CELPIP Reading Practice Test 47

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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 parent asking a soccer coach about tryouts for their child's age group

> Dear Coach Thompson,
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> I am writing to inquire about the upcoming soccer tryouts for the Riverside Youth Soccer Club. My son, Marcus, who is 12 years old, is very interested in joining the competitive team. He has been playing recreational soccer for the past four years and feels ready to take his game to the next level. I would greatly appreciate any information you could provide about the tryout process for his age group.
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> I noticed on the club's website that tryouts are scheduled for next month, but the specific details for the U13 age group weren't listed. Marcus currently plays as a midfielder and goalkeeper for his school team, and his coach has encouraged him to try out for a competitive club team. He particularly enjoys the tactical aspects of the game and has shown significant improvement in his ball control and passing skills over the past year.
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> We attended your club's summer soccer camp last year, and Marcus was truly inspired by the level of coaching and the structured training environment. He has been practicing regularly since then, often spending extra time working on his footwork and conditioning. I believe he would be a dedicated addition to your program.
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> I would also like to know what equipment Marcus should bring to the tryouts. While he has his own cleats, shin guards, and practice uniform, I noticed that your club has specific requirements for competitive team players. Additionally, could you please let me know about the commitment level expected if he makes the team? We want to ensure we can manage both his academic responsibilities and soccer training schedule.
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> Lastly, I understand that parent involvement is an important aspect of your club's philosophy. As a former college soccer player myself, I would be very interested in volunteering as a team manager or helping with practice sessions if there are any opportunities available.
>
> Thank you for taking the time to read my email. We look forward to hearing more about the tryout process and hopefully becoming part of the Riverside Youth Soccer Club community.
>
> Best regards,Sarah Mitchell

1. The main purpose of this letter is to …

- **A** volunteer as a soccer coach
- **B** request information about soccer tryouts
- **C** register for a summer soccer camp
- **D** complain about website information

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2. Marcus has …

A never played soccer before
B played only as a goalkeeper
C experience in multiple positions
D been on a competitive team before

3. According to the letter, Marcus …

A needs to improve his soccer skills
B has attended multiple summer camps
C is currently on the school team
D has been training with the club

4. Sarah Mitchell is concerned about …

A the cost of equipment
B Marcus's ability level
C the training schedule
D the coaching quality

5. Sarah Mitchell mentions that she …

A is currently coaching soccer
B has soccer experience
C works at the soccer club
D manages youth teams

6. The club's website …

A is not working properly
B lacks specific information
C has incorrect information
D doesn't list tryout dates

Here is a response to the message. Complete the response by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank.

> Dear Mrs. Mitchell, Thank you for your interest in our club. I'm pleased to inform you that our U13 tryouts will be held on **(7)** _____. All players should bring their own equipment, including **(8)** _____. Regarding the commitment level, we practice three times per week, and games are typically **(9)** _____. We understand your concerns about academic balance, and we work closely with families to ensure success both on and off the field. We would definitely welcome your involvement as **(10)** _____, given your background in soccer. Please note that all parent volunteers must **(11)** _____ before working with the team. Best regards, Coach Thompson

Choose the best option for each gap.

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7. **A** weekday evenings **B** Saturday mornings **C** July 15th and 16th **D** the last weekend of June

8. **A** the club uniform **B** basic soccer gear **C** practice clothes **D** water bottles

9. **A** on weekday evenings **B** on Saturday afternoons **C** twice per month **D** during school hours

10. **A** an assistant referee **B** a team manager **C** the head coach **D** a fundraiser

11. **A** attend orientation **B** complete training **C** sign a waiver **D** pass a background check

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Apartment Rental Options

Downtown Loft:

- Modern open-concept design
- Rooftop terrace access
- In-unit laundry
- Price: $1,800/month
- Size: 650 sq ft

Suburban House:

- Detached home with yard
- Garage parking
- Finished basement
- Price: $2,200/month
- Size: 1,500 sq ft

Midtown Condo:

- 24/7 concierge service
- Fitness center access
- Balcony with city view
- Price: $2,000/month
- Size: 800 sq ft

Beachfront Studio:

- Ocean view
- Shared pool and BBQ area
- Utilities included
- Price: $1,600/month
- Size: 450 sq ft

Choose the best option.

Sam and Alex are **(12)** _____.

The main purpose of the email is to **(13)** _____.

Sam seems to prefer **(14)** _____

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Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** colleagues. **B** roommates. **C** siblings. **D** strangers.

13. **A** complain about housing prices. **B** share apartment hunting progress. **C** invite Alex to view apartments. **D** ask for money for rent.

14. **A** the downtown loft. **B** the suburban house. **C** the midtown condo. **D** no specific option.

Read the following email message. Complete the email by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank.

> Subject: Apartment hunting update
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> To: Alex Chen
>
> From: Sam Taylor
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> Hey Alex,
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> I've been researching our housing options for next year. Here's what I've found so far. The downtown loft is **(15)** _____ but offers the least space. It might be perfect for a minimalist lifestyle, though. The suburban house provides the most space and is great if we want a **(16)** _____, but it's the farthest from our workplace. The midtown condo is a good balance and comes with some nice amenities, including **(17)** _____. Lastly, the beachfront studio is the **(18)** _____ option and includes utilities, which could save us money in the long run. Plus, imagine waking up to **(19)** _____ every day!
>
> Let me know what you think.
>
> Best,
>
> Sam

Choose the best option for each gap.

15. **A** the most expensive **B** the most spacious **C** the cheapest **D** the most central

16. **A** private gym **B** rooftop terrace **C** yard and garage **D** ocean view

17. **A** in-unit laundry **B** a 24/7 concierge **C** a finished basement **D** a shared pool

18. **A** largest **B** most central **C** most expensive **D** smallest

19. **A** city lights **B** ocean views **C** a bustling street **D** a quiet neighborhood

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

The Taiga Biome: Earth's Largest Terrestrial Ecosystem and Climate Regulator

Paragraph A

The taiga, also known as the boreal forest, is Earth's largest terrestrial biome, stretching across vast regions of the Northern Hemisphere. This immense ecosystem forms a nearly continuous belt of coniferous forests across North America, Europe, and Asia, covering approximately 17 million square kilometers—roughly 29% of the world's forest cover. Characterized by long, severe winters and short, mild summers, the taiga thrives in subarctic regions where annual precipitation ranges from 30 to 85 centimeters, primarily as snow. The landscape is dominated by cold-tolerant evergreen conifers such as pine, spruce, and fir, interspersed with deciduous larches and occasional broadleaf trees like birch and aspen that have adapted to the harsh conditions through specialized physiological mechanisms.

Paragraph B

The taiga's ecological significance extends far beyond its geographical boundaries. Acting as Earth's largest carbon sink, boreal forests sequester approximately 30% of terrestrial carbon, significantly mitigating climate change impacts. This carbon storage occurs not only in the trees themselves but also in the soil, which contains vast reserves of organic matter preserved by cold temperatures. The taiga also plays a crucial role in regulating global water cycles through evapotranspiration and serves as a massive freshwater reservoir, with countless lakes, rivers, and wetlands formed by retreating glaciers. Additionally, these forests help maintain air quality by filtering pollutants and producing oxygen through photosynthesis, earning them the moniker 'the lungs of the northern hemisphere.'

Paragraph C

Despite its seemingly inhospitable conditions, the taiga supports remarkable biodiversity. Large mammals such as moose, wolves, bears, and lynx have evolved specialized adaptations to survive the extreme seasonal variations. The forest floor harbors a complex community of smaller organisms including rodents, amphibians, and countless invertebrates. Migratory birds utilize the taiga as crucial breeding grounds during the productive summer months when insect populations explode. The understory vegetation consists primarily of mosses, lichens, and hardy shrubs like blueberry and lingonberry that can withstand the acidic soil conditions created by conifer needle decomposition. This intricate ecological web demonstrates remarkable resilience, having evolved over millennia to withstand natural disturbances like wildfires and insect outbreaks.

Paragraph D

The taiga faces unprecedented threats from human activities and climate change. Commercial logging operations harvest millions of hectares annually, often replacing diverse old-growth forests with monoculture plantations. Mining, oil extraction, and hydroelectric development fragment

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habitats and introduce pollutants into previously pristine ecosystems. Climate change poses perhaps the most significant threat, as boreal regions are warming at twice the global average rate. This warming accelerates permafrost thaw, releasing stored carbon and methane while altering hydrological patterns. Increasingly frequent and severe wildfires, insect infestations, and drought conditions further compromise forest health. Conservation efforts face complex challenges balancing economic development with preservation of this ecosystem whose stability is inextricably linked to global climate regulation.

Paragraph E

Not given in any of the above paragraphs.

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 taiga is characterized by trees that have developed special features to survive harsh conditions. _____

21. The soil in boreal forests contains significant amounts of carbon. _____

22. The taiga experiences more precipitation in winter than in summer. _____

23. Climate change is causing the taiga to warm more rapidly than other regions. _____

24. The taiga's ecosystem has evolved to recover from natural disasters. _____

25. Human activities in the taiga often replace natural forests with single-species plantations. _____

26. The taiga's biodiversity is greater than that of tropical rainforests. _____

27. Indigenous communities have sustainably managed taiga resources for centuries. _____

28. The taiga plays an important role in filtering air pollutants. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Should Daylight Saving Time Be Permanently Abolished?

> As Canadians prepare to adjust their clocks for the biannual time change, the debate over whether to permanently abolish Daylight Saving Time (DST) continues to intensify across the country. A recent survey conducted by the Canadian Sleep Research Institute found that 68% of Canadians would prefer to eliminate the practice altogether, citing disruptions to sleep patterns and daily routines as primary concerns.
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> Dr. Amrita Patel, a neurologist at Toronto General Hospital, has been studying the effects of time changes on human health for over a decade. "The evidence is quite compelling that these abrupt shifts in our circadian rhythms have measurable negative health impacts," she explains. "In the week following the spring time change, we see a 24% increase in heart attacks and an 8% increase in stroke rates. Our bodies simply weren't designed to handle these artificial time shifts." Her research team has documented these effects across multiple Canadian provinces, finding consistent patterns regardless of geography.
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> Not everyone agrees that abolishing DST is the solution. James Wilson, president of the Canadian Retailers Association, points to economic benefits of the current system. "The extra hour of daylight in summer evenings translates to approximately $4.4 billion in additional consumer spending annually," Wilson states. "People are more likely to shop, dine out, or participate in recreational activities when there's daylight after work hours." Wilson acknowledges the health concerns but suggests that permanently adopting DST year-round might be preferable to eliminating the practice entirely.
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> For Sarah Lapointe, a mother of three in Vancouver, the time changes create practical challenges. "Twice a year, I have to readjust my children's sleep schedules, which takes about two weeks each time," she says. "It affects their mood, their school performance, and our entire family's well-being." Lapointe has joined a growing grassroots movement advocating for provincial governments to follow the lead of Yukon, which eliminated seasonal time changes in 2020. Several provinces, including British Columbia and Ontario, have passed legislation to end the practice, but implementation depends on coordination with neighboring jurisdictions.
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> Michael Thompson, an energy policy analyst, challenges the original rationale for DST. "The notion that DST significantly reduces energy consumption is outdated. Modern studies show minimal energy savings, typically less than 1%, and in some regions, energy use actually increases during DST periods," he notes. "With today's technology and lifestyle patterns, the energy conservation argument simply doesn't hold up to scrutiny. It's time we acknowledge that this century-old practice may have outlived its usefulness."

Choose the best option according to the information.

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1. The article mainly discusses the **(29)** _____.

2. Dr. Amrita Patel's research suggests that **(30)** _____.

3. James Wilson's perspective on Daylight Saving Time primarily emphasizes **(31)** _____.

4. Sarah Lapointe's experience with time changes illustrates **(32)** _____.

5. According to Michael Thompson, what is true about Daylight Saving Time? **(33)** _____.

Choose the best option for each gap.

29. **A** health benefits of maintaining consistent sleep schedules.
B ongoing controversy surrounding Daylight Saving Time in Canada.
C economic advantages of extending daylight hours in summer.
D provincial differences in implementing time change policies.

30. **A** time changes affect different provinces in varying ways.
B the spring time change is more disruptive than the fall one.
C abrupt shifts in circadian rhythms lead to measurable health problems.
D Canadians should permanently adopt Daylight Saving Time year-round.

31. **A** the financial implications for businesses and consumers.
B the historical justification for implementing the practice.
C the coordination challenges between neighboring jurisdictions.
D the potential compromise of year-round Daylight Saving Time.

32. **A** how time changes can disrupt family routines and well-being.
B why Vancouver residents are particularly affected by time changes.
C how parents can effectively manage children's sleep schedules.
D why grassroots movements often fail to influence provincial policy.

33. **A** It was initially implemented to conserve energy during wartime.
B It increases energy consumption in most Canadian regions.
C Its original purpose is no longer relevant in contemporary society.
D It should be replaced with a more technologically advanced system.

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

This article presents a balanced view of the DST debate. I've always found the biannual time change **(34)** _____, and I'm glad to see that research is finally catching up with what many of us have intuitively felt for years. Dr. Patel's findings about increased health risks **(35)** _____, though I wonder if these effects diminish over time as people adjust. While I understand Wilson's concerns about retail spending, I think **(36)** _____. The experience of the mother from Vancouver resonates with me—these disruptions affect not just individuals but entire families. What's particularly compelling is Thompson's point about energy savings, which **(37)** _____. Given all this

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> evidence, it seems reasonable that provinces should coordinate to **(38)** _____, as Yukon has already demonstrated is possible.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** disruptive **B** beneficial **C** insignificant **D** necessary

35. **A** contradict previous medical literature **B** are likely exaggerated for dramatic effect
C provide compelling evidence against time changes **D** fail to account for regional differences

36. **A** his data requires independent verification
B public health should take precedence over profits
C retailers could adapt to any consistent time system
D economic benefits justify continuing the practice

37. **A** has been widely misunderstood **B** undermines a key argument for DST
C varies significantly by geographic region **D** should be studied more extensively

38. **A** maintain the status quo **B** conduct more research **C** eliminate seasonal time changes
D adopt permanent standard time

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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: A parent asking a soccer coach about tryouts for their child's age group

1 B request information about soccer tryouts

2 C experience in multiple positions

3 C is currently on the school team

4 C the training schedule

5 B has soccer experience

6 B lacks specific information

7 C July 15th and 16th

8 B basic soccer gear

9 B on Saturday afternoons

10 B a team manager

11 D pass a background check

Part 2: Apartment Rental Options

12 B roommates.

13 B share apartment hunting progress.

14 D no specific option.

15 C the cheapest

16 C yard and garage

17 B a 24/7 concierge

18 D smallest

19 B ocean views

Part 3: The Taiga Biome: Earth's Largest Terrestrial Ecosystem and Climate Regulator

20 A

21 B

22 E

23 D

24 C

25 D

26 E

27 E

28 B

Part 4: Should Daylight Saving Time Be Permanently Abolished?

29 B ongoing controversy surrounding Daylight Saving Time in Canada.

30 C abrupt shifts in circadian rhythms lead to measurable health problems.

31 A the financial implications for businesses and consumers.

32 A how time changes can disrupt family routines and well-being.

33 C Its original purpose is no longer relevant in contemporary society.

34 A disruptive

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37 B undermines a key argument for DST

38 C eliminate seasonal time changes

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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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