CELPIP Reading Practice Test 113

A free full-length CELPIP-General Reading practice test from CELPass.com: all 4 parts and 38 questions in the real test order, an answer sheet, the answer key and a score chart.

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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

Leaving My Bees in Good Hands

Dear Tomasz,

I hope you and Irena are enjoying your retirement. I've been meaning to come over and ask you something in person, but every time I see you working in the garden, I lose my nerve. So I'm putting it in writing instead.

As Irena may have told you, my company is transferring me to its Winnipeg office at the end of April. It's a promotion, and I'm excited about it, but it means selling the house, and the hardest part is leaving my two beehives. I did look into taking them with me, but the hives would have to travel more than twelve hundred kilometres in the back of a truck, and the people at my bee club warned me that few colonies survive a trip like that in early spring.

You've told me more than once that your apple trees have never produced as much fruit as they have since my bees arrived. That got me thinking. Would you be willing to take the hives over? They could stay exactly where they are, in the corner of my yard by your fence, because the new owners have agreed to let them remain until the fall. After that, they would need to move a few metres onto your side.

I know you have never kept bees, but honestly, they need far less attention than people imagine. From May to September, each hive should be checked about once every ten days, which takes less than an hour. In winter, they mostly look after themselves. I would leave you my suit, gloves, smoker and tools, as well as my notebook, which records everything I've learned over six years, including my mistakes. My friend Priya from the Thompson Valley Beekeepers has also offered to come by twice in May to show you the basics, free of charge.

Of course, any honey would be yours. Last year, the two hives produced nearly forty kilograms, far more than I could ever eat. I gave most of it away, so half the street will probably come knocking on your door.

Please don't feel obliged to say yes. If it isn't for you, Priya says the club can find the bees another home, and I'll understand completely. I just know they would be happiest next to your orchard. Could you let me know by the end of March, so I have time to make other arrangements if necessary?

Warm regards,

Marguerite

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1. Why did Marguerite write instead of speaking to Tomasz?

A She rarely sees Tomasz outside his house.
B Irena told her that Tomasz prefers letters.
C She felt too shy to ask him face to face.
D She has already moved to Winnipeg.

2. Why won't Marguerite take the hives with her?

A The bees might not survive the long drive.
B The new owners want to keep the bees.
C Her new home in Winnipeg has no yard.
D Her bee club has asked her to leave them behind.

3. What does Marguerite suggest about Tomasz's apple trees?

A They will have to be moved in the fall.
B They block sunlight from her hives.
C They produced less fruit last year.
D They have benefited from her bees.

4. What will happen to the hives after the fall?

A They will be given to the bee club.
B They will be moved onto Tomasz's property.
C They will be sent to Marguerite in Winnipeg.
D They will stay in Marguerite's old yard.

5. According to Marguerite, keeping bees

A is hardest during the winter months.
B requires a training course from the bee club.
C takes less time than most people expect.
D is best learned by making mistakes.

6. What can we infer about Marguerite's honey?

A She sold most of it to pay for her equipment.
B She kept most of it for her own family.
C Tomasz would have to share it with the club.
D Many of her neighbours have already received some.

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 Marguerite,
>
> Congratulations on your promotion! Irena and I will miss you, though I wish you had simply knocked on our door. We don't bite.

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You're right that my apple trees have **(7)** _____ since your hives arrived, and I'd hate to lose the bees that made it possible. So yes, I'll take them.

I was worried about the time involved, but if it really is only an hour **(8)** _____ during the summer, I think I can manage.

I'll gladly accept your equipment, and I'm especially grateful for **(9)** _____. It sounds more useful than any book I could buy.

I'd also welcome **(10)** _____, since I would rather not learn everything by trial and error.

As for the honey, I suspect you're right that **(11)** _____. I'll be sure to save a jar for you.

Warm wishes,

Tomasz

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** needed less watering **B** been at their most productive **C** grown too close to the fence **D** been attacked by fewer pests

8. **A** about three times a month **B** once a month at most **C** each morning before work **D** twice a week in May

9. **A** the forty kilograms of honey you left **B** the new suit you bought for me **C** all your notes from six years **D** the lessons you paid for at the club

10. **A** a weekly visit from the new owners **B** a few phone calls from Winnipeg **C** a beekeeping course in the fall **D** a couple of lessons from Priya

11. **A** two hives make too little to share **B** the neighbours will come asking for it **C** the bee club will expect to get a share **D** it tastes best in early spring

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

A Long Weekend at Birchmere Lake



Birchmere Lake Provincial Park

Campground Fees & Site Guide · Season: May 16 – October 13

LONG WEEKENDS FILL FAST · RESERVE UP TO 5 MONTHS AHEAD

Campsites & Cabins

Site type	Per night	Max. people	Features
Walk-in tent site (Pine Loop)	$32	4	200 m from parking · tents only
Standard site (Spruce Loop)	$41	6	Car parks at site · tent or trailer
Electrical site (Spruce Loop)	$52	6	30-amp power hook-up
Lakefront site (Shoreline Loop) *	$58	6	Private beach access
Rustic cabin *	$105	4	Bunk beds · wood stove · bring bedding

* No pets on the Shoreline Loop or in cabins. Pets are welcome on all other sites but must be leashed at all times.

Good to Know

Check-in / check-out	2 p.m. / 11 a.m.
Vehicle permit (1st car)	Included
Each extra vehicle	$12 / night
Quiet hours	11 p.m. – 7 a.m.

Long weekends: minimum stay of **3 nights** on all sites and cabins

Extras at the Park Store

Firewood bundle	$9
Canoe or kayak rental	$35 / day
Bag of ice	$4
Hot shower token	$1

Booking fee: $12 per reservation online, $14 by phone.

! Cancel 3 or more days before arrival for a refund, minus the booking fee.

Birchmere Lake Provincial Park · Gate open 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Reserve online: birchmerelakepark.ca · 1-888-555-0147

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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: August long weekend?
>
> To: Kevin Tran
>
> From: Daniel Okoye
>
> Hi Kevin,
>
> Good news: I finally got the August long weekend off, so let's make that camping trip happen this year! I've been looking at Birchmere Lake, which is only about two hours from both of us.
>
> Since we're bringing Biscuit, the lakefront sites are out, unfortunately, and so are **(12)** _____. With the kids, there will be six of us, which also rules out the walk-in sites, because they only allow **(13)** _____.

> Mira wants to bring the little fridge for our baby's bottles, so I think we should book a site **(14)** _____. Because it's a long weekend, we'll have to stay at least **(15)** _____, so let's plan on arriving Friday afternoon and leaving Monday before lunch. The site costs **(16)** _____ a night, and we can split it. Since you're driving up separately, don't forget there's a small nightly charge for a second car.
>
> Mira says hi, by the way. She wants to know whether her big brother still remembers how to paddle a canoe. If so, we can rent one there for a day.
>
> Long-weekend sites go fast, so the ball is in your court. Let me know by Friday, and I'll book it that night.
>
> Daniel

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** the walk-in sites **B** the electrical sites **C** the Spruce Loop sites **D** the cabins

13. **A** four people **B** six people **C** two tents **D** a single car

14. **A** right on the water **B** close to the parking lot **C** with a power hook-up **D** in the Pine Loop

15. **A** two full nights **B** three nights **C** four nights **D** a full week

16. **A** $41 **B** $58 **C** $52 **D** $32

17. Daniel and Kevin are most likely

A co-workers.
B next-door neighbours.
C old school friends.
D brothers-in-law.

18. What does Daniel ask Kevin to do?

A give him an answer by Friday
B make the campsite booking online
C bring a canoe from home
D pay for the extra car

19. When Daniel says "the ball is in your court," he means that

A Kevin should bring sports equipment.
B Daniel has already booked the site.
C Kevin must decide what happens next.
D Daniel wants Kevin to plan the whole trip.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

The Avro Arrow: Canada's Lost Jet

Paragraph A

In the early 1950s, as tensions between the West and the Soviet Union grew, the Royal Canadian Air Force began looking for a new kind of fighter. Military planners feared that Soviet long-range bombers could one day fly over the North Pole and across the Canadian Arctic, and they wanted an aircraft fast enough to intercept them far from Canada's cities. The job went to Avro Canada, a company based in Malton, Ontario, near Toronto. Its engineers designed the CF-105 Arrow, a large two-seat jet with a triangular delta wing. The design was extremely ambitious for its time. Among other advances, the Arrow used an early electronic flight control system, in which the pilot's movements reached the controls as electrical signals rather than purely through mechanical links.

Paragraph B

The first Arrow was rolled out of its hangar before a large crowd of workers, officials and reporters on October 4, 1957. Unfortunately for Avro, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first artificial satellite, on the very same day, and the news from space quickly pushed the new jet off the front pages. The Arrow first flew on March 25, 1958, with test pilot Janusz Żurakowski at the controls. During later test flights, it reached speeds approaching twice the speed of sound. Remarkably, it did so with American-built engines that had been fitted only as a temporary measure. A more powerful Canadian engine, the Orenda Iroquois, was being developed for the production aircraft, but it was never installed in an Arrow that flew.

Paragraph C

The project, however, was becoming very expensive. Each aircraft was costing far more than first planned, and some defence experts argued that guided missiles, rather than fighter planes, would be the best protection against future attacks. On February 20, 1959, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker announced that the program was cancelled. Avro sent thousands of employees home that same afternoon, and roughly 14,000 people at the company lost their jobs, along with many more at its suppliers. The government then ordered that the finished aircraft, the tools used to build them and the technical drawings be destroyed. The day became known to many Canadians as "Black Friday."

Paragraph D

The cancellation had lasting effects. With little work left for them in Canada, many of Avro's best engineers moved to the United States, and a group of them joined NASA, where they worked on the American human spaceflight program, including the missions that took astronauts to the Moon. Historians still debate whether the government made the right decision. Only a few pieces of the Arrow survived, among them the nose section of one aircraft, now displayed at a museum in Ottawa. In recent years, searchers have also recovered some of the scale models that were launched over

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> Lake Ontario during testing. For many Canadians, the Arrow remains a symbol of what the country might have achieved, and its story has been told in books, documentaries and a 1997 television miniseries.

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. The Arrow's first public appearance received less attention than expected because of another event. _____

21. The aircraft was meant to stop enemy planes long before they reached populated areas. _____

22. The Arrow set a world speed record during its test flights. _____

23. Many employees learned on the day of the announcement that their work had ended. _____

24. Some of the people who designed the Arrow later helped send astronauts into space. _____

25. Some experts believed a different kind of weapon would protect the country better. _____

26. The prime minister later admitted that cancelling the program had been a mistake. _____

27. Objects linked to the Arrow's testing have been found underwater. _____

28. The aircraft that flew were not powered by the engine planned for the final version. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Overnight ER Closure in Marlow Falls Debate

Marlow Falls Hospital has staffed its emergency department around the clock for over sixty years. The regional health authority now proposes closing it nightly from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. for a twelve-month trial, diverting overnight patients to Halstead General, a 45-minute drive away. The prospect, open to public comment until May 15 with a final decision due in June, has polarized a population of about 6,000, many of whom live on farms well outside town.

Corinne Bélanger, vice-president of rural services, attributes the proposal to staffing, not finances. Three of seven emergency physicians have departed within eighteen months, and the remaining four cover a schedule normally requiring twice that number. Already the department shuts on a few hours' notice whenever someone falls ill. "A fixed timetable is safer, because patients could at least plan," she reasons. Only about four patients arrive nightly, she adds, and any savings would finance recruitment.

Dr. Samuel Achterberg, one of the remaining four, admits the schedule is unsustainable, having worked over seventy hours last week. Still, nightly averages strike him as treacherous. "Arithmetic is no comfort to whichever of those four is having a heart attack." Instead of locked doors, he advocates an overnight nurse on site, with a physician accessible by video link and prepared to attend the gravest cases, an arrangement reportedly successful at several small hospitals elsewhere.

Paramedic Luis Ferreira, representing regional ambulance crews, professes no objection in principle but identifies a dangerous omission. Marlow Falls has only two ambulances, and each round trip to Halstead occupies one for close to two hours. He wants one thing first: "Put a third vehicle here before anyone locks a door."

Wendy Gaudet, a trucking operator for twenty years, finds no conditions acceptable. Her drivers and the sawmill's night shift are precisely those likeliest to need care after dark, and winter can shut the Halstead highway for hours. The trial's promised twelve-month limit draws only a dry laugh from her. "What young physician would settle beside half a hospital?" she asks.

29. Who, like Dr. Achterberg, asks for added overnight coverage?

A Luis Ferreira
B Wendy Gaudet
C Corinne Bélanger
D the sawmill's night shift

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30. Bélanger cites present closures to argue that

A physician illness is preventable
B savings could attract doctors
C planned closures are safer
D shorter hours would keep doctors

31. Why does Ferreira want a third vehicle?

A Crews would work longer shifts.
B Local calls could go unanswered.
C Halstead may refuse extra patients.
D Winter may close the highway.

32. What can be inferred from the article?

A The authority's real motive is cost.
B Dr. Achterberg intends to leave.
C Closures have been announced well ahead.
D Keeping physicians has been hard.

33. The best headline would be

A "Marlow Falls ER Goes Dark as Trial Begins"
B "Marlow Falls Weighs Shutting Its ER After Dark"
C "Rural Hospital Cuts Night Care to Save Money"
D "Can Marlow Falls Keep Its Remaining Doctors?"

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.

> A lifelong Marlow Falls resident, I cannot support this plan as written. The authority keeps saying "trial," but I suspect **(34)** _____. Ms. Bélanger's observation that only **(35)** _____ is offered as though it settled the matter. It doesn't.
>
> Averages conceal **(36)** _____. The plan would also **(37)** _____, a risk nobody has explained away. We live well outside town, so the drive alone already frightens us, and winter makes it worse. My neighbours feel much the same, whatever they think of the authority's figures.
>
> Our exhausted doctors are blameless, and something must change, but the authority should first **(38)** _____. If it succeeded elsewhere, why not here?

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** Halstead will soon be swamped **B** recruits will arrive soon **C** the sawmill will end night shifts **D** the doors will stay locked

35. **A** a few patients arrive overnight **B** four physicians remain **C** two ambulances serve the community **D** a few hours' notice is given

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36. **A** the hours doctors work **B** the distant farms **C** the life-threatening cases **D** the trips paramedics make

37. **A** overload Halstead's emergency staff **B** strip the area of cover **C** turn paramedics into night nurses **D** raise ambulance charges for distant farmers

38. **A** station a third ambulance locally **B** recruit the three missing doctors **C** study the sawmill's injury records **D** test a night nurse and video doctor

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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

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1 C She felt too shy to ask him face to face.

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12 D the cabins

13 A four people

14 C with a power hook-up

15 B three nights

16 C $52

17 D brothers-in-law.

18 A give him an answer by Friday

19 C Kevin must decide what happens next.

Part 3: The Avro Arrow: Canada's Lost Jet

20 B

21 A

22 E

23 C

24 D

25 C

26 E

27 D

28 B

Part 4: Overnight ER Closure in Marlow Falls Debate

29 A Luis Ferreira

30 C planned closures are safer

31 B Local calls could go unanswered.

32 D Keeping physicians has been hard.

33 B "Marlow Falls Weighs Shutting Its ER After Dark"

34 D the doors will stay locked

35 A a few patients arrive overnight

36 C the life-threatening cases

37 B strip the area of cover

38 D test a night nurse and video doctor

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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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