CELPIP Reading Practice Test 71

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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

Adopting Juniper the Rescue Dog

Hi Marcy,

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to answer your last email, but I have a good excuse: three weeks ago, Daniel and I finally adopted a dog! You'll remember that we had been talking about it for nearly a year, but we kept putting it off because of my long hours at the library. When they switched me to a four-day week in August, we ran out of excuses. Her name is Juniper, she's about four years old, and she's a mix of who-knows-what, although the volunteers guessed border collie and something with very short legs.

We found her through Second Chance Paws, a volunteer group in Kamloops that rescues dogs from overcrowded shelters. I had imagined walking in and falling in love at first sight, but the process was more like applying for a mortgage. We filled out a six-page application, provided two references, and had a home visit, during which a volunteer checked our fence for gaps and asked who would walk her on rainy days. At first I found it a little insulting, but now I understand why they are so careful. Juniper had already been returned once by a family who weren't ready for her.

The first week was nothing like I expected. I pictured a grateful dog who would follow us from room to room. Instead, Juniper spent four days hiding under the dining room table and would only eat if we left the room. Her foster mother had warned us about the "three-three-three rule": three days to decompress, three weeks to learn your routine, and three months to feel at home. I thought that was an exaggeration. It wasn't. The other surprise was the cost. Between the adoption fee, a vet check, a crate, and the special food her sensitive stomach needs, we had spent almost $900 before the end of the second week.

Still, things are looking up. She now greets Daniel at the door with her whole body wagging, and last night she fell asleep with her head on my foot, which nearly made me cry. She is terrified of the vacuum cleaner and of men in hats, so we're working with a trainer on Saturday mornings. The trainer says she is making real progress, but that we shouldn't expect her to be ready for the off-leash park until spring.

I know you've been thinking about getting a dog for the kids. Before you do, why not come and spend a weekend with us and see what it's really like? Just don't wear a hat!

Warmly,

Gemma

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1. What is the main purpose of Gemma's email?

A to ask Marcy for advice about training a nervous dog
B to complain about the rescue group's adoption process
C to share news about her new dog and how it is settling in
D to explain why her work schedule has recently changed

2. Why did Gemma and Daniel finally decide to adopt a dog?

A Marcy had encouraged them to get a pet.
B A volunteer asked them to take Juniper.
C Gemma started working fewer days a week.
D Juniper had been returned by another family.

3. How did Gemma feel about the adoption process at first?

A relieved that it was quicker than expected
B somewhat offended by how thorough it was
C worried that their fence would not pass
D excited to fall in love at first sight

4. What does Gemma suggest about the "three-three-three rule"?

A It proved more accurate than she had believed.
B It was an exaggeration, as she had suspected.
C It was explained to her by the dog trainer.
D It applies mainly to dogs that are very young.

5. The moment that nearly made Gemma cry was when Juniper

A ran to greet Daniel at the door.
B fell asleep resting against her.
C came out from under the table.
D finally ate while they watched.

6. Why does Gemma invite Marcy to spend a weekend with her?

A so Marcy can see what owning a dog involves
B so Marcy's children can play with Juniper
C so Marcy can help with Juniper's training
D so Marcy can join them at the off-leash park

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 Gemma,
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> Congratulations! I laughed at your description of the application. It does sound more like **(7)** _____ than adopting a pet. Still, now that I know Juniper had **(8)** _____, I can see why

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the volunteers want to be sure.

Poor girl, four days under the table! I'm glad her foster mother **(9)** _____; I would have panicked. And $900 in two weeks! The kids keep begging for a puppy, but I honestly hadn't thought much about **(10)** _____.

I'd love to take you up on your offer. How about the last weekend of October? I know Juniper won't be ready for **(11)** _____ for a while, so we can just take her for quiet walks on the leash around your neighbourhood. And I'll make sure Ray leaves his baseball cap at home!

Love,

Marcy

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** booking a holiday **B** joining a gym **C** visiting a vet **D** getting a bank loan

8. **A** come from an overcrowded shelter **B** already been sent back once **C** spent days hiding under a table **D** a very sensitive stomach

9. **A** took her back for a few days **B** warned you it would take time **C** chose her special food for you **D** checked your fence for gaps

10. **A** who would walk it in the rain **B** where a new dog would sleep **C** how much a dog really costs **D** how big our backyard fence is

11. **A** the off-leash park **B** the vacuum cleaner **C** her Saturday trainer **D** the dining room table

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Choosing a Bathroom Contractor

Bathroom Renovation – Quote Comparison

Main-floor bathroom · 48 Larchwood Crescent, Moncton, NB · Quotes received September 2027

	Tidewater Renovations	Maple Leaf Bath & Tile	Kowalski & Sons Contracting
Total quote (taxes included)	**$18,400**	**$21,900**	**$16,750**
Scope of work	Full gut to studs Tub removed, **curbless walk-in shower** with grab bars New vanity and toilet	Full gut to studs Tub removed, **curbless walk-in shower** with grab bars New vanity and toilet	Existing tub **kept and refinished** New tile tub surround New vanity and toilet
Materials	Porcelain floor and wall tile Quartz vanity top ✔ **Heated floor included**	Porcelain floor and wall tile Quartz vanity top Heated floor: **+$1,200** (optional)	Ceramic wall tile, vinyl plank floor Laminate vanity top ✘ **Heated floor not offered**
Timeline	Start: **November 3** Length: 3 weeks	Start: **January 12** Length: 2 weeks	Start: **October 20** Length: 4 weeks (weekdays only)
Warranty	2 years on workmanship	5 years on workmanship **Lifetime** on shower waterproofing	1 year on workmanship
Payment schedule	50% deposit at signing 50% on completion	10% deposit at signing 40% at plumbing rough-in 50% on completion	30% deposit at signing 70% on completion 5% off if paid in full up front
Permits	**Homeowner to obtain***	✔ **Included in quote**	✔ **Included in quote**

* City of Moncton plumbing and building permit: approx. **$350**; apply in person at City Hall, about 10 business days to process.
• All three quotes are valid for **30 days** from the date issued. Prices do not include moving or storage of household items.
• Maple Leaf Bath & Tile is fully booked until the new year; earliest available start date is shown above.

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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: Bathroom quotes – my recommendation
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> To: Arjun Gill
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> From: Priya Gill
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> Hi Arjun,
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> I put the three bathroom quotes side by side last night so we can finally decide. With your mom moving in on December 1, a walk-in shower isn't a luxury anymore; with her hip, she can't climb over the side of a tub.
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> Kowalski & Sons came in cheapest, but since they would **(12)** _____, your mom still couldn't shower on her own. Maple Leaf is the one I'd pick if timing didn't matter. Their warranty is the best by

far, with **(13)** _____ on the shower waterproofing, and we wouldn't have to pay much up front. Unfortunately, they can't start until **(14)** _____, which is far too late for us.

That leaves Tidewater, which is what I'd recommend. The heated floor is already included, and they'd be done before the end of November. The one thing I don't love is that they want **(15)** _____ when we sign, but we have that in savings. We'd also have to **(16)** _____ ourselves, but it's only about $350, and I can go to City Hall on my lunch break.

The quotes are only good for 30 days, so could you call Tidewater on Monday and lock in the November 3 start date?

Love,

Priya

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** only work on weekdays **B** want full payment up front **C** skip the heated floor **D** keep our old bathtub

13. **A** five years of coverage **B** a lifetime guarantee **C** two years of coverage **D** a free yearly inspection

14. **A** early November **B** late October **C** early December **D** the middle of January

15. **A** $1,840 **B** $5,520 **C** $9,200 **D** $18,400

16. **A** pay for the heated floor **B** store our furniture **C** get the permit **D** buy the vanity top

17. How are Priya and Arjun most likely related?

A They are a married couple.
B They are a mother and her son.
C They are a contractor and a client.
D They are co-workers at City Hall.

18. When Priya asks Arjun to "lock in" the start date, she wants him to

A ask whether an earlier date is available.
B negotiate a lower price with the company.
C check that the quote is still valid.
D secure the booking so the date is guaranteed.

19. What does Priya plan to do herself?

A call Tidewater on Monday morning
B move Arjun's mother into their home
C go to City Hall during her lunch break
D pay the deposit from her own salary

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Haida Gwaii Islands And Culture

Paragraph A

Lying roughly 100 kilometres off the northern coast of British Columbia, Haida Gwaii is an archipelago of some 150 islands, the two largest being Graham Island in the north and Moresby Island in the south. The islands are separated from the mainland by Hecate Strait, one of the shallowest and stormiest stretches of water on the Pacific coast. Because of this isolation, and because some scientists believe parts of the archipelago escaped the glaciers of the last ice age, Haida Gwaii is home to plants and animals found nowhere else, including a subspecies of black bear and a now-extinct caribou. This has earned it the nickname “the Galápagos of the North.” Today, most of the roughly 4,500 residents live on Graham Island, which is connected to Prince Rupert by a ferry crossing of about seven hours.

Paragraph B

The Haida have lived on these islands for at least 12,500 years. Traditionally, Haida society was divided into two main groups, the Raven and the Eagle, and children belonged to the group of their mother. Skilled seafarers, the Haida travelled in large canoes carved from single cedar logs and traded along the coast for hundreds of kilometres. The arrival of European fur traders in the late 1700s brought new wealth, but also disaster. Smallpox and other diseases reduced the population from tens of thousands to fewer than 600 by the early twentieth century, and the survivors gathered in two villages, Skidegate and Old Massett, which remain the main Haida communities today. In 2010, the islands’ colonial name, the Queen Charlotte Islands, was officially replaced with Haida Gwaii, meaning “islands of the people.”

Paragraph C

The Haida are known around the world for their monumental poles, carved from western red cedar. Contrary to popular belief, these poles were never objects of worship. Instead, they displayed a family’s crests, told its history, honoured the dead, or marked important events. Some mortuary poles even held the remains of high-ranking individuals in a box near the top. As villages emptied in the late 1800s, many poles were taken by collectors and museums around the world. The tradition was revived in the 1960s, and in 1969 the artist Robert Davidson raised a pole in Old Massett, the first in the village in nearly a century. Today, pole raisings are once again celebrated with feasts, songs, and dancing.

Paragraph D

The southern part of the archipelago is protected as Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site. Its creation followed a 1985 protest in which Haida members blocked logging roads on Lyell Island and dozens were arrested. In 1993, an agreement made Gwaii Haanas one of the first

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> protected areas in the world to be managed jointly by a national government and an Indigenous nation, through a board with an equal number of members from each. The area includes SGang Gwaay, an abandoned village where weathered poles still stand, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With no roads, Gwaii Haanas can be reached only by boat or floatplane, and every visitor must attend an orientation session before entering.

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. Getting to the islands from the mainland involves crossing rough and shallow waters. _____

21. Many poles that were removed by collectors have since been returned to Haida communities. _____

22. Haida children traditionally took their family group from their mother's side. _____

23. Visitors to the southern islands must receive information before their trip begins. _____

24. Some poles were used as resting places for the remains of important people. _____

25. Certain wildlife may have survived on the islands when most of the region was covered in ice. _____

26. Responsibility for managing the protected area is divided evenly between two parties. _____

27. An artist brought back a carving custom to a village where it had stopped for generations. _____

28. The Haida must approve all new tourism businesses on the islands. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Free Transit For Youth And Seniors

> From next July, riders under 19 and over 65 could board Lakeport Transit buses free of charge, provided council endorses a proposal unveiled last week by Mayor Diane Okafor. The forgone fares, an estimated $6.8 million annually, have provoked an acrimonious dispute over who should pay.
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> Okafor characterizes the plan as an investment, not an expense: young people accustomed to transit tend to remain riders as adults, while seniors who can get around remain healthier and more self-reliant. She would finance it with a 1.9 percent property tax increase, roughly $45 a year for the average homeowner.
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> Councillor Raymond Thibault applauds the goal but questions the targeting. “Plenty of our seniors are financially comfortable,” he points out, “and plenty of young renting families are scrambling to make ends meet.” A couple on a tight budget would pay full fare while a retired dentist rode for nothing. He favours an income-based discount pass available at any age.
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> Walter Brennan, who chairs the Lakeport Seniors’ Council, dismisses that alternative. Whenever people must prove they are poor, many never apply, whether out of pride or bewilderment at the paperwork. “Free means free,” he insists, “and that’s what coaxes isolated residents out of their apartments.” Many surrendered their licences long since and depend on relatives for transportation to medical appointments.
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> Dr. Helen Cho, a transportation researcher at Lakeport University, is more circumspect. Where fares have been abolished, ridership typically increases, yet it is sidewalks and bicycle lanes, not parking lots, that empty. If the objective is fewer cars, frequent service might be the wiser expenditure. “A free bus every forty minutes is still one most commuters will disregard,” she notes. Without opposing the plan, she recommends a two-year pilot.
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> Sandeep Rao, president of the Downtown Business Association, proposes a modest levy on commercial parking lots instead. “A bus rider is a shopper who needs no parking space,” he reasons, whereas suburban homeowners who rarely see a bus should not carry the entire load.
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> Sixteen-year-old Ava Lindqvist spends about $70 a month on passes to reach her part-time grocery job, nearly a full shift’s pay. Above all, she craves predictability. Council votes in November.

29. Brennan’s position is closest to that of

A Diane Okafor

B Raymond Thibault

C Helen Cho

D Sandeep Rao

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30. Thibault's main objection is that the plan

A rewards age rather than need.
B would raise property taxes.
C would not take cars off the road.
D should first be tested in a pilot.

31. Why, for Cho, might traffic stay unchanged?

A Few riders gave up cars.
B Older residents stopped driving long ago.
C Suburban homeowners rarely see a bus.
D Comfortable seniors would ride regardless.

32. Why would Rao volunteer members for a levy?

A Downtown firms stand to gain.
B Older residents have given up driving.
C Ridership usually climbs once fares go.
D Lost fares would reach $6.8 million.

33. An apt title might be

A "Frequent Buses or Free Buses: Which Clears the Roads?"
B "Free Rides for Young and Old: Who Should Pay?"
C "Pride and Paperwork: Why Seniors Avoid City Hall"
D "Free Transit for Young and Old Wins Broad Support"

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.

> Having driven a Lakeport bus for twenty-six years, I welcome the mayor's plan. Mr. Thibault's **(34)** _____ sounds equitable on paper, but Mr. Brennan understands that **(35)** _____. I watched riders trudge home through snow sooner than fill out a form at City Hall, and none of the seniors on my route would ever have asked for a discount.
>
> Still, homeowners should not **(36)** _____. I prefer the remedy of **(37)** _____, which asks those with the most to gain to chip in. And Dr. Cho rightly reminds us that **(38)** _____: a price of zero means little at a lonely stop. Approve the plan, review it honestly in two years, and stop arguing while people wait at the stop.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** two-year trial **B** parking-lot surcharge **C** modest tax hike **D** means-tested pass

35. **A** seniors rely on relatives for rides **B** free rides keep older people healthy **C** most new riders used to walk **D** proof of need deters many

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36. **A** receive free passes **B** foot the whole bill **C** pay a parking levy **D** fund a two-year pilot project

37. **A** Mayor Okafor **B** Dr. Cho **C** Mr. Thibault **D** Mr. Rao

38. **A** a two-year pilot would settle the whole argument **B** former pedestrians will fill the new seats **C** a low fare can't offset a long wait **D** free rides keep older residents active

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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: Adopting Juniper the Rescue Dog

1 C to share news about her new dog and how it is settling in

2 C Gemma started working fewer days a week.

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10 C how much a dog really costs

11 A the off-leash park

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12 D keep our old bathtub

13 B a lifetime guarantee

14 D the middle of January

15 C $9,200

16 C get the permit

17 A They are a married couple.

18 D secure the booking so the date is guaranteed.

19 C go to City Hall during her lunch break

Part 3: Haida Gwaii Islands And Culture

20 A

21 E

22 B

23 D

24 C

25 A

26 D

27 C

28 E

Part 4: Free Transit For Youth And Seniors

29 A Diane Okafor

30 A rewards age rather than need.

31 A Few riders gave up cars.

32 A Downtown firms stand to gain.

33 B “Free Rides for Young and Old: Who Should Pay?”

34 D means-tested pass

35 D proof of need deters many

36 B foot the whole bill

37 D Mr. Rao

38 C a low fare can’t offset a long wait

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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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