CELPIP Reading Practice Test 72

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

Elevator Repairs at Harbourview Towers

Dear Residents of Harbourview Towers,

As many of you know, our east elevator has broken down four times since the spring, including the incident on August 14, when three residents were stuck between the ninth and tenth floors for nearly an hour. I want to thank everyone for their patience, and especially those of you who took the time to write to the office. Following an inspection by the provincial elevator safety authority, we have been told that patching up the old equipment is no longer acceptable. Both elevators will therefore be modernized, with new motors, cables, controls, and doors.

The work will be carried out by Summit Lift Services in two stages, so that one elevator remains in service at all times. The east elevator will be out of service from October 20 to December 5, and the west elevator from January 5 to February 20. We chose not to begin the west elevator before the holidays, because December is the busiest month in the building, with deliveries and visiting family.

I realize that with 140 units and only one working elevator, waits will be longer, particularly at rush hour. Several of you raised concerns at last month's tenants' meeting, and here is how we plan to address them. First, residents with mobility issues or medical needs may register with the office for priority access. From 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., a staff member will operate the working elevator, and registered residents will be served first. Second, moves and large deliveries will not be permitted on weekdays during the repair periods; they must be booked for a Saturday at least one week in advance. Third, our superintendent, Luis Ortega, will carry groceries and parcels to your door on request between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Some of you have asked whether rent will be reduced during the repairs. Unfortunately, the owners have decided that this is not possible. The project will cost about $480,000, which will come from the building's reserve fund rather than from a rent increase. The owners have, however, agreed to waive all parking fees for the month of November.

If you have further questions, please join us for an information session in the party room on October 8 at 7:00 p.m., or drop by the office any weekday.

Sincerely,

Andrea Stavros

Building Manager

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1. What is the main purpose of this letter?

A to apologize for an accident that injured residents
B to invite residents to vote on a rent increase
C to explain upcoming repairs and how problems will be handled
D to announce that the building has been sold

2. Why are the elevators being modernized?

A Fixing the old equipment is no longer allowed.
B Residents voted for new elevators at a meeting.
C The owners plan to increase the rent next year.
D The old elevators were too small for deliveries.

3. Why will the west elevator be repaired after the holidays?

A The building is especially busy in December.
B The contractor has no workers available until January.
C The west elevator is in better condition.
D Residents asked for the work to be delayed.

4. Who may register for priority access to the elevator?

A residents who have difficulty moving around
B residents living on the highest floors
C residents who are moving in or out
D residents who start work very early

5. Residents planning a large delivery during the repairs should

A ask the superintendent to carry it up.
B reserve a Saturday at least a week ahead.
C arrange it for a weekday morning.
D contact Summit Lift Services directly.

6. What have the owners agreed to do?

A not charge for parking for one month
B lower the rent while repairs continue
C raise the rent to pay for the project
D hire extra staff to carry groceries

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 Ms. Stavros,
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> Thank you for your letter. As one of the three people **(7)** _____, I was relieved to read that the equipment will finally be replaced rather than **(8)** _____.

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I live on the fifteenth floor and have used a walker since my knee surgery, so I would like to **(9)** _____. Could you tell me whether I need to bring a note from my doctor?

I also have a question about deliveries. My daughter is bringing me a new armchair in early November. As I understand it, she will need to **(10)** _____. Please let me know which dates are still open.

Finally, although I was disappointed that the rent will stay the same, I do appreciate **(11)** _____, since I still keep my car in the building's garage.

Sincerely,

Margaret Liu, Unit 1504

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** who complained at last month's meeting **B** trapped for nearly an hour in August **C** hurt in the August breakdown **D** who inspected the elevator in the spring

8. **A** shut down permanently **B** paid for by the tenants **C** moved to the west side **D** patched up once again

9. **A** register for priority access **B** ask Luis to carry my groceries **C** move to a lower floor **D** attend the information session

10. **A** deliver it on a weekday afternoon **B** book a Saturday a week in advance **C** ask Summit Lift for permission **D** use the stairs instead

11. **A** the lower rent in November **B** the new elevator doors **C** the free parking in November **D** the extra staff on weekends

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Night School Courses with a Co-worker

Northbridge Community College

Continuing Education · Evening Courses · Winter Term 2028 · Kanata Campus

All classes start the week of January 10 and meet in Building C

Code	Course	Evening(s)	Time	Length	Fee	Prerequisite
BUS 110	Introduction to Bookkeeping	Monday	6:30–9:00 p.m.	10 weeks	$395	None
BUS 210	Payroll Fundamentals	Monday & Wednesday	7:00–9:00 p.m.	8 weeks	$520	BUS 110*
CMP 105	Excel for the Workplace	Tuesday	6:00–9:00 p.m.	6 weeks	$310	None
CMP 220	Data Analysis with Excel	Thursday	6:00–9:00 p.m.	8 weeks	$440	CMP 105*
COM 130	Business Writing†	Wednesday	6:30–9:00 p.m.	8 weeks	$365	None
LAN 101	Conversational French I	Tuesday & Thursday	7:00–8:30 p.m.	10 weeks	$410	None
MGT 150	Project Management Essentials	Thursday	6:30–9:30 p.m.	10 weeks	$590	None

Registration Deadlines

Early bird: register by **December 1** and save 10%
Final deadline: January 3
Late registration (if space allows): $40 fee

Good to Know

Textbooks are **not** included in fees.
Courses with fewer than 12 registrants may be cancelled; full refund given.
Seniors (65+) pay half price.

* Prerequisite may be waived with a letter from your employer confirming equivalent work experience.
† COM 130 is also offered fully online at the same fee (no set class time; weekly assignments due Sundays).

Register online at northbridgecc.ca/coned or call 613-555-0148

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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: Night classes this winter?
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> To: Marisol Reyes
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> From: Daniel Osei
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> Hi Marisol,
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> I finally looked at the Northbridge evening timetable you forwarded. Since you already finished Excel for the Workplace last spring, you can go straight into **(12)** _____, which sounds perfect for the monthly reports you prepare for Ruth. I'd love to join you, but Thursdays are out for me because of my son's hockey practice, so I'll start with **(13)** _____ on Tuesdays instead.
>
> It would be more fun to take at least one course together, though. You mentioned that choir takes up your Monday nights, so the only one that works for both of us is **(14)** _____. We could even grab

dinner near campus beforehand. And if the timing ever becomes a problem, it's good to know that the course **(15)** _____.

Ruth has agreed that the company will reimburse our fees if we pass, but she wants us to register by **(16)** _____ so we get the 10% discount. That gives us about three weeks, so let's not leave it until the last minute.

Shall we sign up together on Friday?

Cheers,

Daniel

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** Excel for the Workplace **B** Payroll Fundamentals **C** Data Analysis with Excel **D** Project Management Essentials

13. **A** Conversational French I **B** Introduction to Bookkeeping **C** Data Analysis with Excel **D** Excel for the Workplace

14. **A** Payroll Fundamentals **B** Introduction to Bookkeeping **C** Conversational French I **D** Business Writing

15. **A** can also be taken online **B** includes the textbook **C** is offered at half price **D** has no minimum enrolment

16. **A** January 3 **B** January 10 **C** December 1 **D** November 15

17. Daniel and Marisol know each other because they

A sing in the same choir.
B took a course together last spring.
C work for the same company.
D both have children who play hockey.

18. Why can't Daniel take a course on Thursdays?

A He has choir practice that night.
B He works late on Thursdays.
C He has a family commitment.
D He already has a class that night.

19. When Daniel says "let's not leave it until the last minute," he means they should

A arrive early on the first night.
B register well before the deadline.
C finish their assignments on time.
D ask Ruth for permission first.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Calgary Stampede History And Controversy

Paragraph A

Every July, Calgary is transformed by the Calgary Stampede, a ten-day festival that attracts more than a million visitors and calls itself "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth." Its roots, however, lie in a much more modest event. In 1886, a local agricultural society held its first fair, at which farmers and ranchers displayed livestock, grain, and produce. The idea of adding a rodeo came later from Guy Weadick, an American trick roper who had performed in travelling Wild West shows. Weadick worried that the cowboy way of life was disappearing as the open range was fenced and farmed, and he wanted to celebrate it before it was gone.

Paragraph B

Weadick struggled to find investors until 1912, when four wealthy southern Alberta cattlemen, later known as the "Big Four," agreed to put up $100,000 to fund his show. The first Stampede, held that September, attracted cowboys from across North America and drew crowds larger than the population of the young city. Yet, despite its success, the event was not repeated the following year. A second Stampede took place only in 1919, to welcome soldiers home from the First World War, and in 1923 the rodeo was permanently combined with the summer exhibition, creating the annual festival that exists today.

Paragraph C

The year 1923 also saw the introduction of chuckwagon racing, now one of the festival's most popular attractions. In this event, teams of horses pull wagons modelled on the mobile kitchens that once fed cowboys on cattle drives. Other competitions include bull riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, and barrel racing, and the rodeo's prize money now runs into the millions of dollars, attracting top competitors from around the world. Outside the arena, the Stampede has grown into a city-wide celebration: businesses serve free pancake breakfasts, office workers trade suits for jeans and cowboy hats, and a parade through downtown opens the festivities. Indigenous peoples have taken part since 1912, even though federal officials at the time discouraged them from leaving their reserves. Today, families from the Treaty 7 Nations set up tipis at the Elbow River Camp, where visitors can learn about their cultures.

Paragraph D

Despite its popularity, the Stampede has long faced criticism. Animal welfare groups argue that rodeo events cause unnecessary stress and injury, pointing in particular to the chuckwagon races, in which horses have died in crashes in a number of years. Tie-down roping, in which a young calf is lassoed at full speed and thrown to the ground, has drawn especially strong objections. In response, organizers have introduced additional veterinary inspections, reduced the number of horses in each

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> race, and set stricter rules for drivers. Supporters argue that rodeo animals are well cared for and that the Stampede keeps alive skills that were once essential to life in the West.

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 Stampede grew out of an earlier event focused on agriculture. _____

21. The first Stampede was not immediately followed by a yearly event. _____

22. Rising ticket prices have kept some local families away from the festival. _____

23. One of the races uses vehicles based on those that once supplied meals to cowboys. _____

24. Organizers have changed some rules in response to concerns about animals. _____

25. The festival was paid for at first by local ranchers. _____

26. Tie-down roping has been removed from the Stampede's program. _____

27. Government authorities did not originally encourage Indigenous participation. _____

28. Some critics consider one particular roping event especially cruel. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Banning Junk Food Ads For Children

Ottawa is weighing rules that would prohibit advertising foods high in sugar, salt or saturated fat to children under 13, not merely on television but on websites, apps, video games and the social media accounts children frequent. Violations could cost companies up to $50,000 apiece. Quebec has banned most advertising directed at children since 1980, and health advocates who have campaigned for a decade want the rest of the country to follow. Manufacturers have lobbied vigorously against such restrictions, insisting that existing industry guidelines suffice.

Dr. Nadia Fournier, an Ottawa pediatrician, confronts the consequences of poor diets weekly. Nearly one Canadian child in three is overweight or obese. “Young children can’t distinguish entertainment from a sales pitch,” she explains, “and that makes them effortless targets.” She cites research indicating that Quebec families purchase less fast food than comparable families elsewhere.

Greg Haldane of the Canadian Food and Beverage Council dismisses the ban as superfluous. His members already observe a voluntary code restricting children’s advertising, and “whatever commercials promise,” he contends, “parents, not governments, decide what lands in the grocery cart.” He also warns that the definitions are so sweeping they could capture cheese and yogurt, which contain fat or sugar yet are generally considered nutritious.

Marketing professor Martin Ellery doubts the restrictions are workable. A generation ago, restricting Saturday-morning cartoon commercials would have reached most children; today they watch gaming streamers and influencers, many compensated by brands in ways that are seldom obvious. The ban deserves a chance, he concedes, but only if regulators receive substantially more staff and funding than currently planned.

Elena Marchetti’s non-profit youth soccer league in Mississauga depends on a fast-food chain whose logo adorns its jerseys and whose sponsorship keeps registration under $100. “If that counts as advertising,” she admits, “I have no idea how we’d replace it.”

Lorraine Tessier, a Winnipeg mother of three, believes the debate misses the point. “My kids crave chips not because of commercials but because chips are cheap and fresh vegetables aren’t.” A bag of apples costs her almost twice what it did five years ago. Making healthy food affordable, she contends, would accomplish far more.

Public comments will be accepted until March 31.

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29. Who would agree with Tessier about advertising?

A Nadia Fournier
B Greg Haldane
C Martin Ellery
D Elena Marchetti

30. What makes young children vulnerable, for Fournier?

A exposure to paid influencers
B the low cost of snack foods
C their families' grocery budgets
D an inability to see commercial intent

31. What flaw does Haldane find in the rules?

A They ignore how brands pay streamers.
B They leave youth sponsorship unclear.
C They lack funding for enforcement.
D They would catch wholesome foods.

32. Ellery's attitude toward the ban is

A largely dismissive.
B unreservedly enthusiastic.
C indifferent to its outcome.
D guardedly supportive.

33. Which title suits the article best?

A "Food Makers Back Ottawa's Limits on Children's Ads"
B "Sponsors or Fees? Youth Leagues Face a Hard Choice"
C "Ottawa Weighs Limits on Junk Food Ads for Kids"
D "Cartoons or Streamers? The Battle for Kids' Attention"

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.

> As a Grade 2 teacher, I strongly support this ban. Mr. Haldane takes comfort in **(34)** _____, but if those rules were working, Dr. Fournier would not be confronting **(35)** _____ in her clinic. Quebec's experience also shows that limiting ads **(36)** _____. Children deserve that protection everywhere in Canada.
>
> I do sympathize with Ms. Marchetti; nobody wants to see **(37)** _____ for families already stretched thin, and perhaps a public fund could replace corporate sponsors. Professor Ellery is right that online marketing will be harder to police, but that is a reason to **(38)** _____, not to give up.

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> As for Ms. Tessier, cheaper vegetables and protection from clever marketing are hardly mutually exclusive.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** self-regulation **B** parental vigilance **C** Quebec's precedent **D** nutrition labelling

35. **A** families unable to afford vegetables **B** an epidemic of overweight children **C** children hooked on screens **D** a shortage of young patients

36. **A** hurts small neighbourhood businesses **B** alters shopping habits **C** barely registers with children **D** works only on television

37. **A** the cost of playing climb **B** jerseys stripped of logos **C** volunteer coaches put out of work **D** leagues merging

38. **A** ban children from social media **B** confine the rules to television **C** postpone the rules indefinitely **D** equip regulators properly

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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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10 B book a Saturday a week in advance

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Part 2: Night School Courses with a Co-worker

12 C Data Analysis with Excel

13 D Excel for the Workplace

14 D Business Writing

15 A can also be taken online

16 C December 1

17 C work for the same company.

18 C He has a family commitment.

19 B register well before the deadline.

Part 3: Calgary Stampede History And Controversy

20 A

21 B

22 E

23 C

24 D

25 B

26 E

27 C

28 D

Part 4: Banning Junk Food Ads For Children

29 B Greg Haldane

30 D an inability to see commercial intent

31 D They would catch wholesome foods.

32 D guardedly supportive.

33 C “Ottawa Weighs Limits on Junk Food Ads for Kids”

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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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