CELPIP Reading Practice Test 73

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

Seniors' Badminton Club Gym Request

Dear Mr. Okafor,

My name is Helen Bérubé, and I coordinate the Shuttle Seniors, a badminton group of twenty-two retired residents who have played together in Saskatoon for the past six years. I am writing to ask whether we might rent the gymnasium at Riverside Elementary School two evenings a week from January to the end of June.

Since our group began, we have played at the Westview Community Centre. Unfortunately, the centre will be closed from January until August while its roof is replaced, and the city has not been able to offer us another space. I contacted the school board last week and was told that community groups may use school gyms after hours as long as the principal agrees and the group carries its own liability insurance. I am happy to say that we are already insured through our membership in the provincial badminton association, and I can send you a copy of the certificate.

We would like the gym on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. We would bring our own nets, posts and shuttlecocks, and we would store nothing at the school. All of our players wear indoor shoes that will not mark your floor, and we would pay the board's standard rental fee of $25 an hour.

I understand that your caretaker's shift normally ends at 6:00 p.m. If the school prefers that a staff member remain in the building while we are there, we would gladly cover the cost of his extra hours. Alternatively, our treasurer, Walter Kim, is a retired building inspector and would be willing to take responsibility for locking up, if the board allows it.

We would also like to give something back to the school. Several of our members coached badminton for many years, and they would be delighted to run a free introductory session for your Grade 5 and 6 students one Friday afternoon a month.

If we cannot find a gym, the only other space we have found is a church hall whose ceiling is too low for anything but the gentlest game. I would be grateful if you could let me know by December 1, so that I can inform our members before the holidays.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Helen Bérubé

Coordinator, Shuttle Seniors

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

A to complain that the community centre is closing
B to ask permission to use the school's gym
C to invite students to join a badminton club
D to apply for a coaching job at the school

2. Why does the group need a new place to play?

A Their membership has grown too large for the centre.
B The centre has raised its rental fee.
C The city wants the centre for other programs.
D Their usual building will be under repair.

3. According to the school board, community groups may use school gyms if they

A are insured and approved by the principal.
B pay the full rental fee several months in advance.
C offer free programs to the students.
D leave before the caretaker goes home.

4. What does Helen suggest about Walter Kim?

A He would coach the students once a month.
B He will pay the caretaker's extra hours himself.
C He found the church hall as a backup.
D He could be trusted to secure the building.

5. Why does Helen mention the church hall?

A It is cheaper than the school gym.
B It is where the group used to play.
C It is a poor alternative if the school says no.
D It is much closer to where most of the members live.

6. Helen wants a reply by December 1 because she

A wants to tell the members before the holidays begin.
B must pay the school board's fee before that date.
C plans to begin playing in early December.
D has to confirm the church hall by then.

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. Bérubé,
>
> Thank you for your letter. I was sorry to hear that the Westview Community Centre will be **(7)** _____ for much of next year, and I would be happy to help your group.

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Tuesday evenings are no problem. Unfortunately, on Thursdays the gym is already booked by a parents' volleyball league, so for now we can only offer you **(8)** _____.

Before your first game, please send me **(9)** _____ so that I can forward it to the board. The board does not allow volunteers to lock school buildings, so our caretaker will stay late, and his extra hours will be **(10)** _____, as you suggested.

Finally, our Grade 5 and 6 teachers were thrilled to hear about your offer of **(11)** _____. Could your coaches come on the first Friday in February?

Sincerely,

Samuel Okafor

Principal, Riverside Elementary School

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** closed for renovations **B** too small for your group **C** sold to the school board **D** too expensive to rent

8. **A** both of the evenings you asked for **B** a single evening each week **C** Thursday evenings instead **D** Saturday mornings

9. **A** a list of your members' home addresses **B** a signed note from your treasurer **C** a copy of your insurance certificate **D** a letter from the city council

10. **A** covered by the school board **B** split with the volleyball league **C** taken from the school budget **D** billed to the Shuttle Seniors

11. **A** weekly coaching for the school team **B** a free monthly session for students **C** new nets and shuttlecocks for the gym **D** a badminton tournament for parents

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Spring Bike Tune-Ups for Two



Ridgeway Cycle Works

Spring Service Menu – Get Your Bike Road-Ready!

Ottawa, Ontario | Repairs on all makes of bicycles and e-bikes

Service Packages

What's included	Safety Check $39	Standard Tune-Up $89	Full Overhaul $199
Brake, gear and tire safety inspection	✓	✓	✓
Brake and gear adjustment	—	✓	✓
Wheel truing (straightening wobbly wheels)	—	✓	✓
Chain cleaning and lubrication	—	✓	✓
Deep clean of chain, gears and pedals	—	—	✓
New brake and gear cables (parts included)	—	—	✓
Free re-adjustment within 30 days	—	✓	✓
Free pickup and drop-off	—	—	✓
Usual turnaround time	**Same day**	**3 days**	**7 days**

Add-Ons

E-bike motor and battery check	Available with a Standard Tune-Up or Full Overhaul only	$35
Flat tire repair	Per wheel, new inner tube included	$20
Pickup and drop-off	Round trip, within city limits (FREE with Full Overhaul)	$30
Winter storage	November to March, indoor and insured	$20/month

Good to know

- Open Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Closed Mondays.**
- **Students** with valid ID save **15%** on service packages (not add-ons), Tuesday to Thursday only.
- **April 1 – May 31 is our busy season:** turnaround times may be up to twice as long. Book early!
- Children's bikes (wheels smaller than 24″): all packages half price.

Book online or call 613-555-0148 • Ask about our winter storage pickup

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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: Getting our bikes ready for the river trail
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> To: Amira Haddad
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> From: Karim Haddad
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> Hi Amira,
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> I dropped by Ridgeway Cycle Works yesterday and picked up their spring service menu. My road bike needs only a little work: the brakes rub and the back wheel is a bit wobbly, but I put in new cables last fall. So I think **(12)** _____ will do the job for me.
>
> Your bike is another story. It has been sitting in Mom's shed for three years, and to be honest, it has seen better days. The cables are rusty and the chain is black with old grease, so it really needs

> **(13)** _____. The good news is that this package **(14)** _____, so you won't have to squeeze it into your little car.
>
> Since you're still a student, you'll save 15% on your package if we book it for a **(15)** _____. I'm off work that day anyway, so I can meet them at the shed.
>
> Our ride along the river trail is on May 24, and because it's their busy season, your bike could take up to **(16)** _____ to be ready. I'll call them tomorrow to book, unless you have any objections.
>
> Karim

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** the Safety Check **B** the Standard Tune-Up **C** the Full Overhaul **D** the e-bike battery check

13. **A** the Safety Check **B** the Standard Tune-Up **C** the Full Overhaul **D** a flat tire repair

14. **A** is usually finished on the very same day **B** comes with a free e-bike check **C** costs half price for students **D** includes free pickup and drop-off

15. **A** Wednesday **B** Friday **C** Monday **D** Saturday

16. **A** three days **B** a week **C** two weeks **D** a month

17. Karim and Amira are most likely

A friends from their old school.
B next-door neighbours.
C members of a cycling club.
D members of the same family.

18. What is the main purpose of Karim's email?

A to ask Amira to lend him her bicycle
B to complain about a bike shop's prices
C to plan bike repairs before their ride together
D to invite Amira to join a cycling club with him

19. When Karim says Amira's bike "has seen better days," he means it

A used to belong to someone else.
B is in rather poor condition now.
C was once very expensive to buy.
D is rarely ridden in good weather.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Bay of Fundy Tides And Their Effects

Paragraph A

Between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia lies the Bay of Fundy, home to the highest tides in the world. In the Minas Basin, near the eastern end of the bay, the difference between low and high tide can reach 16 metres, roughly the height of a five-storey building. Twice a day, more than 100 billion tonnes of seawater flow into the bay and back out again. Scientists explain these extraordinary tides partly by the bay's unusual shape: because it becomes narrower and shallower toward its end, the incoming water is forced upward. Just as important is timing. Water in the bay naturally sloshes from one end to the other and back in about thirteen hours, very close to the twelve-and-a-half-hour rhythm of the tides. Like a child on a swing who is pushed at exactly the right moment, the water rises a little higher with each push.

Paragraph B

The tides have made the region a popular destination for visitors. At the head of the bay, wind and water have carved tall rock formations, often called "flowerpots" because trees and shrubs grow on their narrow tops. At low tide, visitors can climb down staircases and walk on the ocean floor between them; a few hours later, the same spot can be explored only by kayak. Staff remind walkers to keep track of the time, since the rising water can cut off the way back. On several rivers that flow into the bay, the incoming tide arrives as a single wave called a tidal bore, which pushes upstream against the river's current. On one of these rivers, tour companies take passengers out in motorized rafts to ride the rapids that the bore creates.

Paragraph C

The tides also support a remarkable variety of wildlife. When the water retreats, it exposes vast mudflats filled with tiny shrimp-like creatures. Each summer, hundreds of thousands of small shorebirds called semipalmated sandpipers stop in the bay on their way south from the Arctic. In about two weeks of feeding, many of them nearly double their body weight, building up the energy they need for a non-stop flight of roughly 4,000 kilometres to South America. Farther out, the constant mixing of the water by the tides brings nutrients up to the surface, attracting fish, seabirds and several species of whales.

Paragraph D

For more than a century, people have dreamed of turning the bay's tides into electricity. A small tidal power station built in the 1980s on a river near the bay produced power for over thirty years before it was eventually shut down. More recent projects have tried a different approach, placing turbines directly on the seabed, where they spin in the current much like underwater windmills. The results have been mixed. The currents are so powerful that some test turbines were badly damaged soon

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> after they were installed. Fishermen have also raised concerns that the turbines could injure fish and disturb the habitats they depend on. Supporters argue that, unlike wind and sunshine, tides are completely predictable, which makes them a reliable source of clean energy if the engineering problems can be solved.

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. Tidal energy has an advantage over some other renewable sources. _____

21. In some places, visitors can explore on foot an area that will later be under water. _____

22. The time it takes water to move back and forth in the bay helps make the tides higher. _____

23. Walks on the ocean floor must be booked in advance. _____

24. Certain birds put on a great deal of weight in the bay before a long journey. _____

25. An earlier attempt to produce electricity from the tides eventually stopped running. _____

26. Some boat tours rely on a wave that travels up rivers in the opposite direction to their flow. _____

27. Fishing in the bay has been limited to protect the shorebirds' food supply. _____

28. The movement of the water makes the bay a good feeding area for larger animals. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Speed Cameras On Residential Streets

> Larchmont's councillors must soon decide whether to install permanent speed cameras on residential streets. The plan envisages 40 automated cameras near schools, parks and seniors' residences, where the limit was lowered to 40 km/h a couple of years back. As with parking violations, fines would be mailed to the vehicle's registered owner, and no demerit points would be assessed.
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> It follows a twelve-month pilot in which six cameras rotated between locations. According to a municipal report, the proportion of drivers speeding in test zones plummeted from roughly half to fewer than one in five. The cameras also generated $2.1 million in fines, comfortably exceeding their operating costs.
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> "Every camera would sit where children or elderly residents cross," says Councillor Priya Dhaliwal, the motion's sponsor. A pedestrian struck at 50 km/h is far likelier to die than one struck at 30. "If a camera persuades someone to ease off the accelerator, that could be a life saved."
>
> Staff Sergeant Leo Marchand of the Larchmont Police Service concurs. "We get far more speeding complaints than we could ever investigate. A camera doesn't sleep, and it liberates my officers for other calls."
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> Ray Kowalchuk, whose courier company runs nine vans, is decidedly less charitable, branding the cameras "a cash grab dressed up as safety." Because tickets go to the owner, his business would bear the cost of its drivers' lapses with no means of proving who was behind the wheel. That two-million-dollar haul, he insinuates, explains its appetite for forty more.
>
> Dr. Hannah Lisowski, a road-safety researcher at a local university, considers the evidence for cameras strong, but only up to a point. "Drivers decelerate where they know a camera's watching and accelerate a few blocks later." Once cameras disappear, speeds typically rebound. Narrower lanes, raised crosswalks and speed bumps, by contrast, alter behaviour permanently by making speeding uncomfortable, not merely expensive.
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> Tamara Rees, whose children walk to Maple Hill Public School along a street lacking a sidewalk on one side, supports the cameras but wants assurances. Every dollar collected, in her view, should fund crossing guards, sidewalks and safer crossings instead of vanishing into the general budget.
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> A meeting for residents is scheduled for April 9.

29. Lisowski and Rees would both agree that

A fines should fund crossing guards.
B safer street design is worthwhile.
C cameras lose their effect once removed.
D drivers, not owners, should be ticketed.

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30. Kowalchuk objects to the ticketing rule because

A his business answers for drivers.
B drivers would lose demerit points.
C tickets would arrive too late to contest.
D fines would exceed camera costs.

31. Marchand's support for cameras stems mainly from

A the pilot's drop in speeding.
B the danger to pedestrians.
C the $2.1 million in fines.
D redeploying officers.

32. Why does Kowalchuk mention the pilot's fines?

A to hint fines outweigh safety
B to prove the pilot reduced speeding
C to argue fines are too low
D to demand new sidewalks

33. What would be the most appropriate title?

A "Speed Bumps: Lasting Fix or Costly Nuisance?"
B "Larchmont's Speed Cameras Fail to Slow Its Drivers"
C "Speed Cameras: Safety Tool or Money Maker?"
D "Police Officers: Street Patrol or Desk Duty?"

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 drove a Larchmont school bus for twenty-two years, and speeding on side streets has never been worse. Mr. Kowalchuk regards the cameras as **(34)** _____; I regard them as a tax on impatience. As for his complaint that he could never say who was at the wheel, any firm with nine vans can surely **(35)** _____.
>
> Cameras alone, though, are no cure. As Dr. Lisowski warns, drivers tend to **(36)** _____ once a camera is behind them, and on my old route only **(37)** _____ ever slowed people for good.
>
> So yes to the cameras, on one condition: like Ms. Rees, I want the proceeds **(38)** _____, so that the cameras pay for improvements that will still be working long after they are gone.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** an invasion of privacy **B** a gift to the police **C** a threat to licences **D** a cash cow for City Hall

35. **A** log who's behind the wheel **B** teach staff to slow down **C** contest every ticket in court **D** reroute around school zones

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36. **A** seek out other routes **B** brake hard at the camera **C** return to usual speeds **D** dispute their fines

37. **A** a larger sign showing the limit **B** something physical in the road **C** a parked police cruiser **D** a warning letter

38. **A** refunded to ticketed drivers **B** spent on more officers **C** earmarked for safer walking routes **D** folded into general revenue

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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: Seniors' Badminton Club Gym Request

1 B to ask permission to use the school's gym

2 D Their usual building will be under repair.

3 A are insured and approved by the principal.

4 D He could be trusted to secure the building.

5 C It is a poor alternative if the school says no.

6 A wants to tell the members before the holidays begin.

7 A closed for renovations

8 B a single evening each week

9 C a copy of your insurance certificate

10 D billed to the Shuttle Seniors

11 B a free monthly session for students

Part 2: Spring Bike Tune-Ups for Two

12 B the Standard Tune-Up

13 C the Full Overhaul

14 D includes free pickup and drop-off

15 A Wednesday

16 C two weeks

17 D members of the same family.

18 C to plan bike repairs before their ride together

19 B is in rather poor condition now.

Part 3: Bay of Fundy Tides And Their Effects

20 D

21 B

22 A

23 E

24 C

25 D

26 B

27 E

28 C

Part 4: Speed Cameras On Residential Streets

29 B safer street design is worthwhile.

30 A his business answers for drivers.

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33 C "Speed Cameras: Safety Tool or Money Maker?"

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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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