of the stay?

A The family can go back to good spots without help.
B Guides charge less early in the week.
C The children need time to get used to the boat.
D The fishing is best on the first morning.

18. What can be inferred about the woman's children?

A They already own suitable life jackets.
B They have never been on a floatplane.
C They claim not to like eating fish.
D They are all younger than six.

19. Why is the August package cheaper than July?

A The lake is too cold for swimming.
B The fish are harder to catch then.
C Fewer families travel in August than July.
D The floatplane flies less often.

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

Groceries by Bicycle

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/80**

20. 1. Bell started delivering groceries because

A a grocery store hired him.
B his grandmother's neighbours asked him to.
C he needed extra money for his university studies.
D his grandmother struggled to get to the store.

21. 2. Some of Bell's customers thank him by

A giving him baking they have made.
B paying a small fee for each delivery.
C repairing his bicycle for free.
D lending him a car in bad weather.

22. 3. Bell's trailer was

A donated by a local grocery store.
B built from materials he reused.
C borrowed from his roommate.
D bought with money from customers.

23. 4. During the February snowstorm, Bell

A stopped deliveries for a week.
B made all of his deliveries on foot.
C drove a car belonging to someone else.
D asked the grocery store to deliver for him.

24. 5. Bell's plan to recruit other students suggests that he

A wants the service to outlast his time at school.
B finds the deliveries too tiring to do alone.
C plans to turn the service into a business.
D intends to stay in Guelph after graduating.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

Family Night at the Lanes

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/80**

25. 1. Why does Lena suggest a family night?

A The seniors' league is moving to a new night.
B Families have been asking for lower prices.
C Pizza sales have dropped since the summer.
D Most of the lanes go unused on Tuesdays.

26. 2. What did Owen misunderstand about the family night?

A what hours it would run
B how much pizza would cost
C which lanes it would use
D who would be allowed to bowl free

27. 3. Why does Craig mention the snack bar promotion?

A to suggest offering free fries again
B to show that families enjoy the snack bar
C to warn that free offers can backfire
D to explain why coffee is so popular

28. 4. Why does Craig talk about his cousin in Brandon?

A to offer to borrow his cousin's bumper rails
B to argue that buying more bumpers could pay off
C to show that Brandon has more young families
D to suggest his cousin could run family night

29. 5. What is Owen's reaction to the Brandon example?

A He is impressed by how low the price was.
B He doubts it applies to their alley.
C He thinks the bumpers are unsafe.
D He is amused by Craig's cousin.

30. 6. How does Lena expect family night to earn money?

A from food sold for far more than it costs
B from charging children to rent bowling shoes
C from the seniors' league fees
D from parties for school classes

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31. 7. What concern does Craig raise about the school newsletters?

A They are sent home too late in the week.

B The prize party would cost too much.

C The schools may not want to promote a business.

D Few parents bother to read them.

32. 8. What is the best subject line for a message to the owner after the meeting?

A Plan to buy six portable bumpers

B Repair needed before glow bowling can start

C Your nephew's plumbing estimate

D Moving the seniors' league to Wednesday

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Pets on Public Transit

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/80**

33. 1. The report's main theme is

A how several European cities have managed dogs on their trains.
B why bus drivers object to enforcing pet rules.
C weighing pet owners' needs against other riders' needs.
D how pet allergies affect people's daily commute to work.

34. 2. Desai mentions her low-income clients to argue that a ban

A hurts those with the fewest alternatives.
B makes veterinary surgery more expensive for everyone.
C encourages people to buy cars.
D should only apply to large dogs.

35. 3. Little compares a bus to a café to suggest that

A buses should offer more comfortable seating.
B cafés should also keep animals out.
C allergic riders should travel by taxi instead.
D passengers often cannot get away from an animal.

36. 4. When Desai says troublemakers are rarely the ones with four legs, she implies that

A guide dogs are better trained than pets.
B people cause more problems than animals do.
C small pets in carriers are seldom noticed.
D European dogs behave better than Canadian ones.

37. 5. Little's view of asking drivers to judge dogs is that it would

A require the province to pass new laws first.
B make fare collection easier.
C add to a job that is already demanding.
D be fairer than banning all pets.

38. 6. The speaker's own view is that pets on public transit

A should be banned outright to protect allergic riders.
B deserve a cautious, partial welcome.
C should be allowed anywhere once drivers are trained.
D matter less than the cost of a taxi.

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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 D The size of bird she wants is gone.

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3 B Some of them eat a lot.

4 C The farmer's stall will not be there.

5 A Picture A

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7 D His birds are not treated the way many store-bought turkeys are.

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9 C to free up her garage for her car

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11 D by making the shed slightly smaller

12 B They are often not really needed.

13 C She wanted his help with the work.

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17 A The family can go back to good spots without help.

18 C They claim not to like eating fish.

19 B The fish are harder to catch then.

Part 4: Groceries by Bicycle

20 D his grandmother struggled to get to the store.

21 A giving him baking they have made.

22 B built from materials he reused.

23 C drove a car belonging to someone else.

24 A wants the service to outlast his time at school.

Part 5: Family Night at the Lanes

25 D Most of the lanes go unused on Tuesdays.

26 A what hours it would run

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28 B to argue that buying more bumpers could pay off

29 B He doubts it applies to their alley.

30 A from food sold for far more than it costs

31 C The schools may not want to promote a business.

32 B Repair needed before glow bowling can start

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33 C weighing pet owners' needs against other riders' needs.

34 A hurts those with the fewest alternatives.

35 D passengers often cannot get away from an animal.

36 B people cause more problems than animals do.

37 C add to a job that is already demanding.

38 B deserve a cautious, partial welcome.

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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: Ordering a Thanksgiving Turkey

Section 1

WOMAN: Hi, are you still taking orders for Thanksgiving? My neighbour says your turkeys are the best at this market.

MAN: We are, but you've caught the tail end. Most people order in September. How many are you feeding?

WOMAN: Fourteen this year. My husband's whole family is coming from Moncton, so I want something big. Twenty pounds, maybe more.

MAN: Ah, that's the problem. The big birds always go first. Let me check the list… The largest one I've got left is around sixteen pounds.

WOMAN: Sixteen, for fourteen people? With his brothers? There won't be a scrap left.

MAN: Well, what a lot of folks do is add a turkey breast. I can do a five-pound breast to go with the whole bird, and it only takes about half as long to roast.

WOMAN: Hmm, my oven's not very big, so I'd have to do them one after the other anyway. Okay, let's do that.

MAN: Great, I just need a $40 deposit and a name for the order.

Section 2

MAN: So that's the sixteen-pounder plus the five-pound breast, under Patel. Pickup is Saturday the eleventh, any time before one o'clock.

WOMAN: On Saturday? I was hoping to grab it Sunday morning. We're eating Sunday night, and isn't fresher better?

MAN: It'll be just as good. We process on Thursday, and a fresh bird keeps four or five days in the fridge. Besides, we're not here on Sundays. The market's only open Saturdays.

WOMAN: Oh, right, of course. My fridge, though… it's already packed with everything else for the dinner. Where am I going to put a turkey that size?

MAN: A lot of my customers put it in a cooler with ice and leave it in the garage. In October that's usually cold enough. Just keep it under four degrees.

WOMAN: We've got a big cooler we take camping. Okay, Saturday it is.

Section 3

WOMAN: Good morning, I'm here to pick up the Patel order.

MAN: Right here, ready to go. Now, the big one came in heavier than I guessed, seventeen and a half pounds. So with the breast, the total's $112, less your $40 deposit.

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WOMAN: So seventy-two. That's fine, more turkey's not a bad thing. Should I be brining it tonight? My sister-in-law swears by it, but it takes up half the fridge and…

MAN: You can, but with our birds you really don't need to. They aren't injected with salt water like a lot of supermarket turkeys, so they stay juicy on their own. Just pat the skin dry and salt it the night before.

WOMAN: Oh, good, one less thing to do. My sister-in-law will be disappointed, though.

MAN: Ha, she can brine her own next year. Now, cash or card?

WOMAN: Card, please. Oh no, wait… my wallet's in the car. I took it out to pay for parking, and it's just across the lot. Could you keep the turkey here for a few minutes?

MAN: No problem, I'll put it behind the table.

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Part 2: Planning a Backyard Shed

MAN: So you're really doing it? I saw the lumber piled up in your driveway. Looks like you bought out the whole store.

WOMAN: Ha, nearly. I've wanted a proper shed for years, Darren. The garage is so full of bikes and garden tools that my car's been sitting outside since last winter. I found a set of plans online, ten by twelve, with a little window and a loft.

MAN: Ten by twelve? Did you check with the city first? I'm pretty sure anything over ten square metres needs a building permit around here.

WOMAN: Ten square metres… wait, is that bigger or smaller than ten by twelve feet? I always mix those up.

MAN: Ten by twelve feet is about eleven square metres. So you're just over.

WOMAN: Oh no, how long does a permit take?

MAN: When my brother-in-law built his deck, it took about six weeks, and they wanted drawings showing exactly where it sits on the lot. Honestly, the easier thing is to shrink it a bit. Make it ten by ten and you're under, no permit needed.

WOMAN: But then I lose the loft I wanted for the kayak paddles and the camping gear, and that was half the point of building the thing… Hmm, although I suppose I could hang the paddles on the wall.

MAN: That's what I did. And whatever size you go with, don't bother pouring a concrete slab. Everyone thinks they need one, but a gravel base with deck blocks is cheaper, it drains better, and you can do it in a weekend with a couple of shovels.

WOMAN: A weekend? With my back? I was actually going to ask if you'd—

MAN: —lend a hand? Yeah, I figured that's why you invited me over for coffee.

WOMAN: Well, the coffee's good, too. I'll pay you in pizza. And I'll take back the lumber for the extra two feet.

MAN: Keep it. You'll want shelves in there.

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Part 3: A Fishing Lodge Package

MAN: Good afternoon, Kettle Lake Lodge, this is Brian.

WOMAN: Hi, Brian. I'm on your website, looking at the family package for August, and I have a few questions before I book anything. There are five of us, two adults and three kids, and my youngest is only six.

MAN: Six is no problem at all, we get lots of families. The package is four nights in a lakeside cabin, all meals in the main lodge, and a boat with a motor every day. Most guests fly in from Thompson on our floatplane.

WOMAN: Right, that's my first question, actually. The website says the floatplane has a weight limit. How strict is that?

MAN: Very strict, I'm afraid. It's the pilot's call, not mine. Each guest can bring twenty-five pounds of luggage, and that includes fishing gear. Kids get the same allowance as adults, though, which helps.

WOMAN: Twenty-five pounds. My husband's tackle box alone weighs that much.

MAN: Ha, you'd be surprised how often I hear that. Honestly, he can leave it at home. We supply rods, reels and lures, and most people who bring their own gear never even open it.

WOMAN: Okay, he won't like it, but okay. Now, the guide. Is that included, or extra?

MAN: The package includes one guided day, and extra days are $300 each. For a first visit, I'd put the guided day at the start, not the end. The guide shows you where the fish are, and then you can head back to those spots on your own.

WOMAN: That makes sense. And do you have life jackets for children? I'd rather not buy three new ones.

MAN: We have every size, from toddler up. And for the kids, there's something else. Every evening our cook shows guests how to clean and fry their own catch. The kids usually love it, even the ones who say they won't eat fish.

WOMAN: Mine definitely say that. And price-wise, the website says $4,200 for the family?

MAN: That's for July. August is a bit lower, $3,800, because the fishing slows down in the heat. But—

WOMAN: —but it's warmer for swimming, right?

MAN: Exactly, though the lake's still pretty cold. Now, August is filling up fast, so I can hold a cabin for forty-eight hours without a deposit if you'd like to talk it over.

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Part 4: Groceries by Bicycle

NARRATOR: A Guelph university student has turned his daily bike rides into a lifeline for dozens of local seniors. Twenty-year-old Marcus Bell began delivering groceries last winter after his grandmother, who no longer drives, admitted she had been skipping meals rather than walking to the store on icy sidewalks. At first, Bell simply picked up her weekly order along with his own. Before long, neighbouring residents were requesting the same favour. Bell now completes approximately thirty deliveries a week, pulling a trailer that he built himself from an old baby stroller and some plywood. He charges nothing for the service, although several customers insist on paying him in homemade cookies. Bell admits the hills and the weather are not always easy, and in February a snowstorm forced him to borrow his roommate's car for an entire week. A local grocery store recently learned of his work and has offered to donate a second trailer and cover repairs to his bicycle. Bell, who is studying nutrition, hopes to recruit other students so that the deliveries can continue after he graduates next spring.

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Part 5: Family Night at the Lanes

Lena: So, Tuesday nights. I pulled the numbers, and eleven of our sixteen lanes sat empty almost every Tuesday last month. I think we should try a family night. Kids bowl free with a paying adult, cheap pizza, maybe glow bowling with the black lights.

Owen: Kids bowl free? On a school night? I like families, but Tuesday is when the seniors' league comes in. They've bowled here every Tuesday for twenty years.

Lena: In the afternoon, though. They're gone by four-thirty. Family night would start at five.

Owen: Oh, at five. Okay, that's different. I thought you meant the whole day.

Craig: The free part makes me nervous. We tried kids eat free at the snack bar two summers ago, remember? Families came in, ordered one coffee, and the kids ate three plates of fries each.

Lena: That's why it's free bowling, not free food. The pizza is where we make our money. A large costs us about four dollars to make, and we'd sell it for fifteen.

Craig: Fair enough. And do kids still pay for shoes?

Lena: I'd say yes. Two dollars, which just covers the cleaning spray.

Owen: What worries me more is bumpers. We've only got bumper rails on four lanes. If twenty families show up with little kids, everyone's going to want them.

Craig: The portable ones aren't that expensive, though. My cousin runs the alley in Brandon, and he bought a set of six for under $2,000. He says they paid for themselves in a couple of months.

Owen: In Brandon. Different crowd.

Craig: Kids are kids, Owen, wherever you go.

Lena: Let's not buy anything yet. We run it for six Tuesdays with the four bumper lanes, and if it takes off, then we spend the money.

Owen: And how do people even hear about it? We don't exactly have a marketing budget.

Lena: The schools. Every elementary school in town sends a newsletter home on Fridays. If we offer a free party to the class that brings in the most families, I bet they'll put us in.

Craig: That's clever, actually. Although the principals might not like it looking like an advertisement.

Owen: Hmm, and glow bowling, Lena? The black lights over lanes nine to sixteen haven't worked since the spring. I asked the owner about them months ago.

Lena: Then that's the first thing to chase. Without the lights, it's just Tuesday with pizza.

Craig: I'll call the electrician tomorrow. Or… actually, wait, I think the owner said he wanted his nephew to look at them first.

Owen: His nephew is a plumber.

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Lena: Well, somebody needs to talk to the owner, then.

Part 6: Pets on Public Transit

NARRATOR: For most of the last century, the rule on Canadian buses and subways was simple: unless an animal was a guide dog, it stayed home. That rule is now quietly eroding. A growing number of transit systems permit small pets in carriers, and some have experimented with letting leashed dogs ride outside rush hour. Supporters regard this as overdue recognition of how people actually live; critics see a crowded, shared space being surrendered to the preferences of a few. Transit authorities, meanwhile, have mostly proceeded cautiously, revising their policies one pilot project at a time.

NARRATOR: Among the most persistent advocates is Priya Desai, a veterinarian who also helps run a volunteer group for low-income pet owners. Many of her clients, she points out, do not own cars. When a dog needs surgery across town, they are left choosing between an expensive taxi and a missed appointment. In her view, a transit system that refuses animals effectively penalizes people for being poor. Pet owners, she adds, pay exactly the same fares as everyone else. Desai also dismisses fears of chaos, noting that several European cities have allowed dogs on trains for decades, and that the riders who cause trouble are, in her experience, rarely the ones with four legs.

NARRATOR: Gordon Little, who represents a riders' association in Ontario, is not persuaded. His concern is less with misbehaving dogs than with the passengers who cannot avoid them. Pet allergies are common, he notes, and for someone with severe asthma, a long ride beside a shedding animal is more than an inconvenience. Unlike a café, a bus offers no choice of table, and a commuter who must reach work by eight cannot simply wait for the next one. Little is equally wary of how such rules would be enforced. Drivers, he says, already collect fares, keep schedules and calm angry passengers, and asking them to decide whether a dog is calm enough to board is unreasonable.

NARRATOR: Desai responds that separate cars or designated times could protect allergic riders without shutting out pet owners altogether, and that riders would quickly learn the arrangements. Little counters that such arrangements look tidy on paper but would be hard to manage on a single packed bus at five o'clock. Both make fair points, though the strongest case may be the narrowest one: carriers, off-peak hours and clear limits. Opening every vehicle to every animal, at every hour, asks more of fellow passengers than it should.

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