CELPIP Reading Practice Test 68

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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

Whistler Ski Weekend Mishaps

> Hi Gabi,
>
> I promised I'd tell you how our big Whistler weekend went, so grab a coffee, because this could take a while. Let's just say that if something could go wrong, it did.
>
> It started before we even left Vancouver. Ricky was supposed to pick me up at four on Friday, but he got held up at work and we didn't hit the road until after six. Then, just past Squamish, a jackknifed truck closed the Sea-to-Sky Highway for almost two hours. By the time we pulled into the village it was nearly midnight, and the front desk of our condo building had closed for the night. We had to call an after-hours number and wait in the car with the heater running until someone showed up with a key.
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> Saturday morning brought the next surprise. The unit we'd booked had a private hot tub on the balcony, which was half the reason I'd chosen it. When we stepped outside, the tub was covered with an "out of order" sign. The manager apologized and took one night off our bill, which was fair, but it wasn't quite the same.
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> Then came the weather. It poured in the village, and the wind was so strong that the lifts to the upper mountain were closed most of the day. We tried a few runs lower down, and on the second one Ricky caught an edge and went flying. He was convinced he'd broken his wrist, so we spent the afternoon at the medical clinic. The X-ray showed it was just a bad sprain, thank goodness, but he ended up with his arm in a sling and was told to stay off the slopes.
>
> Here's the ironic part: Sunday was perfect. Fresh snow, blue skies and hardly any lineups. I skied from the first chair until the lifts closed, and it was honestly the best day of skiing I've ever had. Ricky spent it on the patio of the lodge, taking photos of me, so at least I have proof.
>
> I'm already planning to go back in March, and I'd love it if you and Jules came along. One piece of advice: buy your lift tickets online at least a week ahead. We paid nearly forty dollars more each by buying them at the window.
>
> Talk soon,
>
> Marco

1. Why did Marco and Ricky arrive in Whistler so late?

A They took a wrong turn near Squamish.
B Their car broke down in the snow.
C Marco forgot to bring the condo key.
D Ricky worked late and the highway was blocked.

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2. What happened when the cousins reached their condo?

A Their unit had been given to other guests.
B The heater in their unit was broken.
C No one was there to let them in.
D They were charged for an extra night.

3. How did Marco feel about the manager's response to the hot tub problem?

A He thought the manager was rude to them.
B He found it reasonable but still disappointing.
C He felt the refund was far too small.
D He was delighted with a free upgrade.

4. We can infer that on Sunday Ricky

A skied a few of the lower runs.
B watched Marco ski instead of skiing himself.
C went back to the clinic for another X-ray.
D drove back to Vancouver early.

5. What is the main purpose of Marco's email?

A to ask Gabi to lend him her ski equipment
B to complain about a condo he rented
C to tell the story of his trip and invite Gabi on the next one
D to apologize for missing Gabi's visit

6. What does Marco recommend to Gabi?

A avoiding the mountain on crowded Sundays
B taking a lesson before skiing the upper runs
C buying lift passes well before the trip
D staying at a hotel instead of a condo

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 Marco,
>
> What a weekend! I laughed out loud at the thought of you two **(7)** _____ at midnight, although I'm sure it wasn't funny at the time. Please tell Ricky I hope he's feeling better. At least it turned out to be **(8)** _____ and not something worse.
>
> I can't believe you finally got a day like that and had to **(9)** _____. Jules says that kind of luck always seems to come on the last day of a trip.
>
> We'd both love to join you in March! Thanks for the tip about **(10)** _____; forty dollars a person is a lot to waste. Jules wants to know if we should book the same condo, since he's been dreaming

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> about soaking under the stars. I said probably not, unless they've **(11)** _____ by then.
>
> Send me some dates and we'll start planning.
>
> Hugs,
>
> Gabi

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** stuck at the clinic **B** lost near Squamish **C** skiing in the rain **D** waiting in the car

8. **A** only a sprain **B** a broken wrist **C** a twisted knee **D** a minor cut

9. **A** spend it in the rain **B** enjoy it on your own **C** leave before lunch **D** share it with crowds

10. **A** leaving Vancouver earlier **B** packing a warmer jacket **C** buying our tickets online **D** renting skis in the village

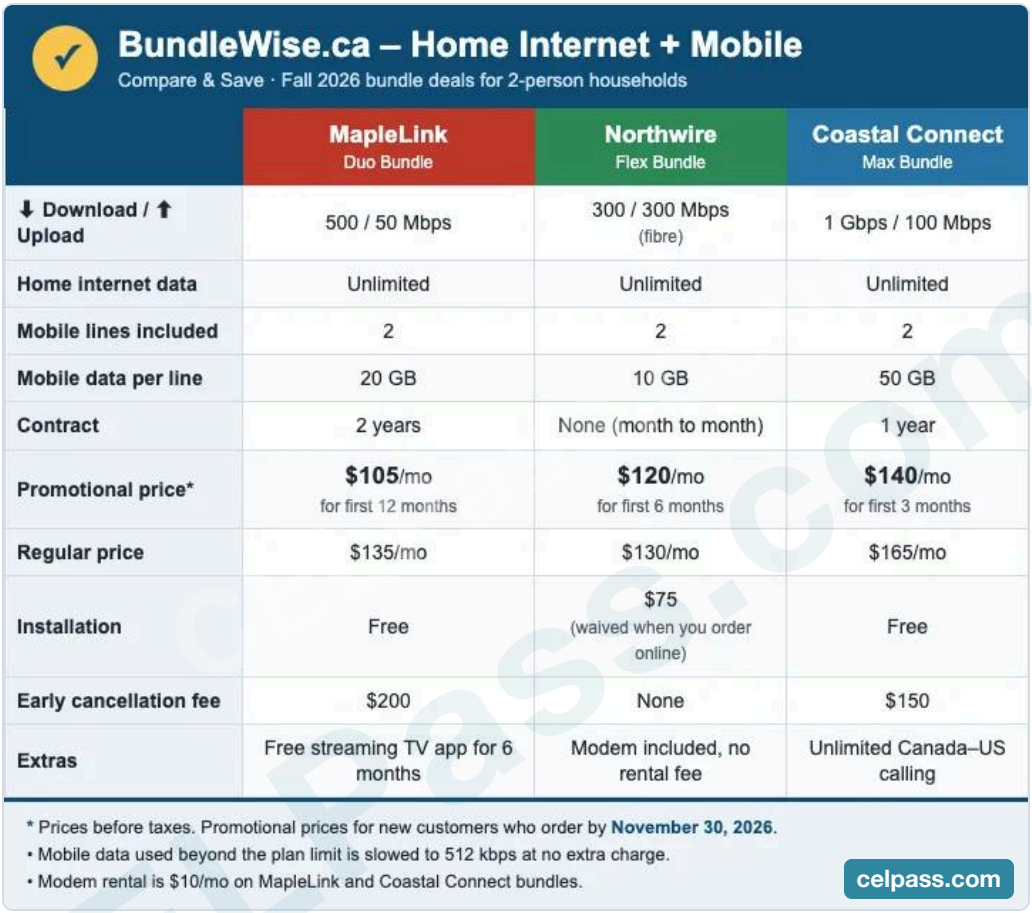
11. **A** repaired the heater **B** fixed the hot tub **C** lowered their rates **D** opened a new clinic

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Internet and Mobile Bundle Switch



BundleWise.ca – Home Internet + Mobile

Compare & Save · Fall 2026 bundle deals for 2-person households

	MapleLink Duo Bundle	Northwire Flex Bundle	Coastal Connect Max Bundle
⬇ Download / ⬆ Upload	500 / 50 Mbps	300 / 300 Mbps (fibre)	1 Gbps / 100 Mbps
Home internet data	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Mobile lines included	2	2	2
Mobile data per line	20 GB	10 GB	50 GB
Contract	2 years	None (month to month)	1 year
Promotional price*	**$105**/mo for first 12 months	**$120**/mo for first 6 months	**$140**/mo for first 3 months
Regular price	$135/mo	$130/mo	$165/mo
Installation	Free	$75 (waived when you order online)	Free
Early cancellation fee	$200	None	$150
Extras	Free streaming TV app for 6 months	Modem included, no rental fee	Unlimited Canada–US calling

* Prices before taxes. Promotional prices for new customers who order by **November 30, 2026**.
• Mobile data used beyond the plan limit is slowed to 512 kbps at no extra charge.
• Modem rental is $10/mo on MapleLink and Coastal Connect bundles.

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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: Time to ditch Telvia?
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> To: Dev Sharma
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> From: Kenji Watanabe
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> Hey Dev,
>
> I was paying our bills last night and nearly fell off my chair: we're spending $160 a month between the internet and our two phones, and the Wi-Fi still freezes every time you send a project to a client. So I did some digging and found this comparison chart.
>
> The MapleLink deal looks good on paper, but its **(12)** _____, which won't help with those huge video files you upload every day. Coastal Connect is the fastest, but even its promotional price is **(13)** _____, and that only lasts three months.

> I think Northwire makes the most sense. Its upload speed matches its download speed, so your files should fly. The only catch is the mobile data: **(14)** _____ isn't a lot, but we're both on Wi-Fi most of the day anyway. The best part is that there's **(15)** _____, so if I take that job in Ottawa next summer, we won't have to pay anything to get out early. We'd also skip the installation fee as long as we **(16)** _____.
>
> If you're in, let's sign up before the end of November so we get the promo price. Honestly, it's a no-brainer!
>
> Kenji

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** download speed is only 300 Mbps **B** mobile data is just 10 GB **C** upload speed is only 50 Mbps **D** contract lasts only one year

13. **A** $35 less than our bill now **B** higher than what we pay now **C** the same as MapleLink's **D** only $20 less than our bill now

14. **A** 20 GB per line **B** 10 GB per line **C** 50 GB per line **D** unlimited data

15. **A** a one-year contract **B** a free modem included **C** a two-year price guarantee **D** no contract to sign

16. **A** place our order online **B** sign up for two years **C** use our own modem **D** order before December

17. Why does Kenji want to change providers?

A Their current service is expensive and unreliable.
B Their current provider is going out of business.
C Dev asked him to find a faster plan.
D He needs more mobile data for his job.

18. What is most likely true about Dev?

A He works with video files from home.
B He is planning to move to Ottawa.
C He uses much more mobile data than Kenji.
D He usually pays the household bills.

19. When Kenji says the decision is "a no-brainer," he means it is

A a risky gamble.
B a difficult call.
C a careless mistake.
D an obvious choice.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Poutine History And Quebec Identity

Paragraph A

Few dishes are as closely tied to Quebec as poutine, a heaping plate of french fries and fresh cheese curds covered in hot brown gravy. Yet for a food so famous, its origins are surprisingly unclear. Several towns in the Centre-du-Québec region claim to be its birthplace. The best-known story places its invention in Warwick in the late 1950s, when a customer asked a restaurant owner to toss a handful of curds into a bag of fries. The owner reportedly warned that the result would be “une maudite poutine,” a terrible mess. Drummondville, meanwhile, credits a local restaurateur who says he was the first to pour gravy over the combination in the 1960s. Neither claim has ever been proven, and the friendly rivalry has become part of the dish’s charm.

Paragraph B

Although the recipe looks simple, Quebecers are strict about what makes a real poutine. The cheese curds must be fresh, ideally made the same day, so that they keep their mild flavour and the rubbery squeak they make against the teeth. Curds that have been refrigerated lose that texture and are considered second-rate. The fries should be thick-cut and crisp enough to stand up to the sauce, and the gravy must be hot enough to soften the curds slightly without melting them completely. Many restaurants guard their gravy recipes closely, and regulars will travel across town for a version they prefer.

Paragraph C

For much of its history, poutine was not something Quebecers boasted about. It was sold mainly at roadside snack bars and hockey arenas, and it was often treated as a cheap, greasy joke, even within the province. Some people avoided ordering it in front of visitors. Few restaurants outside the province bothered to put it on their menus at all. That began to change in the early 2000s, when well-known Montreal chefs started serving upscale versions topped with ingredients such as foie gras, lobster or braised short rib. Festivals devoted to the dish soon followed, and today Drummondville hosts an annual celebration that draws thousands of visitors each summer.

Paragraph D

As poutine has spread across Canada and beyond, a new debate has emerged about who it belongs to. Fast-food chains now sell it from Vancouver to Halifax, and it is often promoted abroad as Canada’s national dish. Some Quebec writers and scholars object to this label, arguing that a food once used to mock Quebecers has been adopted by the rest of the country without recognition of its roots. Others see its popularity as a compliment and point out that dishes have always travelled across borders. Either way, poutine has become a symbol of something larger than a late-night snack: a question of identity and of who gets to tell a culture’s story.

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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. There was a time when some Quebecers were embarrassed by poutine. _____

21. No one has been able to confirm where poutine was first made. _____

22. A Quebec restaurant holds the record for the largest poutine ever made. _____

23. Cheese that has been kept cold is seen as unsuitable for proper poutine. _____

24. Some people view the spread of poutine as a form of praise. _____

25. Luxury ingredients helped improve poutine's reputation. _____

26. Poutine has been officially declared Canada's national dish. _____

27. Customers are willing to go out of their way for the sauce they like best. _____

28. Some critics feel Quebec has not been given credit for the dish. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Minimum Wage Increase Debate

> Minimum-wage earners will soon receive a raise: the provincial government is lifting the general minimum wage from $16.75 to $18.50 an hour in two stages. Labour Minister Rachel Okonkwo-Bell calls the increase overdue; rent and groceries have outpaced wages, and nobody working full-time, she argues, should have to choose between the hydro bill and feeding their children. A first instalment of 90 cents arrives in April, the remainder the following October.
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> Denise Arsenault, a mother of two who is a pharmacy cashier by day and cleans offices three evenings weekly, greets the news with measured relief. “The money will help,” she acknowledges, “but not enough to give up my second job, and my rent will probably have climbed again before the increase is complete.” She would prefer a minimum wage indexed automatically to inflation, sparing workers interminable waits for politicians.
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> Luc Fontaine, whose family bakery employs eleven people, mostly students paid near the minimum, is considerably less enthusiastic. He estimates the change will add about $28,000 a year to his payroll. “A chain with hundreds of outlets would barely notice,” he notes wryly. He intends to nudge prices up, trim weekend hours and hesitate before hiring summer staff; “The casualties,” he predicts, “will be inexperienced youngsters who never get hired.”
>
> Hye-jin Park, of the Prairie Policy Institute, finds merit on both sides. Research on modest, incremental increases has generally detected little effect on overall employment, partly because better-paid employees stay longer, curbing recruitment and training costs. Abrupt jumps, however, can hit labour-intensive businesses hard, particularly in smaller towns where customers have less disposable income. “The pace matters as much as the amount,” she maintains, recommending a temporary payroll-tax reduction for firms with fewer than twenty employees.
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> Okonkwo-Bell rules out such relief, noting that the increase was deliberately divided into two stages to give employers breathing room. Low-wage earners, she adds, spend extra income locally: “When Denise gets a raise, she isn’t putting it in an offshore account. She’s spending it at businesses like Luc’s.”
>
> Fontaine remains unpersuaded: most of his customers do not earn the minimum, so for them the raise simply means pricier bread.

29. Who shares Park’s view that gradual raises help employers?

A Rachel Okonkwo-Bell
B Denise Arsenault
C Luc Fontaine
D Fontaine’s student employees

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30. What does Arsenault want the government to do?

A tie the wage to rising prices
B help workers who must hold down a second job
C split the increase into two stages
D cut payroll taxes for small employers

31. Why does Fontaine think chains will cope better?

A They already pay well above the minimum.
B Their customers have more to spend.
C They will receive temporary tax relief.
D Each outlet bears little cost.

32. What does the minister's remark about Denise imply?

A The increase should take effect all at once.
B Fontaine's bakery may be forced to close.
C Small businesses may benefit too.
D Payroll-tax relief will soon be introduced.

33. The most fitting title would be

A "Minimum Wage Hike Wins Over Workers and Employers Alike"
B "Province Puts Off Minimum Wage Increase"
C "A Raise for Workers, a Worry for Small Business"
D "Research Shows Higher Minimum Wage Destroys Small Business"

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 run a small hair salon, so I read this with mixed feelings. I understand Mr. Fontaine's fears, but I think he is **(34)** _____. As Dr. Park explains, job losses from gradual increases tend to be **(35)** _____, and my experience bears that out: once I paid above the minimum, my staff **(36)** _____ and I spent far less training replacements. Still, the minister is too quick to dismiss **(37)** _____; a short-term break for businesses my size would cost the province very little. As for the cashier's proposal, linking the wage to **(38)** _____ would spare us all these sudden jumps nobody can plan for.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** overstating the danger **B** underestimating the cost **C** right to be alarmed **D** ignoring his customers

35. **A** substantial **B** negligible **C** concentrated in small towns **D** growing every year

36. **A** asked for more hours **B** started looking elsewhere **C** worked fewer weekends **D** stayed put

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37. **A** relief for small firms **B** phasing the raise in over two stages
C a freeze on the minimum wage **D** fewer summer hires

38. **A** business profits **B** rising prices **C** the federal rate **D** student enrolment

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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 _____
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25 _____	26 _____	27 _____	28 _____
29 _____	30 _____	31 _____	32 _____
33 _____	34 _____	35 _____	36 _____
37 _____	38 _____		

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Answer key

Part 1: Whistler Ski Weekend Mishaps

1 D Ricky worked late and the highway was blocked.

2 C No one was there to let them in.

3 B He found it reasonable but still disappointing.

4 B watched Marco ski instead of skiing himself.

5 C to tell the story of his trip and invite Gabi on the next one

6 C buying lift passes well before the trip

7 D waiting in the car

8 A only a sprain

9 B enjoy it on your own

10 C buying our tickets online

11 B fixed the hot tub

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12 C upload speed is only 50 Mbps

13 D only $20 less than our bill now

14 B 10 GB per line

15 D no contract to sign

16 A place our order online

17 A Their current service is expensive and unreliable.

18 A He works with video files from home.

19 D an obvious choice.

Part 3: Poutine History And Quebec Identity

20 C

21 A

22 E

23 B

24 D

25 C

26 E

27 B

28 D

Part 4: Minimum Wage Increase Debate

29 A Rachel Okonkwo-Bell

30 A tie the wage to rising prices

31 D Each outlet bears little cost.

32 C Small businesses may benefit too.

33 C “A Raise for Workers, a Worry for Small Business”

34 A overstating the danger

35 B negligible

36 D stayed put

37 A relief for small firms

38 B rising prices

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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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