CELPIP Reading Practice Test 116

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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

A Ring Left Behind in Lunenburg

> Dear Ms. Okafor,
>
> My husband, Paulo, and I stayed at the Harbour Lantern Inn from June 3 to June 6 to celebrate our thirtieth wedding anniversary. I am writing, first, to thank you and your staff for a truly memorable visit and, second, to ask for your help with a matter that has caused me a great deal of worry.
>
> Our room overlooking the harbour was lovely, and we are still talking about the blueberry pancakes at breakfast. We are especially grateful to Tyler at the front desk. When he heard why we were there, he suggested the evening schooner cruise, which turned out to be the highlight of our trip, and he even managed to find us a table at a restaurant that had told us it was fully booked.
>
> Now to the reason for my letter. On our last night, I took off my ring before putting on hand cream and set it in the little dish beside the bathroom sink. In the rush to check out the next morning, I left it there, and I didn't notice until we were unpacking at home in Fredericton two days later. When I phoned the inn on June 8, a housekeeper named Carmen searched the lost-and-found box and found it wrapped in a tissue with our room number written on it. I cannot tell you how relieved I was.
>
> The ring would not fetch much money, but it belonged to my grandmother, who brought it with her from Portugal in 1952, and nothing could ever replace it. For that reason, I would ask you not to send it by regular mail. If you are able to use a courier, I will gladly pay for tracking, insurance and a signature on delivery. I would prefer to give my credit card number over the phone rather than by email.
>
> Alternatively, our son, who lives in Halifax, is planning to visit friends in Lunenburg at the end of the month. He could collect the ring in person, but only if it can be kept somewhere secure until then. Please let me know which arrangement suits you better.
>
> Finally, I would like to send Carmen a small token of my thanks, perhaps a gift card for one of the cafés in town, if your staff are permitted to accept such things.
>
> With sincere thanks,
>
> Helen Carvalho

1. Why did Helen and her husband stay at the inn?

A to visit their son and his family in Halifax
B to mark thirty years of marriage
C to take a cruise on a schooner
D to attend a friend's wedding

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2. What did Tyler do for the couple?

A He moved them to a room with a view.
B He found the ring Helen had left behind.
C He got them a table at a full restaurant.
D He booked and paid for their boat tickets.

3. Where did Helen leave her ring?

A in a dish near the bathroom sink
B on the table in the breakfast room
C wrapped in a tissue on the bed
D at the front desk when checking out

4. Why is the ring so important to Helen?

A It is worth a great deal of money.
B It was a gift from Paulo on their wedding day.
C She bought it on a trip to Portugal.
D It is a family piece that cannot be replaced.

5. Helen asks the inn not to

A call her about the payment.
B post the ring by ordinary mail.
C give the ring to anyone but Carmen.
D keep the ring until the end of the month.

6. What can we infer about Helen's son?

A He stayed at the inn with his parents.
B He has already collected the ring.
C He lives near his parents in Fredericton.
D He will be near the inn later in June.

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 Mrs. Carvalho,
>
> Thank you for your kind letter. We are honoured that you and your husband chose our inn to celebrate **(7)** _____, and I have passed your compliments on to our kitchen.
>
> Tyler was delighted to hear that **(8)** _____ was the best part of your stay.
>
> Your grandmother's ring is now locked in our office safe, still wrapped in Carmen's tissue. Since couriers do occasionally lose parcels, I would suggest that **(9)** _____ when he is in town later this month. If you would still prefer a courier, please **(10)** _____, and we will take care of the rest.

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> As for Carmen, our staff are welcome to accept small gifts, and I know she would be touched by **(11)** _____.
>
> Warm regards,
>
> Grace Okafor
>
> Manager, Harbour Lantern Inn

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** your son's graduation **B** three decades together **C** your recent retirement **D** your grandmother's birthday

8. **A** the room facing the water **B** the restaurant table he found **C** the boat trip he proposed **D** the breakfast pancakes

9. **A** your son pick it up himself **B** we mail it to Fredericton **C** Carmen bring it to your home **D** you collect it on your next visit

10. **A** phone us with your card number **B** email us your credit card details **C** send us a cheque by mail **D** pay the courier on delivery

11. **A** a card to spend at a local café **B** a phone call from your husband **C** a photo of your grandmother **D** a box of chocolates from Fredericton

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Lunch on Wheels for the Staff Barbecue



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Truck	Menu	Price per guest	Min. guests	Dietary options
Smokestack BBQ	Brisket, pulled pork, coleslaw, cornbread	$18	40	GF
Little Lisbon	Piri-piri chicken, rice, salad	$16	25	GF DF
Taco Norte	Tacos, burritos, chips & salsa	$15	30	V GF
Green Curbside	Veggie burgers, falafel bowls, salads	$14	20	V VG GF
Scoop & Roll	Ice cream & waffle cones (dessert only)	$7	50	V

V vegetarian VG vegan GF gluten-free DF dairy-free · Prices include drinks and disposable plates. Book at least 2 weeks ahead.

Location & Setup

- Trucks need a **flat, paved space** at least 12 m long. **No grass or gravel.**
- All trucks are self-powered: no outlet needed.
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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: Food for June 18
>
> To: Luc Ferland
>
> From: Simone Lavallée
>
> Hi Luc,
>
> Thanks again for agreeing to help me plan this year's staff barbecue. I've been through the Prairie Wheels flyer, and here's what I think.
>
> We have 35 people coming, so sadly **(12)** _____ is out, even though Mr. Dhillon would happily eat brisket every day of the week. Since Amira is vegan and Josh can't eat gluten, **(13)** _____ is the only truck that works for everyone, and at **(14)** _____ a guest, it's also the cheapest of the meal trucks.

> Because the office is in Warman, just outside the city, we'll have to add **(15)** _____. I'd rather bite the bullet and pay it than move the party to a park in Saskatoon, where half the team would have to drive in.
>
> One more thing: the trucks **(16)** _____, so the lawn behind the building won't work. The staff parking lot should be fine if we ask everyone to park on the street that day.
>
> Since you have the company credit card, could you pay the deposit by Friday? I'll email the truck our final numbers on Monday.
>
> Thanks,
>
> Simone

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** Little Lisbon **B** Smokestack BBQ **C** Taco Norte **D** Green Curbside

13. **A** Taco Norte **B** Little Lisbon **C** Smokestack BBQ **D** Green Curbside

14. **A** $15 **B** $16 **C** $14 **D** $18

15. **A** a 10% service charge **B** a $60 travel fee **C** a $75 extra-hour fee **D** a $200 deposit

16. **A** need an electrical outlet **B** can serve for two hours only **C** must have a covered area **D** cannot park on grass

17. What does Simone ask Luc to do?

A send the guest numbers to the truck
B find a park in Saskatoon
C pay the booking deposit
D tell Mr. Dhillon about the menu

18. What can we infer about Mr. Dhillon?

A He is a vegan.
B He chose the date of the event.
C He works in Saskatoon.
D He enjoys barbecued meat.

19. When Simone says she would rather "bite the bullet," she means she would

A argue about the price.
B accept an unwelcome cost.
C make a quick decision.
D cancel the outdoor event entirely.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Belugas: The Canaries of the Sea

Paragraph A

The beluga is one of the most easily recognized whales in the world, mainly because of its colour. Adults are almost pure white, which helps them blend in among floating ice, but calves are born grey and gradually lighten as they grow, a process that can take several years. Belugas are fairly small for whales; most adults measure between three and five metres long. They are also unusual in having no dorsal fin, the tall fin found on the backs of many whales and dolphins, and scientists believe this may help them swim just beneath sheets of ice. Unlike most whales, belugas can turn their heads from side to side, because the bones in their necks are not joined together.

Paragraph B

Belugas are among the most vocal of all whales. They produce a remarkable range of whistles, clicks, chirps and squeals, and sailors who heard these sounds through the wooden hulls of their ships gave them the nickname “canaries of the sea.” Much of this noise is used to communicate within the group, but belugas also rely on echolocation. They send out clicks and listen for the echoes that bounce back, which allows them to find fish in dark or cloudy water and to locate openings in the ice where they can surface to breathe. The rounded bulge on a beluga’s forehead, called the melon, can change shape, and it is thought to help the animal direct these sounds.

Paragraph C

Each summer, as the sea ice breaks up, thousands of belugas move into the shallow estuaries of rivers that flow into western Hudson Bay, including the Churchill, Seal and Nelson rivers in northern Manitoba. This western Hudson Bay group, estimated at more than 50,000 animals, is believed to be the largest beluga population anywhere. Scientists are still studying why the whales gather in river mouths. The warmer water may help them shed their outer layer of skin, and the shallows may offer some protection from predators such as killer whales. The summer gathering near Churchill has become a popular attraction, and visitors watch the whales from boats and kayaks, which belugas often approach with apparent curiosity.

Paragraph D

Not all belugas are doing as well. A much smaller population lives year-round in the St. Lawrence Estuary in Quebec, far to the south of any other group. These whales were heavily hunted in the past, and although hunting them has long been banned, their numbers have not recovered as experts had hoped. In 2014, the St. Lawrence population was listed as endangered under Canada’s Species at Risk Act. Researchers point to several threats, including pollution, shortages of food and underwater noise from ships, which can interfere with the sounds belugas depend on. In parts of the Saguenay–

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> St. Lawrence Marine Park, ships are now asked to slow down to reduce noise and the risk of collisions.

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 sounds belugas make could sometimes be heard by people on board a vessel. _____

21. Scientists have not fully explained why belugas collect in river mouths. _____

22. Visitors near Churchill are allowed to swim among the whales. _____

23. A beluga's colouring changes over the course of its early life. _____

24. Steps have been taken in one area to make shipping less harmful to belugas. _____

25. Belugas in the St. Lawrence do not live as long as those in Hudson Bay. _____

26. No other group of belugas has as many members as the one in western Hudson Bay. _____

27. Ending the hunt has not been enough to bring one population back to health. _____

28. Belugas use sound to find places where they can come up for air. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Overnight Van Parking in Gannet Cove Debate

> Every summer, camper vans fill the waterfront parking lots of Gannet Cove. Some travellers linger a single night on a coastal journey; others settle in for weeks. Councillors are now weighing a bylaw prohibiting sleeping in vehicles anywhere in town between eleven at night and six in the morning, with first offenders fined $250.
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> Councillor Harjit Bains, the author of the bylaw, reports that complaints have tripled in three years. Residents near the wharf describe waste abandoned behind the boathouse, generators running late into the night, and spaces already occupied when local fishers depart before dawn. Bains professes no ill will toward travellers; his difficulty is administrative. “A municipality of 3,000 can’t pursue the inconsiderate few one at a time,” he reasons, and a supervised lot would require staff the budget cannot fund this year.
>
> Lorraine Pike, owner of the Driftwood Campground two kilometres away, endorses the ban, though not from the motive many assume. Her sites are booked solid throughout the summer, so the vans scarcely dent her revenue. Her grievance concerns equity. “I pay property tax, I pay to have septic tanks emptied, and I pass health inspections annually,” she notes, whereas anyone parked at the wharf frequents washrooms her taxes help maintain. A municipally operated overnight lot she dismisses as “a campground subsidized by ratepayers.”
>
> Theo Marchetti, a retired engineer with four summers of coastal van travel behind him, labels the bylaw “a sledgehammer to swat a mosquito.” Most van travellers, he insists, carry their own toilets and leave nothing behind. He advocates converting part of the gravel lot behind the arena into a paid overnight area with a dump station and a three-night maximum, predicting, “Plenty of visitors would gladly hand over $20 for somewhere legal and quiet.”
>
> Yvonne Achebe, whose bakery faces the wharf, has scrubbed up after careless visitors herself and accepts that the present situation is unsustainable. Yet van travellers generate approximately a quarter of her summer sales, and she has her fears. “Deny them anywhere to stay and they’ll bypass us altogether.” A designated area would suit her, provided customers could walk to the shops.
>
> Mayor Colette Arsenault remains undecided.

29. Marchetti’s strongest ally would be

A Harjit Bains
B Lorraine Pike
C the wharf’s fishers
D Yvonne Achebe

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30. Pike backs the bylaw mainly because of

A business lost to parked vans
B late-night generator noise
C costs that vans escape
D hope for a town-run overnight lot

31. Bains's attitude to travellers is best described as

A fair-minded
B hostile
C resentful
D suspicious

32. We can reasonably conclude that

A council has adopted the bylaw.
B local workers struggle to park.
C Marchetti has paid a fine.
D vans provide most of Achebe's income.

33. The best title would be

A "Gannet Cove Van Sleepers Could Face $250 Fines"
B "Van Visitors a Net Loss for Gannet Cove"
C "Paid Overnight Lot Wins Broad Support"
D "Gannet Cove Rallies Behind Its Van Travellers"

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 live two streets from the wharf, and more than once a generator has kept my children awake past midnight. Still, I think Councillor Bains is wrong to **(34)** _____. **(35)** _____.
>
> Ms. Pike's **(36)** _____ is legitimate, yet Mr. Marchetti's scheme answers it and would also give travellers **(37)** _____. As for staffing, $20 a night from a few dozen vans would cover a summer student's wages.
>
> Ms. Achebe's ledger settles it for me: **(38)** _____. Give the paid lot one summer before reaching for fines. Neighbours who want quiet nights and shopkeepers who want customers need not be enemies, and a trial would show whether the numbers add up.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** tar every traveller with one brush **B** listen to the residents near the wharf **C** charge visitors for parking **D** leave washrooms to ratepayers

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35. **A** Contrary to his claims, most travellers behave well
B As he grants, the budget could stretch to staff **C** As he grants, most travellers behave well
D As Ms. Pike says, most travellers behave well

36. **A** objection to freeloading **B** fear of lost revenue **C** dislike of late-night noise
D distaste for camper culture

37. **A** showers at the Driftwood Campground **B** free parking steps from the bakery
C a legal spot by the wharf **D** a place to empty tanks

38. **A** the vans are a sideshow for her **B** the vans barely register
C the vans matter to her summer **D** the vans cost her more than they earn

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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 B to mark thirty years of marriage

2 C He got them a table at a full restaurant.

3 A in a dish near the bathroom sink

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12 B Smokestack BBQ

13 D Green Curbside

14 C $14

15 B a $60 travel fee

16 D cannot park on grass

17 C pay the booking deposit

18 D He enjoys barbecued meat.

19 B accept an unwelcome cost.

Part 3: Belugas: The Canaries of the Sea

20 B

21 C

22 E

23 A

24 D

25 E

26 C

27 D

28 B

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29 D Yvonne Achebe

30 C costs that vans escape

31 A fair-minded

32 B local workers struggle to park.

33 A “Gannet Cove Van Sleepers Could Face $250 Fines”

34 A tar every traveller with one brush

35 C As he grants, most travellers behave well

36 A objection to freeloading

37 D a place to empty tanks

38 C the vans matter to her summer

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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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