CELPIP Listening Practice Test 86

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1. Open celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/86 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 Lost Phone at the Amusement Park

▶ **Recording: Part 1, section 1 of 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/86**

1. Where does the woman think she lost her phone?

A on a ride
B in a bin at the loading platform
C while she was waiting in the line
D at the Guest Services desk

2. Why can't staff search for the phone right away?

A The crew is taking a lunch break.
B The netting is being repaired today.
C She has not filed a report yet.
D The ride has to be stopped first.

3. What is likely true of the woman?

A She plans to leave the park before noon.
B She already knew about the storage bins.
C Her son had the phone during the ride.
D Her phone was fully charged this morning.

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4. What has the crew found?

A the case, but not the phone
B the phone without its case
C a phone that belongs to someone else
D the phone at the edge of the pond

5. Why does the man mention the gap in the netting?

A to warn her to keep away from the pond
B to complain that the ride is unsafe
C to explain where the phone may be
D to explain why the crew came down so late

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6. Where was the phone finally found?

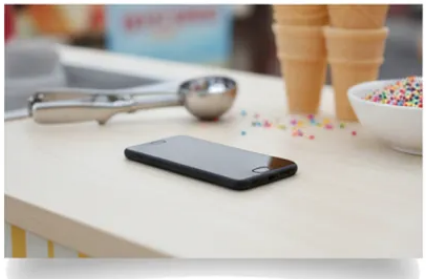
A



B



C



D



7. What must the woman do before the man gives her the phone?

A buy a new charger at the gift shop
B show that she can open it
C describe her phone case once again
D fill out a lost item report

8. What will the woman probably do next?

A buy a charger at the gift shop
B help the crew search the pond for it
C come back for the phone tomorrow
D fetch her husband's charger

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Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation

Thanksgiving at Our Place?

▶ **Recording: Part 2. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/86**

9. Why isn't the sister's offer a good option?

A Her home is too small to seat everyone at once.
B She is busy making the pies.
C Most of the family would face a long trip.
D She has just moved into a condo.

10. What does the man wrongly assume at first?

A that they would have to prepare the whole meal
B that the mother would bring the pies
C that the neighbours would not lend them any tables
D that the brother would roast the turkey

11. Why does the man mention the smoke alarm?

A Their own alarm goes off too easily.
B Their kitchen had a small fire the year before.
C The brother's oven is too small for a turkey.
D He doubts the brother can be trusted to cook.

12. Why does the man feel awkward about asking the neighbours?

A He has never met them properly.
B He kept something of theirs for too long.
C They need the tables for a sale.
D They once refused to lend a ladder.

13. How does the man feel about hosting by the end?

A He is excited to start planning.
B He still wants Janet to host.
C He agrees, though not very happily.
D He refuses until the oven problem is fixed.

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Part 3: Listening for Information

Public Skating at the Arena

▶ **Recording: Part 3. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/86**

14. Why is the man calling?

A to enter the children in a hockey tournament
B to sign the children up for beginner skating lessons
C to book the arena for a birthday party
D to plan a first skating trip for young relatives

15. Why can't the children use the Monday to Wednesday sessions?

A Those sessions are only for adults.
B They will not have arrived by then.
C The tournament has taken over the ice.
D The rental counter is closed then.

16. What does the man wrongly think about shinny?

A that it suits a family outing
B that it takes place on Sunday morning
C that it is cancelled during the tournament
D that it requires skating aids

17. What comes with each pair of rental skates?

A a skating aid
B admission to the ice
C a helmet
D a pair of warm socks

18. What does the woman suggest to get skating aids?

A reserving them over the phone
B paying extra at the rental counter
C bringing the children's shoe sizes
D being in line when the doors open

19. What is likely true about the man?

A He had expected to pay in cash.
B He intends to buy the children skates.
C He will bring the children on Friday evening.
D He has already reserved skating aids.

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Part 4: Listening to a News Item

An Early Start for an Ice Road

▶ **Recording: Part 4. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/86**

20. The ice road opened early because

A crews worked extra shifts.
B of a long stretch of severe cold.
C residents had asked for it.
D a new way of testing the ice was used.

21. Drivers must travel slowly because

A the road is covered in deep snow.
B visibility is poor in December.
C speed can weaken the ice from below.
D the road is too narrow for passing others.

22. Before the road opened, people in the community

A paid more for basic supplies.
B could not leave at all.
C received their mail by boat.
D used the road at their own risk.

23. Highway crews plan to

A close the road at night.
B lower the speed limit further.
C build a second ice road.
D keep checking the ice.

24. It can be inferred that Marie Beaulieu's first delivery

A will arrive by plane.
B may not be allowed on the road yet.
C was cancelled by her supplier.
D will be the first truck to cross.

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Part 5: Listening to a Discussion

A Hiking Club Meeting

▶ **Recording: Part 5. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/86**

25. What are the three mainly trying to decide?

A how to collect trip payments from members
B whether new members may join the trip
C where the club's autumn trip should go
D which hikes to offer on each day

26. Why does Heather mention her cousin?

A to suggest someone experienced who could lead the group
B to show that the huts fill up quickly
C to explain why she might not attend
D to show the hut trip could run longer than planned

27. What does Brian say happened on last year's trip?

A Several newcomers gave up early.
B Everyone finished the climb.
C The group was snowed in.
D The club lost money on the huts.

28. Why does Brian object to cutting the trip to two nights?

A The lodge requires a stay of at least three nights.
B The fittest hikers would miss a long hike.
C Members would need extra time off.
D The price would barely change.

29. What is Donna's main concern about the lodge?

A It is too far from the trails.
B It does not serve breakfast.
C It cannot hold the whole group in one building.
D Some members may find it unaffordable.

30. What does Donna mean when she says it is Brian's own plan?

A His lodge idea already answers his objection.
B He is taking credit for her idea.
C He should organize the trip himself.
D He has changed his mind about the huts.

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31. Why does Heather question Donna's payment rule?

A She thinks the deposit is too high.

B She wants the club to pay up front again.

C Some members won't have money until later.

D She thinks students should be allowed to go for free.

32. What is the best subject line for an email summing up this discussion?

A Hut trip booked: please pay by Friday

B Fall trip: still to be settled

C Results of the members' vote

D Refunds for last year's hut trip

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Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints

Dogs Off the Leash

▶ **Recording: Part 6. Play it at celpass.com/celpip/listening/practice-tests/86**

33. The report is mainly about

A balancing dogs' needs against other park users.
B the failure of cities to enforce dog bylaws.
C why fenced dog parks are so often crowded and muddy.
D owners who do not clean up after their dogs.

34. The speaker opens with the image of a dangling leash to

A criticize owners who neglect their pets.
B suggest leashes are uncomfortable for dogs.
C show how well trained most dogs are.
D show a rule that people widely ignore.

35. Ashby's comment about a seven-year-old suggests that

A children should learn how to train dogs.
B most dogs in parks are dangerous.
C an owner's promise does little to reassure a child.
D young soccer players tend to exaggerate their fears of dogs.

36. Dr. Raman would most likely argue that keeping dogs leashed at all times

A is the best way to protect young children.
B could leave some dogs more aggressive.
C should be required only in dog parks.
D matters little for small dogs.

37. Ashby doubts that off-leash hours would succeed because

A fenced dog parks already serve that purpose.
B dog owners would refuse to get up early.
C it would cost the city far too much to pay staff to watch the parks.
D a schedule would be ignored just like today's rule.

38. The speaker most likely believes that

A each side will have to give something up.
B dog owners deserve the parks early each morning.
C stricter enforcement is the only real answer.
D children's sports should come before pets.

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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 A on a ride

2 D The ride has to be stopped first.

3 B She already knew about the storage bins.

4 A the case, but not the phone

5 C to explain where the phone may be

6 A Picture A

7 B show that she can open it

8 D fetch her husband's charger

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9 C Most of the family would face a long trip.

10 A that they would have to prepare the whole meal

11 D He doubts the brother can be trusted to cook.

12 B He kept something of theirs for too long.

13 C He agrees, though not very happily.

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14 D to plan a first skating trip for young relatives

15 B They will not have arrived by then.

16 A that it suits a family outing

17 C a helmet

18 D being in line when the doors open

19 A He had expected to pay in cash.

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20 B of a long stretch of severe cold.

21 C speed can weaken the ice from below.

22 A paid more for basic supplies.

23 D keep checking the ice.

24 B may not be allowed on the road yet.

Part 5: A Hiking Club Meeting

25 C where the club's autumn trip should go

26 D to show the hut trip could run longer than planned

27 A Several newcomers gave up early.

28 B The fittest hikers would miss a long hike.

29 D Some members may find it unaffordable.

30 A His lodge idea already answers his objection.

31 C Some members won't have money until later.

32 B Fall trip: still to be settled

Part 6: Dogs Off the Leash

33 A balancing dogs' needs against other park users.

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35 C an owner's promise does little to reassure a child.

36 B could leave some dogs more aggressive.

37 D a schedule would be ignored just like today's rule.

38 A each side will have to give something up.

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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 Lost Phone at the Amusement Park

Section 1

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

WOMAN: I think I lost my phone on the Thunder Canyon, the big wooden roller coaster? I had it zipped in my jacket pocket, and when we got off, the pocket was open and it was gone.

MAN: Ah, the Canyon. You're not the first today. You know there are bins at the loading platform for loose items, right? They're—

WOMAN: I know, I know. The line was moving fast, and my son was already climbing in, so I just… kept it on me.

MAN: It happens. The good news is there's netting under most of the track. The bad news is the crew can't go up and check until the ride shuts down for its safety inspection at three o'clock.

WOMAN: Three o'clock? It's not even noon. Well, we're staying till four anyway, but nobody can look sooner?

MAN: Not while it's running, sorry. Have you tried phoning it? Sometimes another guest answers.

WOMAN: My husband tried twice. It goes straight to voicemail. It was nearly dead this morning anyway.

MAN: Then let's fill out a lost item report. What does it look like?

WOMAN: Black, in a purple case with a cracked corner. Oh, and my library card is tucked in the back.

Section 2

WOMAN: Hi, it's me again, purple case? It's just after three, so I thought I'd—

MAN: Perfect timing. The crew just sent this down from the netting. Is it yours?

WOMAN: That's my case! And my library card. But where's the… it's empty.

MAN: Yeah, that's what I was worried about. The phone must have popped out when it hit the net. There's a gap in the netting right where the track crosses the pond.

WOMAN: The pond? So it's at the bottom of the water.

MAN: Maybe not. The crew will walk along the shore on their next break. Don't give up yet.

Section 3

MAN: Ma'am, over here! I was hoping you hadn't left yet.

WOMAN: We're just heading out to the parking lot. Any news?

MAN: Sort of. Nothing at the pond, but a girl from the ice cream stand just brought in a black phone. A kid found it on the grass under the second hill. It must have bounced off the net.

WOMAN: Black, no case? That's got to be mine!

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MAN: Probably, but I can't just hand it over. Our policy is that you unlock it in front of me, and, well, it's completely dead.

WOMAN: Of course it is. Do you have a charger back there?

MAN: Only for the other kind of phone. The gift shop sells them, but it closed at four-thirty, five minutes ago.

WOMAN: My husband has one in the car. He's parked right outside the main gate. Could I just—

MAN: Bring it here, plug it in at the desk, and once it's unlocked, it's all yours.

WOMAN: Deal, and don't let anyone else claim it!

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Part 2: Thanksgiving at Our Place?

MAN: So, your mom phoned again while you were at the gym. She wanted to know if we'd made up our minds about Thanksgiving. I told her I'd let you handle that one.

WOMAN: Wow, thanks a lot. Well, we have to tell her something by the weekend. Now that she's moved into that one-bedroom condo, there's just no way she can fit everyone. Janet offered, but Kamloops is a four-hour drive for everyone else, so it's pretty much us or nobody.

MAN: I get that, I really do. But think about the numbers. Your mom, Janet and her kids, your brother and his girlfriend, us… that's eleven people, and our table seats six. And I can't even fit a twenty-pound turkey in our oven, never mind cooking all the sides for eleven.

WOMAN: Who said we're cooking everything? Mom never did that. Everybody brings something. Janet does the pies, my brother always brings that sweet potato dish nobody touches, and—

MAN: —and your mom makes the stuffing. Okay, fair enough. So really, we'd just be doing the turkey.

WOMAN: The turkey and the space. For the table, the Hendersons next door have those folding tables they use for their garage sales. I'm sure they'd lend us a couple.

MAN: Maybe, but the last time we borrowed something from them, it was their ladder, and it sat in our garage until spring. I'd feel kind of awkward asking again. And it still doesn't solve the oven.

WOMAN: Well, my brother lives ten minutes away. He could roast the turkey at his place and bring it over.

MAN: Your brother? The guy who set off his smoke alarm making toast?

WOMAN: Okay, point taken. Two smaller turkeys, then. They'll both fit if we take out the top rack. I measured.

MAN: You measured? So you'd decided this before we even talked about it.

WOMAN: Measuring an oven isn't the same as deciding anything.

MAN: Uh-huh, sure. Fine, call your mom and tell her yes. But you're the one asking the Hendersons for those tables.

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Part 3: Public Skating at the Arena

WOMAN: Northside Arena, Paula speaking.

MAN: Hi, I'm hoping you can help me. My niece and nephew are staying with us over March break. They're seven and nine, and they've never been on skates. I saw on your website that there's skating every afternoon this week?

WOMAN: There usually is, but this week's a bit unusual. We're hosting a minor hockey tournament from Thursday to Saturday, so the afternoon public skates are cancelled those three days. Monday to Wednesday it runs as normal, one to two-thirty, and then there's an extra session Sunday morning, nine to eleven, once the tournament's packed up.

MAN: Ah, okay. Today's Tuesday and they get in tomorrow night, so… that's not great. What about this shinny thing? It says Friday evening. Is that like a family skate?

WOMAN: Oh, no, shinny is drop-in hockey, adults only, with sticks and pucks flying around. Definitely not where you want two kids on their first time out.

MAN: Ha, no, definitely not. Sunday it is, then. Now, they don't have skates, and I'm not buying two pairs for one visit. Do you rent them?

WOMAN: We do, eight dollars a pair, and that includes a helmet, which anyone under twelve has to wear on the ice anyway. I'd just warn you that Sunday will be busy, since everyone who missed the week will show up.

MAN: Should I bring their shoe sizes, or…?

WOMAN: Skates run about one size smaller than shoes, but honestly, the staff will fit them on the spot. What you might want are skating aids. They're those plastic frames kids push in front of them. They make a huge difference for beginners, but we only have ten.

MAN: Can I reserve two?

WOMAN: I'm afraid not, it's first come, first served. Doors open at eight forty-five, though, so if you're in line by then, you'll likely get them.

MAN: Got it. And do I pay at the door?

WOMAN: Admission's three dollars for kids, and at the door is fine. Just bring a card. Since the renovation, we don't handle cash anymore.

MAN: Good thing you told me. I'd have shown up with a pocket full of change.

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Part 4: An Early Start for an Ice Road

NARRATOR: A winter ice road serving a small lakeside community near Yellowknife opened to light vehicles on Monday, nearly two weeks earlier than usual, after an unusually long cold snap thickened the ice on the lake. Temperatures have hovered around minus thirty-five for most of December, and highway crews say the ice reached the required thickness of thirty centimetres well ahead of schedule. For residents of that community, the early opening is welcome news. Until now, the only way out has been a fifteen-minute flight or a long detour on a gravel highway, which local store owner Marie Beaulieu says has made groceries and fuel noticeably more expensive. Officials caution, however, that the route remains restricted. Vehicles heavier than five tonnes are prohibited until the ice thickens further, and drivers must stay under twenty-five kilometres an hour, since faster vehicles push waves through the water beneath the surface that can crack the ice. Crews will continue measuring the thickness every few days. Beaulieu says she has already booked her first delivery, although she admits she may have been a little premature, since her supplier's truck weighs nearly eight tonnes.

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Part 5: A Hiking Club Meeting

Donna: Okay, so we've got the room for an hour, and I promised everyone we'd have a plan for the October trip by next week. Last year's hut trip got rave reviews, so I kind of assumed we'd just do that again.

Brian: From the people who finished it, sure. Remember, four new members turned back on the first morning. That climb up to the pass is brutal, and half of this year's sign-ups have never carried an overnight pack.

Heather: Plus, the huts themselves. My cousin went up the second week of October last year, and it snowed forty centimetres overnight. They spent two extra days playing cards, waiting for the trail to clear.

Donna: Okay, but that's kind of the adventure, isn't it?

Heather: It's an adventure if you've got the days off. She missed two shifts and nearly lost her job.

Brian: Which is why I'd rather look at the lodge at Pine Lake. Everyone sleeps in the same building, and each day there's a short hike and a long hike. People pick based on how their legs feel that morning.

Donna: The lodge is lovely, but it's a hundred and eighty a night. The huts are thirty. A lot of our members are students.

Brian: I ran the numbers. If we fill the bunk rooms, it's closer to seventy-five each, and that includes breakfast.

Donna: Seventy-five times three nights is still more than most of them spent on the whole hut trip.

Heather: What if we cut it to two nights? Then it's not that much more than the huts, and—

Brian: —and nobody gets to the upper lakes. That's a full day on its own. Without a third day, the stronger hikers are going to feel short-changed.

Donna: So the strong ones do the upper lakes on Saturday and everyone else does the short loop. That's your own plan, Brian.

Brian: Hmm, fair point. I suppose that could work.

Heather: Can I raise something else? Whatever we pick, the deposit's due at the end of the month. Last year the club paid it out of the general account and then spent weeks chasing people for their share.

Donna: Well, this time people pay before we book. No payment, no spot.

Heather: Even the students? Some of them don't get paid from their summer jobs until the end of September.

Donna: Okay, then maybe half up front.

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Brian: Honestly, I'd rather put both options to the members. If we only offer the lodge, the hut people will say we decided behind their backs.

Donna: And if we offer both, we split the group in half and fill neither.

Heather: So… a vote, or not a vote?

Donna: Let's sleep on it. I'll at least ask the lodge whether they'd hold the rooms for a week.

Part 6: Dogs Off the Leash

NARRATOR: On any sunny weekend morning, the same scene plays out in parks across the country: a golden retriever bounding joyfully across the grass, its owner strolling behind with a leash dangling uselessly from one hand. To some, this is a picture of contentment. To others, it is a quiet violation of a bylaw that most cities have on their books but rarely enforce. As municipalities review their park rules, the question of whether dogs should be allowed to run freely has become remarkably divisive.

NARRATOR: Animal behaviourist Dr. Priya Raman argues that off-leash time is not an indulgence but a necessity. Dogs confined to apartments and short sidewalk walks, she explains, build up energy that frequently surfaces as barking, chewing or aggression at home. In her experience, a dog that runs freely for half an hour each day is calmer, better socialized and, paradoxically, less likely to bite. Raman also contends that fenced dog parks, the usual compromise, tend to be overcrowded, muddy and located on the edge of town, which hardly helps an owner without a car. She adds that a brief, polite sniff between strange dogs on an open field teaches them more about good manners than any obedience class could.

NARRATOR: Gordon Ashby, who coaches youth soccer and chairs a neighbourhood park association, sees things rather differently. He doesn't dispute that dogs need exercise, but he maintains that shared spaces must work for everyone, including toddlers, cyclists and people who are genuinely frightened of animals. Ashby describes Saturday practices interrupted by dogs chasing the ball, and parents spending the first ten minutes checking the field for droppings. Every owner, he remarks, swears that their dog is friendly, but a seven-year-old chasing a soccer ball has no way of telling which owners are right.

NARRATOR: Raman counters that the trouble lies with a careless minority of owners rather than with dogs themselves, and that designated off-leash hours, say, early mornings before seven, would let both groups share the same ground. Ashby remains thoroughly unconvinced, and he is hardly alone among parents. Rules that already go unenforced, he argues, will hardly be respected simply because they come with a timetable.

NARRATOR: Perhaps the real lesson is that a park is a negotiation rather than a possession. Neither the dog owner nor the soccer coach owns the grass, and any lasting solution will depend less on new bylaws than on ordinary courtesy.

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