CELPIP Reading Practice Test 107

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How to take this test

1. Do all 4 parts in one sitting in about 55–60 minutes, timing each part.
2. Mark your answers on the answer sheet. Wrong answers lose no points, so answer every question.
3. Check your answers with the answer key and count your correct answers for an estimated CLB.

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Part 1: Reading Correspondence

Time: about 11 minutes

Asking a Former Landlord for a Reference

Dear Mr. Kowalski,

I hope this finds you and Marta well, and that your tomatoes did better this summer than the year the early frost got them. It's hard to believe it has been almost three years since I moved out of the basement suite on Algoma Street. I'm writing because I need to ask a favour, and you were the first person I thought of.

As you know, I left Thunder Bay for a one-year contract at the hospital in Lethbridge. I'm happy to say that the contract has turned into a permanent position, so Daniel and I have decided to stop renting month to month and look for a proper house near the hospital. We've found one we love, but rentals here are scarce. Ms. Okafor, who looks after the property for its owner, will choose between us and another couple by the end of next week, and she has asked for a reference from a previous landlord. Normally I would ask our current landlord, whom we have rented from for two years, but he sold his building last spring and moved to Vancouver, and my calls and emails since then have gone unanswered.

You rented to me for four years, so you know my habits better than anyone. I'm sure you also remember the one month my rent arrived late, when my bank froze my account after a fraud alert. Ms. Okafor asked specifically about payment history, so I would be grateful if you could explain what happened and that the rent was paid in full three days later. If it helps, you might also mention the winter I shovelled your walk every morning while you were recovering from knee surgery. I still like to think I earned my keep that year.

Ms. Okafor would prefer to speak to you by phone, and she is in her office on weekday mornings at 403-555-0182. I know you would rather write three letters than make one phone call, so please don't worry: she told me that a brief email to rentals@prairieviewhomes.ca would be just as acceptable.

Finally, Daniel and I will be driving through Thunder Bay in August on our way to see his parents in Sudbury. We won't be able to stay the night, because we've promised to keep going, but we would love to stop in for coffee. I'll bring a box of the Saskatoon berry tarts Marta enjoyed so much.

Thank you, truly, for considering this.

Warm regards,

Leena Varghese

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1. What is the main purpose of Leena's letter?

A to apologize for once paying her rent late
B to ask him to vouch for her as a tenant
C to tell Mr. Kowalski about her new hospital job
D to ask whether her old suite is available again

2. Why is Leena not asking her current landlord for help?

A He has asked her and Daniel to move out.
B She has rented from him for only a few months.
C He gave her a poor reference in the past.
D He has become impossible to get hold of.

3. Ms. Okafor is most likely

A handling the rental of the house.
B Leena's new supervisor at the hospital.
C the owner of the building Leena lives in now.
D a friend of Daniel's parents in Sudbury.

4. What does Leena want Mr. Kowalski to explain about the late rent?

A that her bank later apologized to her
B that he allowed her to pay in two parts
C that it was a single problem quickly fixed
D that it happened while he was having knee surgery

5. What can be inferred about Mr. Kowalski?

A He has sold the house on Algoma Street.
B He has met Ms. Okafor at some point.
C He used to work at the hospital in Lethbridge.
D He does not enjoy talking on the telephone.

6. Why does Leena mention the trip in August?

A to invite Mr. Kowalski to Lethbridge
B to propose stopping by for a visit
C to explain why she needs an answer soon
D to ask if she and Daniel could stay over

Here is a response to the message. Complete the response by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank from the drop-down menu.

> Dear Leena,
>
> What a pleasure to hear from you, and congratulations on **(7)** _____! Lethbridge is lucky to have you.

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> Of course I'll help. In four years you were the kind of tenant every landlord hopes for, and Marta still talks about the winter you **(8)** _____ while my knee healed. As for the month the rent was late, I had almost forgotten it. I will make sure Ms. Okafor understands that **(9)** _____, and that it never happened again.
>
> You know me too well. Rather than phone her, I will **(10)** _____ this evening, since she has said that will do. I'll keep it short and to the point, which is more than I can say for my letters.
>
> And yes, please stop in when you pass through in August. Marta has already said she'll **(11)** _____, although I suspect she is really looking forward to those tarts.
>
> All the best,
>
> Stan Kowalski

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** your new long-term job **B** your move into a new house **C** finishing your nursing degree **D** your engagement to Daniel

8. **A** drove me to my appointments **B** looked after our garden **C** kept our front walk clear **D** paid the rent ahead of time

9. **A** it happened more than once **B** the bank was to blame, not you **C** I lowered your rent afterwards **D** you paid it a week later

10. **A** ask Marta to call her **B** mail her a letter at the office **C** visit her office **D** drop her a line by email

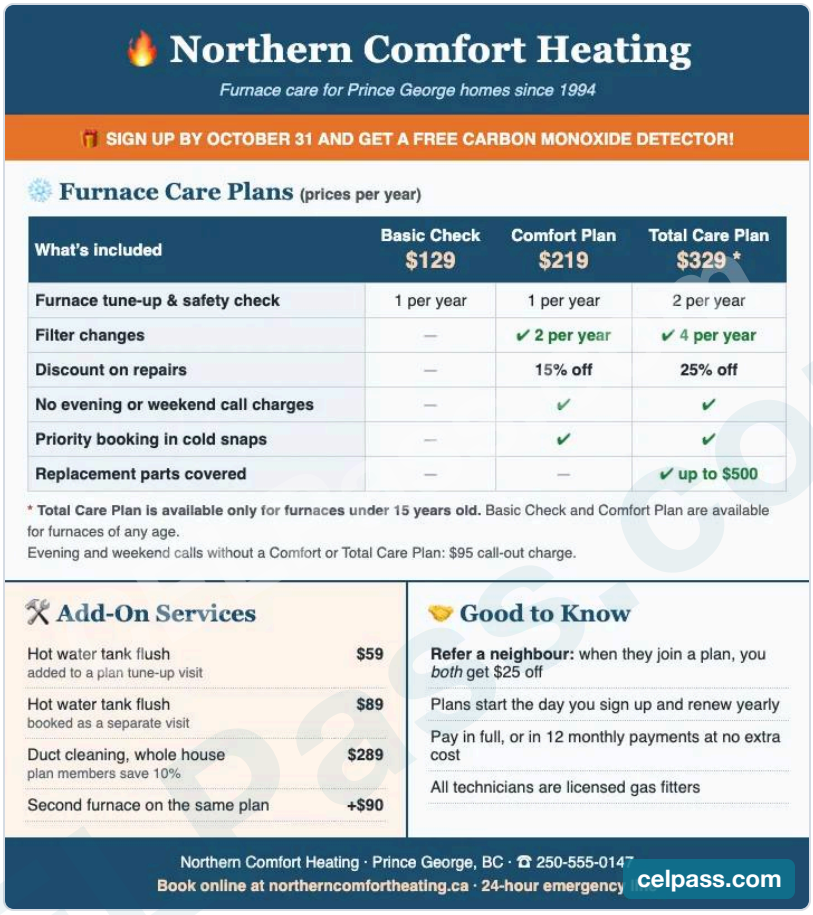
11. **A** make up the spare room **B** bake her famous tarts **C** put the coffee on **D** drive you to Sudbury

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Choosing a Furnace Care Plan



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Furnace Care Plans (prices per year)

What's included	Basic Check $129	Comfort Plan $219	Total Care Plan $329 *
Furnace tune-up & safety check	1 per year	1 per year	2 per year
Filter changes	–	✔ 2 per year	✔ 4 per year
Discount on repairs	–	15% off	25% off
No evening or weekend call charges	–	✔	✔
Priority booking in cold snaps	–	✔	✔
Replacement parts covered	–	–	✔ up to $500

* **Total Care Plan is available only for furnaces under 15 years old.** Basic Check and Comfort Plan are available for furnaces of any age.
Evening and weekend calls without a Comfort or Total Care Plan: $95 call-out charge.

Add-On Services

Hot water tank flush added to a plan tune-up visit	$59
Hot water tank flush booked as a separate visit	$89
Duct cleaning, whole house plan members save 10%	$289
Second furnace on the same plan	+$90

Good to Know

- **Refer a neighbour:** when they join a plan, you *both* get $25 off
- Plans start the day you sign up and renew yearly
- Pay in full, or in 12 monthly payments at no extra cost
- All technicians are licensed gas fitters

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Read the following email message about the diagram on the left. Complete the email by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank from the drop-down menu.

> Subject: Furnace plan for Dad's place
>
> To: Tess Morin
>
> From: Rob Delaney
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> Hi Tess,
>
> I finally looked into the furnace plans we talked about at Thanksgiving. Northern Comfort sent Dad a flyer, and one of their plans looks worth it. I know that furnace is on its last legs, but a new one would cost thousands, and a plan should get us through another winter or two.
>
> Since Dad's furnace is 18 years old, the **(12)** _____ is out. I think the Comfort Plan makes the most sense. Last winter's repairs cost over $600, and with this plan we'd get **(13)** _____ off any repairs. It also includes **(14)** _____, which matters because Dad's heat always seems to quit on

a Sunday night. Remember when we were kids and it died on Christmas Eve, and we all slept in sleeping bags in front of the fireplace?

The plan is $219 a year, and if we sign up **(15)** _____, they'll throw in a free carbon monoxide detector. His hot water tank is making that rumbling noise again, too. For **(16)** _____, they'll flush it during the same visit as the tune-up.

I'm happy to split everything with you, as usual. Could you run it by Dad when you take him to his appointment on Thursday? You know how he feels about us making decisions behind his back.

Rob

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** Basic Check **B** Comfort Plan **C** duct cleaning **D** Total Care Plan

13. **A** 15% **B** 10% **C** 25% **D** 20%

14. **A** two tune-ups per year **B** a free CO detector **C** no after-hours call fees **D** a yearly duct cleaning

15. **A** online this week **B** by October 31 **C** for two furnaces **D** with a neighbour

16. **A** $59 **B** $89 **C** $129 **D** $25

17. Rob and Tess are most likely

A neighbours.
B spouses.
C siblings.
D co-workers.

18. What does Rob ask Tess to do?

A book the first tune-up with the company
B pay for the plan on her own
C find out how old the furnace is
D discuss the plan with their father

19. When Rob says the furnace is "on its last legs," he means that it

A has been moved to a new spot.
B will soon stop working for good.
C is louder than it used to be.
D was not installed properly.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Point Pelee and the Monarch Migration

Paragraph A

Point Pelee National Park, on the north shore of Lake Erie in southwestern Ontario, is one of the smallest national parks in Canada, yet it attracts visitors out of all proportion to its size. Established in 1918, the park covers a narrow peninsula of sand that stretches south into the lake and ends in a sharp point, the southernmost tip of mainland Canada. Much of the peninsula is marsh, and a long boardwalk allows visitors to explore it without disturbing the plants and animals below. The park's shape and position give it an unusual role: for birds and insects travelling north or south, it is the last piece of land before a wide crossing of open water, and countless creatures stop there to rest.

Paragraph B

Among the most famous of these travellers is the monarch butterfly. Female monarchs lay their eggs only on milkweed, and the caterpillars feed on nothing else. Milkweed contains substances that are toxic to many animals, and these stay in the monarch's body as it grows, making both the caterpillar and the adult butterfly unpleasant to eat. The adult's bright orange and black wings serve as a warning to birds. Most monarchs born in spring and early summer live for only a few weeks, just long enough to breed. The generation that emerges at the end of summer is different: these butterflies delay breeding and can live for eight months or more.

Paragraph C

It is this long-lived generation that gathers at Point Pelee from late August into September. Reluctant to set out over open water, the butterflies rest in the trees near the tip of the peninsula, sometimes in clusters of hundreds, until the weather is favourable, usually a light wind from the north. Then they set off across the lake. Their final destination is the mountain forests of central Mexico, thousands of kilometres away, where they spend the winter. Remarkably, none of the butterflies making this journey has ever made it before, yet they reach the same forests year after year. Park staff record the numbers they see, and the totals vary enormously from one season to the next.

Paragraph D

Monarchs face growing pressure. Milkweed was once common along roadsides and the edges of fields, but changes in farming and the spread of towns and cities have removed much of it. Extreme weather and damage to the forests where the butterflies spend the winter add to the threat, and the monarch is now listed as a species at risk in Canada. Ordinary people are helping. Gardeners plant milkweed and other wildflowers, and volunteers across the country take part in programs that count eggs and caterpillars and report sightings, giving scientists a far clearer picture of how the species is doing.

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Decide which paragraph, A to D, has the information given in each statement below. Select E if the information is not given in any of the paragraphs.

20. What a monarch eats when young helps protect it from predators later. _____

21. Members of the public gather information that is useful to researchers. _____

22. Monarchs that cannot cross Lake Erie usually spend the winter at Point Pelee. _____

23. The park's location makes it a natural resting place for migrating wildlife. _____

24. The butterflies wait for suitable conditions before leaving. _____

25. Visitors can move through wetland areas without harming them. _____

26. Changes in how land is used have made a key food plant harder to find. _____

27. Not every generation of monarchs lives for the same length of time. _____

28. The monarchs that arrive in Mexico are making the trip for the first time. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Wood Smoke Rules In Raven Creek Debate

> On the coldest and stillest winter days, a grey haze settles over Raven Creek, a Yukon municipality of about 3,000 wedged into a narrow valley. A temperature inversion traps frigid air beneath warmer air, and the smoke from hundreds of chimneys has nowhere to disperse. Council is contemplating a three-pronged bylaw: prohibiting wood burning on official air-advisory days, except where wood is the sole heat source; obliging any stove installed after 2028 to meet current emission standards; and offering owners a $1,500 rebate to replace older models.
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> Councillor Joanne Pruden, the bylaw's author, cites health-centre figures showing that visits for respiratory complaints climb sharply during prolonged cold spells. "Nobody's being told to freeze," she insists. "We're merely asking residents to burn smarter, with genuine financial assistance attached."
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> Darren Whitfield, a retired heavy-equipment operator who has cut his own firewood for three decades, regards the replacement rule as a costly answer to the wrong question. A certified stove, installed, exceeds $4,000, so the rebate "barely covers the chimney pipe." "The real culprits are neighbours burning green or damp wood, which smoulders instead of combusting cleanly," he maintains. Advisory days he will tolerate; a well-tended old stove, in his estimation, isn't what is choking the valley.
>
> Dr. Amara Osei, a family physician at the health centre, shares the bylaw's aims while questioning its priorities. The advisory-day ban offers her most vulnerable patients the greatest protection, targeting the very days when smoke inflicts the most harm; replacement would require years to register. "Free moisture meters could produce results this winter, since fuel seasoned for a full year emits a fraction of the smoke," she argues.
>
> Lucie Tremblay, who sells and installs stoves on Front Street, might be expected to cheer the replacement rule, and in principle she does, since older models can release several times the smoke however carefully operated. "But only two certified installers work within a day's drive, and both are booked months ahead," she cautions. She recommends a five-year phase-in, with rebates scaled to household income.

29. Whitfield's diagnosis comes closest to that of

A Amara Osei
B Joanne Pruden
C Lucie Tremblay
D neighbours burning green wood

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30. What would Tremblay make of everyone replacing stoves at once?

A Her shop would run short of stoves.

B Older models would stay smokier.

C Installers couldn't meet the demand.

D Rebates would reach the wrong households.

31. What can be gathered about the $1,500 rebate?

A It applies only on advisory days.

B It covers only wood-heated homes.

C It covers nearly all of a stove.

D It may not suffice for every household.

32. For speed, what would Osei put first?

A replacing older stoves

B burning well-dried wood

C scaling rebates to income

D a five-year phase-in

33. Which title best fits the article?

A "What Will Clear Raven Creek's Air?"

B "Smoke Bylaw Clears Raven Creek's Air in One Winter"

C "Raven Creek Doctors Play Down Winter Smoke"

D "Can Raven Creek's Rebate Pay for New Stoves?"

The following is a comment by a visitor to the website page. Complete the comment by choosing the best option to fill in each blank.

> I grew up in Raven Creek, so I am relieved that councillors are finally **(34)** _____. This debate is overdue, and my parents still burn wood. One retired operator's arithmetic nevertheless deserves attention: **(35)** _____, and many households here are already stretched.
>
> The most sensible voice is the physician's: her contention that **(36)** _____ deserves council's attention this winter.
>
> If the replacement rule proceeds, councillors should **(37)** _____, as the stove dealer urges, so that nobody is left waiting. Breathable air, which everyone here shares, should not become a luxury only **(38)** _____ can afford. Let's get this right for every family.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** outlawing wood heat **B** overreacting to a nuisance **C** siding with the stove dealers **D** taking the haze seriously

35. **A** old stoves always smoke **B** the rebate scarcely helps **C** the clinic's figures are inflated **D** emission standards are too lax

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36. **A** clinic visits climb in cold spells **B** the rule should be phased in **C** seasoned fuel burns far cleaner **D** newer stoves always pollute less

37. **A** stagger it across several years **B** raise the rebate for all owners **C** exempt homes heated only by wood **D** hire more bylaw inspectors

38. **A** owners of newer stoves **B** homes heated by oil **C** families near Front Street **D** the comfortably off

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Answer sheet

Write the letter of your answer for each question.

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____
9 _____	10 _____	11 _____	12 _____
13 _____	14 _____	15 _____	16 _____
17 _____	18 _____	19 _____	20 _____
21 _____	22 _____	23 _____	24 _____
25 _____	26 _____	27 _____	28 _____
29 _____	30 _____	31 _____	32 _____
33 _____	34 _____	35 _____	36 _____
37 _____	38 _____		

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Answer key

Part 1: Asking a Former Landlord for a Reference

1 B to ask him to vouch for her as a tenant

2 D He has become impossible to get hold of.

3 A handling the rental of the house.

4 C that it was a single problem quickly fixed

5 D He does not enjoy talking on the telephone.

6 B to propose stopping by for a visit

7 A your new long-term job

8 C kept our front walk clear

9 B the bank was to blame, not you

10 D drop her a line by email

11 C put the coffee on

Part 2: Choosing a Furnace Care Plan

12 D Total Care Plan

13 A 15%

14 C no after-hours call fees

15 B by October 31

16 A $59

17 C siblings.

18 D discuss the plan with their father

19 B will soon stop working for good.

Part 3: Point Pelee and the Monarch Migration

20 B

21 D

22 E

23 A

24 C

25 A

26 D

27 B

28 C

Part 4: Wood Smoke Rules In Raven Creek Debate

29 A Amara Osei

30 C Installers couldn't meet the demand.

31 D It may not suffice for every household.

32 B burning well-dried wood

33 A "What Will Clear Raven Creek's Air?"

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Your estimated CLB

Correct answers (of 38)	Estimated level
37–38	CLB 12
35–36	CLB 11
33–34	CLB 10
31–32	CLB 9
28–30	CLB 8
24–27	CLB 7
19–23	CLB 6
15–18	CLB 5
10–14	CLB 4

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