CELPIP Reading Practice Test 66

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

Homestay Family Welcome Letter

Dear Haruto,

Welcome to Canada, or almost! Our family is very excited to be hosting you this fall, and we wanted to write before you arrive so that you'll know a little about us and about life in our house. Moving to a new country can be overwhelming, so please read this as a friendly introduction rather than a list of rules.

There are four of us: my husband, Luc, who works shifts as a paramedic; our twelve-year-old daughter, Élise; our son, Owen, who is eight; and me. I work from home as a bookkeeper, so I'm usually around during the day. We also have an elderly cat named Biscuit, who will probably ignore you for the first week and then decide you're her favourite person.

Your room is on the second floor, at the end of the hall. You'll share the upstairs bathroom with the children, so we ask everyone to keep showers to about ten minutes on school mornings. Breakfast and lunch are self-serve: the kitchen is always stocked with cereal, bread, fruit and sandwich fixings, so help yourself. Dinner is the one meal we try to eat together, usually around 6:00. If you won't be home for dinner, just send me a text by 3:00 so I don't cook for you.

Because Luc sometimes works overnight and sleeps during the day, we keep the house quiet before noon on weekends, so headphones are your best friend! We'd also ask you to let us know if you'll be out past 11:00 on weeknights, simply so we don't worry. Friends are welcome in the living room, but we'd like to meet them before they come over for the first time.

Our neighbourhood is about twenty-five minutes from your campus by bus, and the stop is just around the corner. Luc will drive you on your first day so you can learn the route. In winter, the sidewalks can get icy, so you'll need good boots. There's no point buying them before you come, though; we can go shopping together once you've settled in.

Finally, please don't hesitate to tell us if something isn't working for you. Every student is different, and we'd much rather adjust things early than have you feel uncomfortable for months.

We'll be waiting at the arrivals gate on August 28 with a sign that Owen insists on decorating himself.

Warm regards,

Claire Arsenault

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

A to remind Haruto to pay his homestay fees
B to explain the rules of Haruto's college
C to prepare Haruto for life with her family
D to ask Haruto about his food preferences

2. Why does the family keep the house quiet on weekend mornings?

A A family member may be sleeping after a night shift.
B The children do their homework then.
C Claire works from home in the mornings.
D The cat is easily frightened by noise.

3. If Haruto will miss dinner, he should

A cook his own dinner later that evening
B leave a note on the kitchen counter
C call Luc at work to let him know
D text Claire by mid-afternoon

4. What does Claire suggest about winter boots?

A He should bring a pair from home.
B He should wait until he arrives to buy them.
C The family will lend him a pair.
D They are sold in a shop near campus.

5. What can we infer about Biscuit?

A She is shy with new people at first.
B She is not allowed upstairs.
C She belongs to Élise.
D She joined the family recently.

6. Claire's attitude toward the household expectations is that

A they must be followed without exception
B they are the same for every student
C they can be adjusted if they cause problems
D they were set by Haruto's college

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. Arsenault,
>
> Thank you so much for your kind letter. It made me feel much less **(7)** _____ about coming to Canada.

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> I'm happy to share the bathroom with Élise and Owen, and I will try to keep my showers **(8)** _____ on school mornings. I understand that Mr. Arsenault sometimes **(9)** _____, so I will wear my headphones on weekend mornings.
>
> I am also very grateful that he will **(10)** _____ on my first day. In Japan, I always walked to school, so taking the bus will be new for me. I will also make sure to **(11)** _____ before inviting any friends over.
>
> Please tell Owen that I am looking forward to seeing his sign. I am bringing a small gift from Kyoto for each of you.
>
> See you on August 28!
>
> Best regards,
>
> Haruto Sato

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** excited **B** nervous **C** curious **D** proud

8. **A** before the children wake up **B** after everyone else **C** to the evenings only **D** under ten minutes

9. **A** sleeps during the day **B** works from home **C** drives the school bus **D** leaves the house before noon

10. **A** lend me his car **B** buy my bus pass **C** drive me to campus **D** walk me to the bus stop

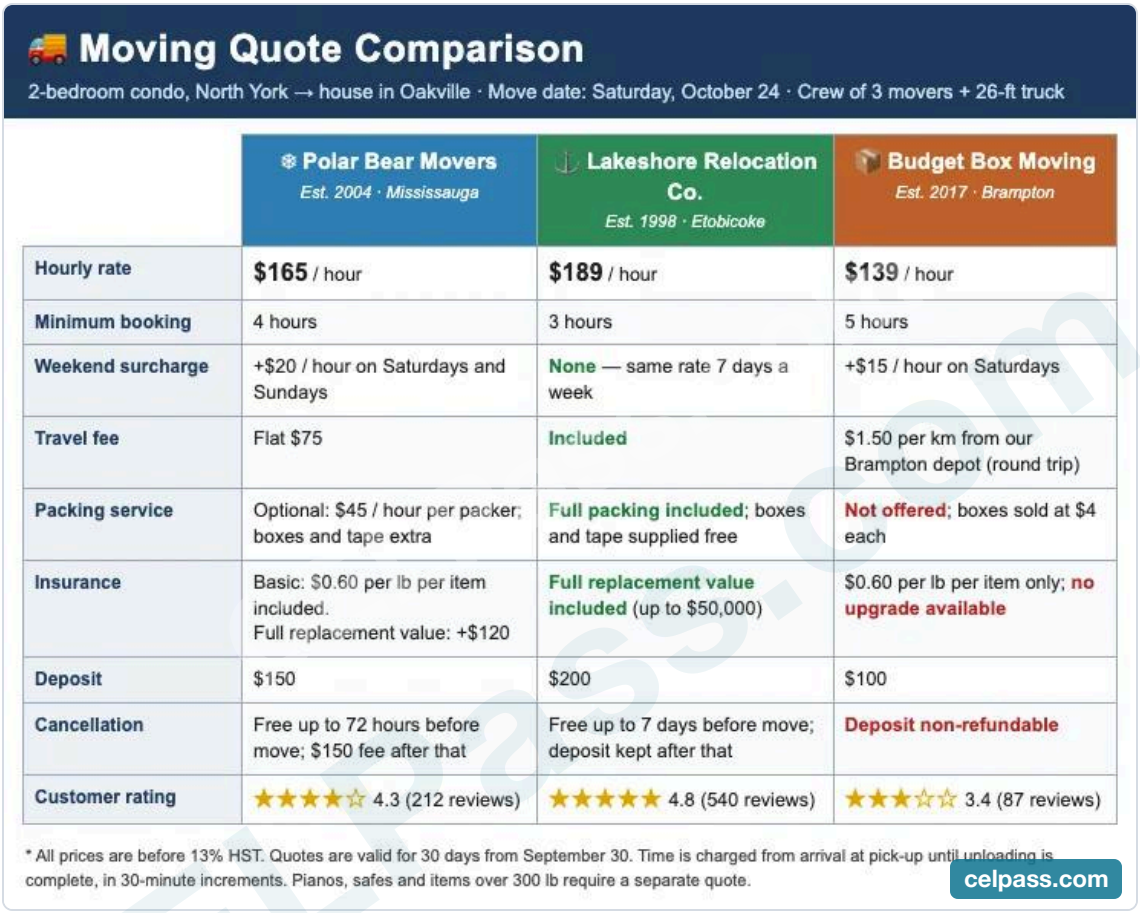
11. **A** ask Élise for permission **B** introduce them to you **C** clean the living room **D** check with my college

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Choosing a Moving Company



Moving Quote Comparison

2-bedroom condo, North York → house in Oakville · Move date: Saturday, October 24 · Crew of 3 movers + 26-ft truck

	Polar Bear Movers *Est. 2004 · Mississauga*	Lakeshore Relocation Co. *Est. 1998 · Etobicoke*	Budget Box Moving *Est. 2017 · Brampton*
Hourly rate	**$165** / hour	**$189** / hour	**$139** / hour
Minimum booking	4 hours	3 hours	5 hours
Weekend surcharge	+$20 / hour on Saturdays and Sundays	**None** — same rate 7 days a week	+$15 / hour on Saturdays
Travel fee	Flat $75	**Included**	$1.50 per km from our Brampton depot (round trip)
Packing service	Optional: $45 / hour per packer; boxes and tape extra	**Full packing included**; boxes and tape supplied free	**Not offered**; boxes sold at $4 each
Insurance	Basic: $0.60 per lb per item included. Full replacement value: +$120	**Full replacement value included** (up to $50,000)	$0.60 per lb per item only; **no upgrade available**
Deposit	$150	$200	$100
Cancellation	Free up to 72 hours before move; $150 fee after that	Free up to 7 days before move; deposit kept after that	**Deposit non-refundable**
Customer rating	★★★★☆ 4.3 (212 reviews)	★★★★★ 4.8 (540 reviews)	★★★☆☆ 3.4 (87 reviews)

* All prices are before 13% HST. Quotes are valid for 30 days from September 30. Time is charged from arrival at pick-up until unloading is complete, in 30-minute increments. Pianos, safes and items over 300 lb require a separate quote.

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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: Movers – time to decide
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> To: Meera Pillai
>
> From: Ravi Pillai
>
> Hi Meera,
>
> I finally got all three moving quotes back and put them side by side (see attached). At first glance, Budget Box looks like the bargain because of its **(12)** _____, but once you add the five-hour minimum and the charge for every kilometre from their Brampton depot, the savings shrink quickly. And with a rating of 3.4 stars, I'm not convinced.
>
> That leaves Polar Bear and Lakeshore. Polar Bear is cheaper per hour, but remember we're moving on a Saturday, which means **(13)** _____.

> Honestly, what worries me most is your grandmother's china cabinet. Polar Bear's basic coverage would only pay **(14)** _____ if it got damaged, unless we pay extra. Lakeshore covers the full replacement value at no extra charge.
>
> Then there's the packing. With all my overtime this month, there's no way we'll get everything into boxes ourselves, and Lakeshore **(15)** _____.
>
> Finally, you know my company might still push back my start date at the Oakville office. If that happens, Lakeshore lets us **(16)** _____.
>
> So even though it costs more per hour, I think Lakeshore is the way to go. If you agree, I'll call them tomorrow and put down the deposit before they're fully booked. Better safe than sorry!
>
> Love,
>
> Ravi

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** short minimum booking **B** low hourly rate **C** free packing service **D** flexible cancellation policy

13. **A** an extra $15 an hour **B** no extra charge at all **C** a flat $75 surcharge **D** an extra $20 an hour

14. **A** 60 cents per pound **B** the full replacement value **C** up to $50,000 **D** a $120 refund

15. **A** charges $45 an hour per packer **B** sells boxes for $4 each **C** packs everything and supplies the boxes **D** does not offer packing

16. **A** cancel for free up to 72 hours before **B** cancel for free up to a week before **C** get the deposit back whenever we cancel **D** change the date without any notice

17. Ravi and Meera are most likely

A co-workers at the same company
B a mover and a customer
C a married couple
D neighbours in the same building

18. Why are Ravi and Meera probably moving?

A They need a bigger home for their family.
B Meera's grandmother needs their care.
C They want to live in a cheaper area.
D Ravi's job is moving to a new location.

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19. When Ravi writes “Better safe than sorry,” he means that

A booking early is better than risking having no movers

B he is sorry for choosing without asking Meera

C the cheapest company is the safest choice

D Meera should check the quotes once more

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Confederation Bridge Construction And Impact

Paragraph A

For more than a century, the only way to bring a car to Prince Edward Island was by ferry, a crossing that could be delayed for hours by winter ice or summer lineups. That changed on May 31, 1997, when the Confederation Bridge opened to traffic. Stretching 12.9 kilometres across the Northumberland Strait between Borden-Carleton, P.E.I., and Cape Jourimain, New Brunswick, it is the longest bridge in the world over ice-covered water. The idea of a "fixed link" had been discussed since 1873, when the island joined Confederation and Ottawa promised it continuous communication with the mainland. Islanders were divided on the issue, however, and when a vote was finally held in 1988, just under 60 percent were in favour.

Paragraph B

Construction began in 1993 and took less than four years. To save time and avoid working in the strait's harsh conditions, most of the bridge was built on land. Massive concrete sections, some weighing about 7,500 tonnes, were cast at a large staging yard near Borden and then carried out to sea by an enormous floating crane, which lowered them into position with remarkable precision. The project was a partnership between government and private industry: a private company designed, financed and built the bridge, and in return receives annual payments from the federal government. Ownership of the bridge is scheduled to pass to Ottawa in 2032.

Paragraph C

The bridge's greatest engineering challenge was ice. Each winter, thick sheets of ice move through the strait, pushed by wind and tides. To cope with this, engineers fitted the base of every pier with a cone-shaped ice shield. Rather than allowing the ice to press against the pier, the cone forces it to ride upward and break under its own weight. The roadway also curves gently along its length, a design meant to keep drivers alert, and it rises to 60 metres at its central navigation span so that ocean-going ships can pass beneath. Most of the main spans measure 250 metres from pier to pier. The bridge was designed to last at least 100 years.

Paragraph D

The bridge has transformed island life. Tourism rose sharply in its first year, and farmers and fishers gained faster access to mainland markets for their potatoes and lobster. Islanders who once planned their days around ferry schedules could now come and go at any hour. Not every change was welcome. The ferry service between Borden and Cape Tormentine was shut down, eliminating hundreds of jobs, and some islanders worried that such an easy connection would erode the island's distinct, unhurried character. Today, the crossing takes about twelve minutes, and the toll is collected

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> only when drivers leave the island, which has led to the old joke that getting onto P.E.I. is free, but leaving will cost you.

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 bridge fulfilled a promise made to the island long before it was built. _____

21. Most of the bridge's components were made away from the water. _____

22. Special structures stop ice from pushing directly against the bridge's supports. _____

23. Some residents feared that the bridge would change the island's way of life. _____

24. Cyclists must use a shuttle service to cross the bridge. _____

25. The federal government will eventually take control of the bridge. _____

26. A majority of islanders voted against building the bridge. _____

27. The shape of the road was chosen partly with safety in mind. _____

28. Before the bridge, weather could make trips to the island unpredictable. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Toronto Rent Control Debate

When Kwame Mensah moved into a one-bedroom apartment near Toronto's Liberty Village in 2023, he paid $2,250 a month. This summer his landlord announced an increase to $2,650, and, to Mensah's dismay, it was entirely lawful: under Ontario's rules, units in buildings first occupied after November 15, 2018, are exempt from the annual cap that protects most other tenants. Having paid punctually and never complained, he must now choose between financial strain and abandoning his neighbourhood.

Cases like his have revived a contentious, long-running quarrel. Rosa Delgado, an organizer with a west-end tenants' association, wants the exemption abolished, along with vacancy decontrol, which permits landlords to hike rents without limit once a tenant departs. As long as rents can be reset between occupants, she reasons, landlords have every incentive to push people out. "Rent control without vacancy control," she quips, "is a screen door on a submarine."

Jonathan Whitfield, whose company has built four rental towers since 2019, credits the exemption with making those projects viable. Construction costs, interest rates and development levies have all escalated. "Financiers want assurance that rents can keep pace over thirty years," he notes, "and if you remove that, capital decamps to condominiums or leaves Ontario altogether." Rental construction in Toronto, he points out, reached its highest level in decades after the exemption took effect.

Helen Cho, a University of Toronto economist, describes the research as fairly consistent: rent control benefits those already housed, who stay longer and pay less, but gradually shrinks the rental supply, inflating rents for everyone still searching. The underlying problem, in her assessment, is that the city has not built nearly enough homes. Debating rent control, she remarks, resembles "arguing over how to slice a pie that is far too small."

Councillor Amrit Gill accepts that supply is pivotal. "I just don't see private developers producing homes ordinary workers can afford," Gill says, pressing instead for municipal rental housing on public land, with rents tied to tenants' incomes. Sceptics recall that comparable projects spent years on the drawing board and that the city has missed several of its own construction targets.

Queen's Park has shown no appetite for revising the rules. Mensah, meanwhile, is looking for a roommate.

29. Who would Delgado's demands most alarm?

A Kwame Mensah
B Jonathan Whitfield
C Helen Cho
D Amrit Gill

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30. Mensah's increase would probably be unlawful if

A he had complained about it sooner.
B he had lived there for over three years.
C a new tenant had taken over the unit.
D his building were a few years older.

31. What does Delgado's "screen door" image suggest?

A A loophole makes rent control pointless.
B Rent control is far too strict for landlords.
C Tenants feel trapped in their apartments.
D Landlords push tenants out deliberately.

32. What can we conclude about Cho?

A She favours scrapping vacancy decontrol.
B She believes rent control raises supply.
C She does not fully side with tenants or developers.
D She supports Gill's plan to build on public land.

33. The best title is "Rent Control in Toronto:

A Higher Rents or Higher Taxes?"
B Queen's Park or City Hall?"
C More Rental Towers or More Condominiums?"
D Protecting Tenants or Choking Construction?"

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 sympathize with Mr. Mensah, but I doubt Ms. Delgado's remedy would help him. Scrapping the exemption would only **(34)** _____, if Mr. Whitfield's financiers mean what they say. The rental industry has **(35)** _____ since 2018, and that hardly looks like a coincidence. My own search for an apartment took two years, so I do not say this lightly. Arguing about controls, as Professor Cho suggests, is like fussing over the slicing of **(36)** _____.
>
> Still, I wouldn't leave everything to developers. Councillor Gill's plan to **(37)** _____ deserves support, even if such projects have often been **(38)** _____. We need more homes of every kind, not more rules about the few we have.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** raise rents for sitting tenants **B** invite more evictions **C** force more people into sharing **D** deter new rental construction

35. **A** stalled **B** boomed **C** levelled off **D** met the city's targets

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36. **A** a pie paid for by landlords **B** a pie everyone already owns
C a pie that won't feed everyone **D** an ever-growing pie

37. **A** put the city in the landlord business **B** cap rents in every building, new or old
C end vacancy decontrol **D** tie rents to building costs

38. **A** too costly to rent **B** shoddily built **C** vetoed at Queen's Park **D** slow off the mark

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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 to prepare Haruto for life with her family

2 A A family member may be sleeping after a night shift.

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12 B low hourly rate

13 D an extra $20 an hour

14 A 60 cents per pound

15 C packs everything and supplies the boxes

16 B cancel for free up to a week before

17 C a married couple

18 D Ravi's job is moving to a new location.

19 A booking early is better than risking having no movers

Part 3: Confederation Bridge Construction And Impact

20 A

21 B

22 C

23 D

24 E

25 B

26 E

27 C

28 A

Part 4: Toronto Rent Control Debate

29 B Jonathan Whitfield

30 D his building were a few years older.

31 A A loophole makes rent control pointless.

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33 D Protecting Tenants or Choking Construction?"

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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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