CELPIP Reading Practice Test 63

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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

Planning Mom and Dad's 40th Anniversary

> Hi Danny,
>
> I hope the move to Saskatoon is going smoothly and that the last of the boxes are finally unpacked. I'm writing because Mom and Dad's 40th anniversary is coming up on June 14, and I think it's time we stopped talking about throwing them a party and actually started planning one. If we leave it much longer, Aunt Colette will take over, and you know what that means: a three-hour slide show and her famous jellied salad.
>
> Here's what I have in mind. Instead of renting a community hall, I'd like to hold the party at the Riverside Golf Club, where they had their wedding reception back in 1986. I called last week, and the banquet room is free on Saturday, June 13, the evening before the actual date. It holds up to 80 people, and the manager offered us a discount if we book before the end of March. I think celebrating in the place where it all began would mean more to them than any gift we could buy.
>
> The tricky part, of course, is keeping it a surprise. Mom checks the family calendar like a detective, and Dad can't keep a secret to save his life, so we can't ask either of them for help with anything. My plan is to tell them that you and I are taking them out for a quiet anniversary dinner at the club. That way they'll dress up without suspecting a thing. We'll just need everyone else to arrive half an hour early and park behind the building.
>
> As for the cost, the room, a buffet dinner and a small band would come to about $4,200. I was thinking we could split it evenly, but I know your new job doesn't start until May, so if you'd rather put in less now and make up the difference later, that's completely fine with me. I could also ask our cousins to chip in, although I'd rather keep this between the two of us if we can.
>
> Would you be willing to take charge of the guest list? You're much better at tracking people down than I am, and you still have Dad's old address book from when you organized his retirement party. The invitations will need to go out by mid-April. I'll look after the venue, the food and the decorations.
>
> Let me know what you think, and whatever you do, don't mention any of this when you call home on Sunday!
>
> Love,
>
> Rachel

1. Why is Rachel writing to Danny?

A to warn her brother about their aunt's party plans
B to get her brother's help planning a celebration
C to invite her brother to an anniversary dinner
D to ask her brother to lend her some money

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2. Rachel suggests that Aunt Colette

A has offered to pay for part of the party.
B would not be able to keep the party a secret.
C is the best person to prepare a slide show.
D would organize the party in a way Rachel dislikes.

3. Why does Rachel want to hold the party at the Riverside Golf Club?

A It is connected to an important event in her parents' lives.
B It charges less than any other place in town.
C It is the only place available in June.
D Her parents play golf there every weekend.

4. To keep the party a surprise, Rachel plans to

A change the date on the family calendar.
B ask her father to bring her mother to the club.
C invite her parents to what seems like a small dinner.
D hold the party on the actual anniversary date.

5. Rachel offers Danny the option to

A ask their cousins to cover the whole cost.
B choose the band for the evening.
C skip paying for the party entirely.
D pay a smaller share of the cost at first.

6. Rachel wants Danny to look after the guest list because

A he has access to useful contact information.
B he lives closer to most of the guests.
C he has more free time before his job starts.
D he already knows the club's manager.

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.

> Hi Rachel,
>
> What a great idea! Holding the party at the club where Mom and Dad **(7)** _____ is perfect, and I agree it beats anything we could wrap. Please go ahead and book the room before the end of March so we don't lose the **(8)** _____.
>
> Thanks for being so understanding about the money. Since I won't see a paycheque until **(9)** _____, I'll send you $1,000 now and the rest over the summer. I'd also rather not involve the cousins.

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> I'm happy to handle the guest list. I'll dig out **(10)** _____ this weekend and start making calls so the invitations can go out on time.
>
> And don't worry, my lips are sealed. When I call home on Sunday, I'll stick to talking about **(11)** _____. Mom will never guess a thing.
>
> Love,
>
> Danny

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** celebrated their wedding **B** first met each other **C** held Dad's retirement party **D** go golfing every summer

8. **A** room with the best view **B** band we both like **C** discount the manager offered **D** parking behind the building

9. **A** mid-April **B** May **C** the end of March **D** June

10. **A** Mom's family calendar **B** Aunt Colette's slide show **C** the club's booking form **D** Dad's old address book

11. **A** who is coming on June 13 **B** how the move is going **C** the band we've hired **D** the budget for the party

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Rental Car for a Jasper Road Trip



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Mid-size Sedan Toyota Camry or similar	5 / 2	$52	$310	250 km/day	$12/day
Compact SUV Honda CR-V or similar, AWD	5 / 2	$63	$375	Unlimited	Included
Full-size SUV Ford Explorer or similar, AWD	7 / 4	$84	$495	Unlimited	Included
Minivan Dodge Grand Caravan or similar	7 / 5	$76	$455	250 km/day	$12/day

Extra kilometres: **$0.25/km** over the daily allowance. All rates in Canadian dollars, taxes extra.

Protection Options

Basic Protection — **$19/day**
- Collision damage waiver
- You pay the first $1,500 of any damage

Premium Protection — **$31/day**
- Collision damage waiver
- $0 deductible
- Windshield and tire damage covered

Roadside Plus — **$7/day**
- 24/7 towing and flat-tire service
- Lockout help and fuel delivery
- Can be added to any plan

Driver Fees

Young Driver Fee (ages 21–24)
$35/day per young driver, to a maximum of $140 per rental. Drivers under 21 may not rent or drive our vehicles.

Additional Driver
$10/day per extra driver. FREE for a spouse or common-law partner. All drivers must be present at pickup with a valid licence.

* Weekly rates apply to rentals of 5 to 7 days.

⚠ One-way rentals to Vancouver or Kelowna: $150 drop-off fee.

A major credit card in the main driver's name is required. Debit cards accepted only with a return flight itinerary.

❄ Winter tires are required on most B.C. highways from October 1 to March 31.

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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: Car for the Jasper trip
>
> To: Marco Bellini
>
> From: Leah Okafor
>
> Hi Marco,
>
> I finally looked into rental cars for our Jasper trip, and I think I've found the right place. Since we'll have the car for six days, we'll pay the **(12)** _____, which is much cheaper than paying day by day.
>
> With four of us plus the tents and coolers, the economy car is out of the question. I'd go with the **(13)** _____. There's room for all our bags, and we won't have to keep track of the kilometres,

which matters since we're planning to cover about 1,800 km. It also comes with winter tires, which we'll need for the B.C. section on the way home.

The bad news is that because we're both under 25, we'll each pay a young driver fee. The good news is that it **(14)** _____, so the cost won't keep climbing for the whole trip. Unfortunately, Priya can't share the driving, since she's only 20 and **(15)** _____.

As for protection, my credit card already covers collision damage, but I don't want us stuck on the Icefields Parkway with a flat tire or the keys locked inside, so I'd add **(16)** _____. It's only a few dollars a day.

Let me know if you're okay with splitting everything. I'd like to book before prices go up for Thanksgiving weekend!

Leah

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** daily rate **B** one-way fee **C** extra kilometre charge **D** weekly rate

13. **A** Compact SUV **B** Mid-size Sedan **C** Full-size SUV **D** Minivan

14. **A** has a maximum charge per rental **B** is only charged on the first day
C is waived for weekly rentals **D** is free for a common-law partner

15. **A** extra drivers cost $10 a day **B** drivers under 21 are not allowed
C all drivers must show a licence **D** young drivers pay a daily fee

16. **A** Basic Protection **B** Premium Protection **C** Roadside Plus **D** an additional driver

17. Leah and Marco are most likely

A friends planning a trip together.
B co-workers going on a business trip.
C a customer and a rental agent.
D a parent and an adult child.

18. Why does Leah decide against Basic Protection?

A It does not include winter tires.
B It is the most expensive option.
C It is not offered to young drivers.
D Her credit card already provides that coverage.

19. When Leah says the economy car is "out of the question," she means that it

A needs more information.
B is not a possible choice.
C is already booked.
D is too expensive.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

The Stanley Cup History And Traditions

Paragraph A

In 1892, Lord Stanley of Preston, then Governor General of Canada, bought a decorative silver bowl in London for about ten guineas, or roughly fifty dollars at the time. Stanley and his children had become keen hockey fans after watching games in Montreal and Ottawa, and he wanted a prize for the best amateur club in the country. The first winners, in 1893, were the Montreal Hockey Club. Ironically, Lord Stanley never attended a championship game for his own trophy, having returned to England before the first presentation. For its early years the cup was a challenge trophy: any recognized team could challenge the holders, which sometimes meant several series in a single winter.

Paragraph B

The rise of professional hockey changed everything. As paid players came to dominate the sport, the trustees opened the competition to professional teams, and by 1926 the trophy had come under the control of the National Hockey League. Since then it has been awarded only to the NHL champion, although it is still technically held in trust rather than owned by the league. The small bowl has also grown. Because the names of winning players, coaches and staff are engraved on it, bands have been added to the base over the decades, and the cup now stands about 90 centimetres tall. When the bands are full, the oldest one is removed and displayed at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, so no team's name stays on the cup forever.

Paragraph C

Many traditions have grown up around the trophy. After the final game, the winning captain is usually the first to raise the cup, and he then hands it to a teammate, who skates a lap before passing it on. Many players refuse even to touch the conference championship trophies awarded earlier in the playoffs, believing that only the Stanley Cup is worth lifting. Since 1995, every member of the winning team has been allowed to spend a day with the cup. Players have carried it to their hometowns, children's hospitals and lakeside cottages, eaten breakfast cereal out of it, and even used it to baptize their babies.

Paragraph D

Such adventures have not always gone smoothly. According to a well-known legend, members of the Ottawa Silver Seven kicked the cup onto the frozen Rideau Canal in 1905 and returned the next day to recover it. It has also been left at the side of a road, forgotten in a photographer's studio and dented more than once. Today, a staff member from the Hall of Fame known as the "Keeper of the Cup" accompanies it wherever it goes and wears white gloves when handling it. The engraving is not

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> perfect either; several names are misspelled. The fragile original bowl was retired in the late 1960s, and the one presented today is a copy.

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 trophy was originally meant for teams whose players were not paid. _____

21. Some players deliberately avoid handling other playoff trophies. _____

22. The NHL does not, strictly speaking, own the trophy. _____

23. Each player's day with the cup must include a visit to a hospital. _____

24. The man who donated the trophy was not present when it was first awarded. _____

25. Older records of winners are taken off to make space for new ones. _____

26. The trophy has been used in a religious ceremony for infants. _____

27. Engravers now check each name twice before adding it to the cup. _____

28. Someone is assigned to travel with the trophy to keep it safe. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Self-Driving Trucks On Canadian Highways

Last winter, a grocery-laden tractor-trailer completed the 300-kilometre run from Calgary to Edmonton without anyone touching the steering wheel. A safety driver occupied the cab throughout, as provincial regulations require, but the vehicle, operated by Alberta start-up Northline Autonomy, steered, braked and changed lanes independently. Northline intends to deploy 40 such trucks on Highway 2 by 2028 and treats the safety driver as a transitional expense, tolerated only until regulators relent.

Vice-president Dana Whitford considers the timing fortuitous. Canadian carriers report thousands of vacant driving positions, and the typical long-haul driver is now in his fifties. “Automation fills seats nobody wants,” she insists, “and machines don’t grow tired, distracted or impatient.” Under Northline’s model, trucks would cover the monotonous highway stretches, while human drivers took over at hubs on each city’s outskirts for local deliveries.

Gurpreet Sandhu, who has driven long-haul routes out of Abbotsford, B.C., for 22 years, finds that reassurance hollow. “They say the robots will only take the boring part of the job,” he remarks. “The boring part is the part that pays.” Most of his income comes from cross-country runs; local delivery work offers lower wages and fewer hours. He also invites sceptics to watch an autonomous truck tackle the Coquihalla in a whiteout.

Hélène Marchand, who studies transportation safety at Université Laval, believes both camps are outrunning the evidence. Most testing has occurred on straight, well-marked highways in dry weather, whereas snow and freezing rain can blind the cameras and sensors these vehicles require. “The trucks may eventually outperform a fatigued human,” she allows, “but only millions of kilometres in punishing conditions will prove it.” She also favours one national standard instead of a patchwork of provincial rules.

Alison Tremblay, of the Canadian Professional Drivers’ Association, frames the question differently: not whether the trucks arrive, but who bears the cost. Her association wants a retraining fund, financed partly by autonomous-trucking firms, to prepare drivers for remote fleet monitoring and vehicle maintenance, and legislation keeping a qualified driver in every cab for at least another decade.

Alberta’s transportation ministry reports no at-fault collisions so far.

29. Whose reasoning best supports Sandhu’s Coquihalla challenge?

A Dana Whitford
B Alison Tremblay
C Hélène Marchand
D the transportation ministry

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30. Northline's view of the safety driver suggests it

A expects eventually to run driverless trucks.

B relies on humans for its local deliveries.

C operates under Alberta's provincial regulations.

D hopes to have 40 trucks on Highway 2 by 2028.

31. Why does Sandhu object to Northline's hub model?

A He dislikes driving in city traffic.

B He thinks the trucks are unsafe in winter.

C He believes drivers are tired of long trips.

D It leaves drivers the worst-paid work.

32. The trucks' clean safety record

A proves they outperform tired human drivers.

B comes mainly from easy driving conditions.

C has persuaded Ottawa to set a national standard.

D allows Northline to remove its safety drivers.

33. An appropriate title would be "Self-Driving Trucks:

A Driver Shortage Fix or Threat to Drivers?"

B Safer on Highways or Merely Cheaper to Run?"

C Ottawa's Rules or Alberta's Road Test?"

D Boon for Retailers or Burden on Taxpayers?"

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.

> After fifteen years behind the wheel and ten in dispatch, I found this piece frustrating. Ms. Whitford may be right that nobody queues up for night runs on Highway 2, but presenting automation as the answer to **(34)** _____ ignores the people still doing the job. Mr. Sandhu has a point: once machines handle the highway, drivers inherit **(35)** _____.
>
> Still, Ms. Tremblay frames the question rightly, and I part company with colleagues who want to **(36)** _____. I back her fund, and I like that the trucking companies would **(37)** _____. As for keeping a qualified person aboard, Dr. Marchand's findings make that look like **(38)** _____.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** the monotonous stretches **B** safety gaps **C** a shortage of drivers **D** the hubs on city outskirts

35. **A** the long highway stretches **B** whatever pays least **C** better-paid monitoring jobs **D** steadier, more predictable hours

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36. **A** keep a driver in every cab **B** retrain for remote monitoring **C** hold out for a national standard **D** resist automation outright

37. **A** foot part of the bill **B** run the courses **C** choose the trainees **D** hire the graduates

38. **A** a needless expense **B** a step backward **C** a sensible precaution **D** an overreaction

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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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19 B is not a possible choice.

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20 A

21 C

22 B

23 E

24 A

25 B

26 C

27 E

28 D

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29 C Hélène Marchand

30 A expects eventually to run driverless trucks.

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33 A Driver Shortage Fix or Threat to Drivers?"

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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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