CELPIP Listening Practice Test 82

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1. Open celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/82 to play the recordings (free, no account). Play each one once only, as in the real test.
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

A Mixed-Up Tee Time

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/82**

1. What is wrong with the man's booking?

A It is under a friend's name.

B It is for the wrong week.

C It is for two players.

D It is at a later time of day.

2. Where does one of the man's friends have to be by four?

A



B



C



D



3. What will the man probably do next?

A join the nine-fifty twosome

B phone the group booked for nine-ten

C wait to hear if an earlier time opens

D book the twelve-thirty time

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 2 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/82**

4. Why does the nine-ten time not become free?

A The other group still intends to play.

B The man missed the eight-thirty deadline.

C The woman gave it to the twosome.

D The course needs it for maintenance.

5. What does the man misunderstand at first?

A He thinks they must wait until ten o'clock.

B He thinks the round will cost more.

C He thinks his friends will object.

D He thinks the round will be shorter.

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6. Why does the woman suggest keeping next Saturday's booking?

A Cancelling would cost $20 per player.

B Weekend morning times are in high demand.

C The man's friend will be back by then.

D The weather should be better next week.

7. What change does the man make to next week's booking?

A He moves it to a later tee time that day.

B He adds two carts to it.

C He switches it to a weekday.

D He books it for one fewer golfer.

8. Why does the man ask for a different email address?

A He hopes to avoid another mix-up.

B His work account is about to close.

C He wants his friends to get a copy.

D The woman cannot spell his name.

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Quitting the Gym

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/82**

9. What does the man have to do to cancel his membership?

A phone the gym a month in advance
B pay a fee for leaving early
C go there and hand in a written request
D speak to the salesman who first signed him up

10. When the man explains the gym's rules, what does the woman worry about?

A a missing cancellation form
B the drive to the community centre
C the cost of the yearly plan
D a charge for breaking a contract

11. What is the man's main reason for quitting?

A The monthly fee has gone up.
B Getting there is too much hassle.
C He was pushed into joining by a salesman.
D He would rather train at home.

12. Why does the woman mention ice?

A to warn him about driving to the gym in winter
B to explain why she gave up running
C to question whether his new routine will last
D to suggest he try the pool instead

13. What does the woman offer to do?

A help him turn down any special deals
B show him the new community centre
C drive him to the gym
D go running with him on weekends

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Choosing a Day Hike

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/82**

14. Why does the man suggest a different way down?

A The descent would be hard on her husband.
B The Ridge Trail closes in the afternoon.
C The loop has a better view of the lakes.
D A bear was seen near the Ridge Trail.

15. Why does the man want them at the trailhead before ten?

A so they can still find a parking spot
B so they finish before the bear comes back
C so they reach the lookout on a clear day
D so they can climb before it gets too hot

16. What is likely true about the woman's husband?

A He finds steep climbs difficult.
B He has hiked in this park before.
C He takes safety seriously.
D He heard about the bear sighting.

17. Why does the man mention the old logging road?

A to point out a shortcut back to the car
B to explain where the bear was seen
C to warn about a common wrong turn
D to describe the view from the lookout

18. What does the man say about the bear?

A It was seen somewhere else in the park.
B It has been seen on several trails.
C It was moved out of the park on Tuesday.
D It is drawn to the campground at night.

19. What will the woman probably do next?

A rent bear spray from the man
B drive straight to the trailhead
C pay the parking fee at the trailhead
D stop at her campsite on the way

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

A Letter from 1976

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/82**

20. The letter was found

A by a mail carrier on her route.
B during work on an old building.
C inside the old Bouchard farmhouse.
D among the brother's belongings.

21. The person who wrote the letter

A was Bouchard's younger brother.
B worked at the Timmins post office.
C was working far from where it was sent.
D is still living in northern Quebec.

22. Nadia Fortin located Bouchard by

A checking old post office records.
B visiting the address on the envelope.
C contacting the mine in Quebec.
D sharing a picture on the internet.

23. Bouchard laughed because

A her brother had never actually married.
B she had already done what the letter asked.
C the bakery had promised her a cake.
D the letter was meant for someone else.

24. We can infer that, for Bouchard, the letter was

A full of news she had never heard.
B mostly a source of embarrassment.
C of great sentimental value.
D proof that her brother forgot her.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

A Proposal from Head Office

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/82**

25. What are the co-workers mainly discussing?

A how to cover the phones during tax season
B whether their team should test a shorter week
C how Holly could shorten her commute
D whether to copy the Halifax branch's schedule

26. What would cause head office to end the trial early?

A the team falling behind on its work
B clients complaining about the phones
C staff working on Saturdays
D too many people taking Mondays off

27. Why does Abdul mention his last job?

A to explain why he decided to leave that company
B to show that staggered days off cause confusion
C to suggest using a shared calendar
D to praise his former manager's planning

28. What does Holly wrongly believe at first?

A that pay would be cut
B that everyone must take Fridays off
C that it would clash with tax season
D that Saturday work would end

29. What is Abdul's concern about the summer timing?

A Many staff will be on holiday.
B The trial would overlap tax season.
C His children will be home from school.
D The results may be misleading.

30. How does Abdul feel about the four-day week overall?

A cautious
B hostile
C thrilled
D indifferent

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31. What does Patricia suggest about the Halifax branch?

A It may not have shared its problems openly.

B It has already ended its trial.

C It handled phone coverage well.

D It was the first branch in the company to try it.

32. What is the best subject line for Patricia's message to head office?

A Declining the four-day week trial

B Joining the trial, with conditions

C Request to delay the trial until spring

D Complaints about staff burnout

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

E-Scooters on City Streets

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/82**

33. The report is mainly about

A how rental scooters could reduce car traffic and make transit more appealing.
B whether scooters' benefits are worth the strain on shared space.
C how scooter companies could make their vehicles last longer.
D the dangers that scooter riders face in heavy traffic.

34. Achebe's remark about able-bodied pedestrians suggests that

A they often knock the scooters over.
B most people barely notice the problem she describes.
C they should be banned from riding scooters.
D sidewalks need to be made wider.

35. Gregory Hale would most likely support

A keeping scooters away from bus stops.
B letting riders leave scooters wherever they like.
C cutting bus service on quieter routes.
D placing scooters near transit stations.

36. Achebe doubts the environmental benefits partly because

A many riders would otherwise have walked or cycled.
B scooters use a great deal of electricity.
C most car trips are longer than five kilometres.
D companies replace scooters every few months.

37. Achebe's response to Hale's proposals shows

A firm opposition.
B complete indifference.
C unreserved enthusiasm.
D qualified optimism.

38. The speaker seems to believe that

A pedestrians' needs should come first.
B scooter companies deserve most of the blame.
C Hale's enforcement plan will certainly succeed.
D the environmental case for scooters is decisive.

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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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37 _____	38 _____		

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Answer key

Part 1: A Mixed-Up Tee Time

1 B It is for the wrong week.

2 C Picture C

3 C wait to hear if an earlier time opens

4 A The other group still intends to play.

5 D He thinks the round will be shorter.

6 B Weekend morning times are in high demand.

7 D He books it for one fewer golfer.

8 A He hopes to avoid another mix-up.

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9 C go there and hand in a written request

10 D a charge for breaking a contract

11 B Getting there is too much hassle.

12 C to question whether his new routine will last

13 A help him turn down any special deals

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14 A The descent would be hard on her husband.

15 D so they can climb before it gets too hot

16 C He takes safety seriously.

17 C to warn about a common wrong turn

18 A It was seen somewhere else in the park.

19 D stop at her campsite on the way

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20 B during work on an old building.

21 C was working far from where it was sent.

22 D sharing a picture on the internet.

23 B she had already done what the letter asked.

24 C of great sentimental value.

Part 5: A Proposal from Head Office

25 B whether their team should test a shorter week

26 A the team falling behind on its work

27 B to show that staggered days off cause confusion

28 C that it would clash with tax season

29 D The results may be misleading.

30 A cautious

31 A It may not have shared its problems openly.

32 B Joining the trial, with conditions

Part 6: E-Scooters on City Streets

33 B whether scooters' benefits are worth the strain on shared space.

34 B most people barely notice the problem she describes.

35 D placing scooters near transit stations.

36 A many riders would otherwise have walked or cycled.

37 D qualified optimism.

38 A pedestrians' needs should come first.

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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 Mixed-Up Tee Time

Section 1

WOMAN: Good morning! Are you checking in?

MAN: Morning, yes, Brian Kowalski, a foursome at eight-forty. The other three are just parking.

WOMAN: Kowalski… okay, I've got you, but it's for next Saturday, the twenty-first. Eight-forty, four players.

MAN: Next Saturday? No, no, I booked it online two weeks ago, and I'm sure I picked today. Hang on, I've got the confirmation email right here… see? Saturday, eight-forty.

WOMAN: It says Saturday, yes, but look at the date underneath.

MAN: Oh, for crying out loud. The twenty-first. That calendar on your website jumps ahead a week if you scroll too fast. Well, that's my own fault, I suppose. Is there anything open this morning?

WOMAN: Let me look. We're pretty full, it's the first sunny weekend in about a month, so everybody's out. I've got a twosome at nine-fifty with room for two more, or a full foursome at twelve-thirty.

MAN: Twelve-thirty won't work. One of my friends has to be at his daughter's recital by four. What if we split up? Two of us join the nine-fifty, and—

WOMAN: —and the other two wait until twelve-thirty, I'm afraid. Unless… give me a second. There's a group at nine-ten that hasn't confirmed yet. If they don't call by eight-thirty, I can release their time.

MAN: It's eight-twenty now. So ten minutes.

WOMAN: Ten minutes. Grab a coffee, and I'll wave you over.

Section 2

WOMAN: Mr. Kowalski? Sorry, the nine-ten group just phoned. They're on their way.

MAN: Ah, well, it was worth a try.

WOMAN: But hold on, I've had another idea. Nobody's booked on the back nine until ten o'clock. If you don't mind starting on the tenth hole, I can send all four of you out at eight-fifty.

MAN: The tenth? So we'd only get nine holes?

WOMAN: No, no, you'd still play all eighteen. You'd just do the back nine first, then come around and finish on the front nine. Same price.

MAN: Huh, I've never done it that way round, but sure. The guys won't mind, as long as we're done in time for that recital.

Section 3

WOMAN: Okay, that's four green fees at $65 each. Will you want carts?

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MAN: Two carts, please. Oh, and next Saturday, can I just cancel that one?

WOMAN: You can, but are you sure? Saturday mornings in June go fast. It's free to cancel today, but after Wednesday there's a $20 fee per player.

MAN: Hmm, well, one of the guys is away next weekend. Could you make it three of us instead?

WOMAN: Sure, I'll change it to a threesome. Same time, eight-forty.

MAN: Great, and could the confirmation go to a different email? That one's my work account, and obviously I don't read those very carefully.

WOMAN: Of course. What's the address?

MAN: It's B Kowalski, all one word, at… actually, you know what, let me write it down. If I spell my last name out loud, you'll end up with three new versions of it.

WOMAN: Fair enough. Here's a pen. Your carts will be waiting by the first— sorry, the tenth tee.

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Part 2: Quitting the Gym

WOMAN: Hey, Marcus. You look like a man on a mission. Where are you off to?

MAN: The gym, believe it or not. But not to work out. I'm finally cancelling my membership. I've been paying $55 a month since January, and I think I've gone, what, six times? Maybe seven.

WOMAN: Oh, just walk in and tell them. That's what I did at my old place, it took two minutes.

MAN: I wish. I called them last week, and they said I have to do it in person, and I have to give thirty days' notice in writing. So even if I cancel today, they'll still take one more payment in November.

WOMAN: Ugh, that's how they get you. But wait, didn't you sign up for a whole year? Because if it's a contract, there might be a—

MAN: —a penalty, yeah, that was my first worry too. But no, it's month to month. The guy who signed me up kept pushing the yearly plan, and I almost took it because it was cheaper per month. Lucky I didn't.

WOMAN: So what finally made you decide? You were so excited about it in January.

MAN: Honestly, it's the drive. It's twenty-five minutes each way, and after a full day at work I just can't face it. And now that it's getting dark at five, forget it. I've been running along the river with my neighbour on weekends instead, and I actually enjoy that.

WOMAN: Running in the winter, though? Once there's ice on that path…

MAN: Yeah, I've thought about that. There's a community centre two blocks from my place with a small weight room. It's not fancy, but it's $6 a visit, no membership. Even if I go twice a week, I'd still come out ahead.

WOMAN: Huh, I didn't know they had a weight room. Is that the one on Elm Street? With the pool?

MAN: No, that's the old one. This is the new place by the library. Anyway, wish me luck. Apparently they always try to talk you out of it with some special offer.

WOMAN: Just say no and sign the form. Or, hey, take me with you. I'll be your bodyguard.

MAN: Ha, deal. You can drag me out if they start offering free smoothies.

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Part 3: Choosing a Day Hike

WOMAN: Hi there. My husband and I just got in last night, and we're hoping to do a proper hike today. Something with a view, ideally. What would you suggest?

MAN: Well, the most popular one is the Ridge Trail. It's about eight kilometres there and back, and from the lookout at the top you can see three lakes on a clear day. It's steep in the first section, though. How much hiking do you two usually do?

WOMAN: Quite a bit, actually. We did a lot in the Rockies last summer. My husband's knee isn't great going downhill, but uphill he's fine.

MAN: Hmm, then I'd steer you away from coming back down the Ridge Trail the same way. That first section is basically rock steps, and people with sore knees really feel it. But you could go up the Ridge and then take the Beaver Pond loop down. It adds about three kilometres, but it's a nice gradual descent through the forest.

WOMAN: So eleven kilometres altogether? That's fine. Is the loop well marked? We got lost once in Jasper, and I'd rather not repeat that.

MAN: Mostly, yes. Just watch for the junction about a kilometre past the lookout. There's a fallen tree right there, and people sometimes miss the blue markers and wander onto the old logging road. If you find yourselves walking on gravel, you've gone too far. Turn back.

WOMAN: Got it. Gravel means wrong way. And, um, what about bears? Someone at the campground said there'd been a sighting.

MAN: There was, yes, a black bear near the beach on Tuesday. It hasn't been seen up on the Ridge, but we do recommend carrying bear spray on any trail. We rent it here, actually, $10 for the day.

WOMAN: Oh, we've got our own, it's in the car. My husband never goes anywhere without it.

MAN: Perfect, then the main thing is timing. It's going to be close to thirty this afternoon, and the Ridge has almost no shade. If you can be at the trailhead before ten, you'll get the climb done before the worst of it.

WOMAN: It's nine-fifteen now. Is the trailhead far?

MAN: About fifteen minutes by car. Parking there is $12, but your camping permit covers it. Just leave the permit on your dashboard.

WOMAN: Oh, the permit. I think we left it on the picnic table at our site.

MAN: Then you might want to swing by your site first. The rangers do check.

WOMAN: Ugh, well, it's sort of on the way. Thanks for all of this.

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Part 4: A Letter from 1976

NARRATOR: A Timmins woman received a rather unusual piece of mail this week: a letter postmarked in 1976. The envelope was discovered last month by contractors renovating a downtown building that once housed a small post office and is now being converted into a bakery. It had apparently slipped behind a sorting cabinet decades ago and remained there, untouched, ever since. The bakery's owner, Nadia Fortin, was determined to deliver it herself. The address on the envelope was a farmhouse that no longer exists, so Fortin posted a photo of the envelope online and asked for help. Within two days, a local historian recognized the family name and directed her to eighty-one-year-old Lorraine Bouchard. The letter, it turned out, was written by Bouchard's older brother, who was working at a mine in northern Quebec at the time and passed away in 1998. In it, he announced his engagement and asked his little sister to sing at the wedding. Bouchard laughed when she read it. She did sing at the wedding, she explained, because her brother eventually telephoned with the same request. Still, she says, seeing his handwriting again was an extraordinary gift. Fortin has promised Bouchard a free cake on her next birthday.

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Part 5: A Proposal from Head Office

Patricia: So, before the coffee gets cold. Head office wants to know by the end of the month whether our team will join the four-day week trial. Three months, starting in July.

Abdul: Is that four ten-hour days, or actually fewer hours?

Patricia: Fewer, thirty-two hours, same pay. The catch is, our numbers can't drop. If the client files start piling up, they end it early.

Holly: Honestly, I'd sign up today. I spend almost two hours a day commuting. One less day on the highway, that's, what, eight hours of my life back every month.

Abdul: Sure, for us. But who's answering the phones on Fridays? Our clients don't stop calling just because we're at the cottage.

Holly: We don't all have to take Friday. Some people could take Monday off—

Abdul: —and then nobody's ever sure who's in. I've seen that before. At my last job we had rotating days off, and half my week was spent forwarding emails to whoever was actually there.

Patricia: Okay, Abdul, that's fair, but that place didn't have a shared calendar, did it? We'd plan the schedule a month ahead.

Abdul: It did have one. Nobody looked at it.

Holly: Okay, but think about tax season. We already work Saturdays in March and April. If we're officially on four days, does that mean we do six in the spring?

Patricia: No, no, the trial ends in September. It wouldn't touch tax season at all. That's why they picked the summer.

Holly: Oh, well, that's even better, then.

Abdul: Or worse. Summer's our quietest time. Of course our numbers will look fine. It doesn't prove anything about January.

Patricia: Hmm, I hadn't thought of it that way. But a trial has to start somewhere.

Holly: And if it works in the summer, at least we'd have something to show them. Right now all we've got is a pile of complaints about burnout.

Abdul: Look, I'm not against it, really. My kids would love a long weekend every week. I just don't want us to be the team that tried it and made a mess.

Patricia: Then let's put that in writing. We say yes, but we ask to set up the phone coverage ourselves, and to have a check-in after the first month.

Holly: And if the check-in goes badly?

Patricia: Then, well, we'll have learned something.

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Abdul: I'd still like to know what the other offices did about phones. Didn't the Halifax branch try something like this?

Patricia: I think so. I'll ask around before I write to head office. Though if Halifax had a disaster, I doubt anyone advertised it.

Part 6: E-Scooters on City Streets

NARRATOR: Anyone who has strolled through a downtown core lately has likely encountered them: sleek electric scooters, unlocked with a smartphone and abandoned, as often as not, wherever the rider's journey happened to end. Rental e-scooters have spread across North America in barely a decade, and Canadian municipalities now face a decision that is deceptively simple: welcome them, regulate them, or ban them outright.

NARRATOR: For transportation planner Gregory Hale, the answer is obvious. Hale points out that most car trips in Canadian cities cover less than five kilometres, precisely the distance a scooter handles with ease. Every rider who leaves the car at home, he reasons, means one fewer vehicle idling in traffic and one fewer parking space taken. Hale is particularly keen on what planners call the last mile: the awkward gap between a bus stop and someone's front door. Scooters, he contends, could make public transit appealing to commuters who currently dismiss it as impractical. He concedes that the early rollouts were chaotic, but blames that on cities making up rules as they went along, not on the vehicles themselves.

NARRATOR: Disability advocate Rosalind Achebe sees things rather differently. Achebe, who uses a wheelchair, describes sidewalks littered with toppled scooters as an obstacle course, one that able-bodied pedestrians simply step over without a second thought. For people who are blind or have limited mobility, she says, a single carelessly parked scooter can turn a routine errand into a genuine hazard. Achebe is also skeptical of the environmental claims. Studies, she notes, suggest many scooter trips replace walking or cycling rather than driving, and the scooters themselves often last only a year or two before being thrown away. She doesn't object to scooters as such, she insists; she objects to cities treating public sidewalks as free storage for private companies.

NARRATOR: Hale, to his credit, accepts much of this criticism. He favours designated parking zones, hefty fines for companies whose scooters block sidewalks, and technology that won't let a rental end unless the scooter is properly parked. Achebe calls these measures promising, but wonders who will enforce them once the novelty wears off and budgets tighten. Ultimately, the scooter debate may say less about scooters than about who our streets are designed for. A city that cannot keep a sidewalk clear for its most vulnerable residents is perhaps not yet ready to hand that space to anyone else.

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