CELPIP Reading Practice Test 75

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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

Stepping Down as a Youth Soccer Coach

Dear Ms. Desjardins,

I hope the spring registration rush has calmed down a little at the office. I'm writing with news I've been putting off for a few weeks: I won't be able to continue as head coach of the Under-10 Hornets after this season ends in June.

As you may know, I've accepted a position as an operator at the county water treatment plant. It's a job I've wanted for years, but it comes with rotating twelve-hour shifts, and roughly half of my weekday evenings will now be spent at the plant. Since the Hornets practise on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, I simply can't promise to be there, and the kids deserve a coach who shows up every week.

Stepping away is harder than I expected. I've coached this age group for six seasons, long after my own son moved up to the older division, and a few of my former players now help out as referees. Still, I think the timing is right, because the team will be in good hands. My assistant, Farah Qureshi, has been at nearly every practice for two years, and the players adore her. She is interested in taking over, but she's nervous because she has never been in charge on game day. I've told her I'd be glad to stand on the sidelines with her for the first few Saturdays in the fall, whenever my shifts allow it. She also asked me whether the association would cover the $85 fee for the coaching certification course. I wasn't sure, so I said I'd check with you.

There are also a few practical matters. I still have the team's equipment bag in my garage: twelve balls, two sets of pinnies, the cones, and the first-aid kit. I'll drop everything off at the clubhouse after our final game, but you should know that the kit is nearly out of ice packs and bandages after a season of scraped knees. Also, if at all possible, I'd ask that the Hornets keep their practice slot at Lindgren Park. Most of the families walk there from the surrounding streets, and a field across town would make things difficult for them.

Finally, please don't worry about the end-of-season barbecue on June 14. My wife and I will still host it in our backyard, as we have every year.

Thank you for all your support over the years. It has been a privilege to work with the association.

Warm regards,

Gord Halvorsen

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

A to complain about the team's practice schedule
B to explain that he will stop coaching the team
C to recommend one of his players as a referee
D to apply for a paid job with the association

2. Why can't Gord continue as head coach?

A He would rather coach his son in the older division.
B The association has moved practices to weekday mornings.
C He feels he has coached the same age group long enough.
D His new work schedule will clash with many practices.

3. What can we conclude about Gord's son?

A He is no longer on the Under-10 Hornets.
B He now referees in the same league.
C He will play on Farah's team in the fall.
D He has stopped playing soccer altogether.

4. Farah is worried about taking over because she

A has missed a large number of practices.
B does not know the players very well yet.
C has never run the team in a real match.
D cannot afford the certification course.

5. Why does Gord want the Hornets to keep their field?

A It is close to where most of the families live.
B It is next to the clubhouse where the gear is kept.
C It is near the plant where he will work.
D It has the best playing surface in the whole town.

6. Gord mentions the first-aid kit because

A it went missing at some point this season.
B it is running low on its basic supplies.
C he would like to keep it in his garage.
D Farah has asked him to buy a new one.

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 Gord,
>
> Thank you for letting me know, and congratulations on the new position! I completely understand that **(7)** _____ makes weekday evenings impossible to plan around. You will be missed, but I'm

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relieved to hear that the Hornets won't be left without a coach.

I'm happy to say that the association does **(8)** _____, so please let Farah know she can go ahead and register. Your offer to **(9)** _____ is very generous and will surely help her feel more confident.

As for the field, I'll do my best to keep the Hornets at Lindgren Park, since I know how many families **(10)** _____. When you bring the equipment back, just leave it with the clubhouse staff, and I'll make sure the first-aid kit is **(11)** _____ before the fall season.

Enjoy the barbecue, and thank you again for six wonderful seasons.

Best wishes,

Hélène Desjardins

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** your son's move to the older division **B** the long daily drive to and from your new workplace **C** a timetable that changes from week to week **D** hosting the team's year-end barbecue

8. **A** supply new equipment bags to every team **B** pay referees for their weekend games **C** offer free registration to coaches' children **D** pay for its coaches to become certified

9. **A** help her out during her first few games **B** run the Tuesday and Thursday practices **C** teach the certification course yourself **D** keep all the team's equipment at your house

10. **A** drive in from neighbouring towns **B** make their way there on foot **C** volunteer at the clubhouse **D** would prefer a newer field

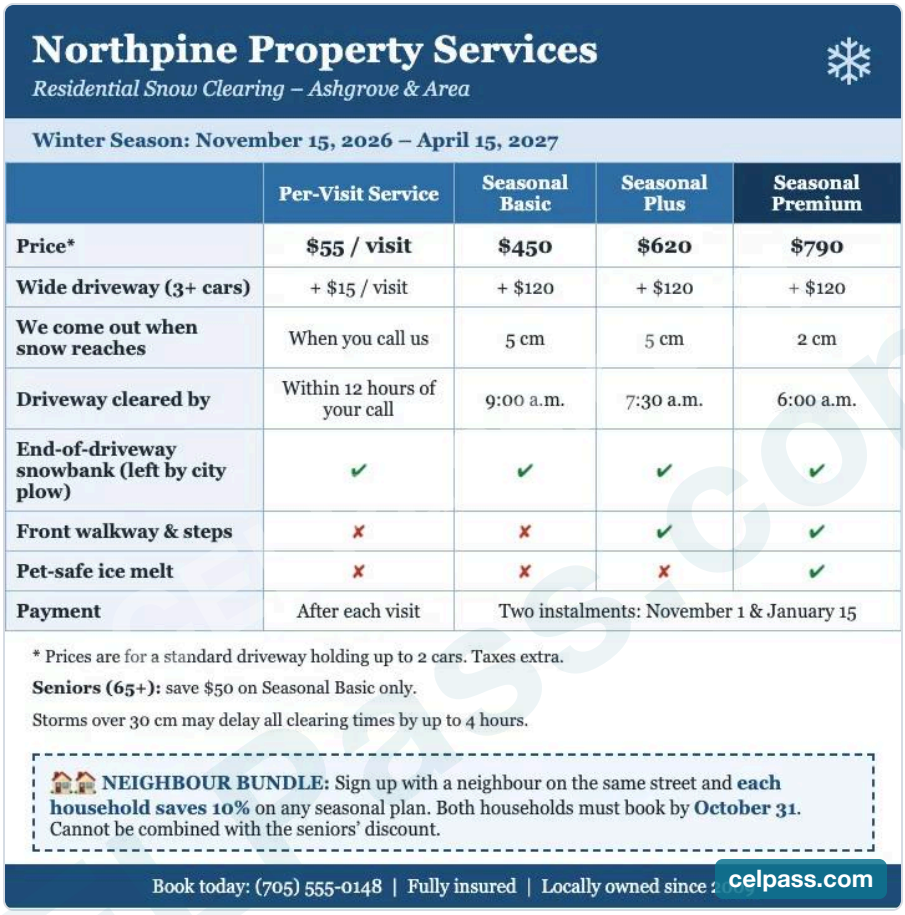
11. **A** sent back to your garage **B** handed over to the referees to use **C** refilled with fresh supplies **D** left at Lindgren Park

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Sharing a Snow Clearing Plan with a Neighbour



Northpine Property Services

Residential Snow Clearing – Ashgrove & Area

Winter Season: November 15, 2026 – April 15, 2027

	Per-Visit Service	Seasonal Basic	Seasonal Plus	Seasonal Premium
Price*	**$55 / visit**	**$450**	**$620**	**$790**
Wide driveway (3+ cars)	+ $15 / visit	+ $120	+ $120	+ $120
We come out when snow reaches	When you call us	5 cm	5 cm	2 cm
Driveway cleared by	Within 12 hours of your call	9:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	6:00 a.m.
End-of-driveway snowbank (left by city plow)	✔	✔	✔	✔
Front walkway & steps	✘	✘	✔	✔
Pet-safe ice melt	✘	✘	✘	✔
Payment	After each visit	Two instalments: November 1 & January 15		

* Prices are for a standard driveway holding up to 2 cars. Taxes extra.

Seniors (65+): save $50 on Seasonal Basic only.

Storms over 30 cm may delay all clearing times by up to 4 hours.

NEIGHBOUR BUNDLE: Sign up with a neighbour on the same street and **each household saves 10%** on any seasonal plan. Both households must book by **October 31**. Cannot be combined with the seniors' discount.

Book today: (705) 555-0148 | Fully insured | Locally owned since 2

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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: Snow clearing this winter
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> To: Dev Patel
>
> From: Marta Kowalski
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> Hi Dev,
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> I found a flyer from Northpine in my mailbox yesterday and thought of you right away. Last winter I just phoned them whenever it snowed, and paying **(12)** _____ really nickel-and-dimed me. By March, I'd spent far more than any of their seasonal plans would have cost.
>
> This year I'm signing up for the whole season. My shift at the hospital starts at 6:30, so I'm out the door by 6:15, which means the only plan that works for me is **(13)** _____.

I know you don't have to be anywhere early these days, but you mentioned that Rita finds the front steps tricky once the ice comes. You might like Seasonal Plus, since it **(14)** _____. Unfortunately, the seniors' discount wouldn't apply to that one.

Here's the best part: since our houses are only three doors apart, if we sign up together we would **(15)** _____. We'd have to book before **(16)** _____, though, so let me know soon if you're interested. I can drop the flyer off this weekend if you'd like to take a look.

Cheers,

Marta

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** $450 for the whole season **B** $790 at the start of winter **C** $120 extra for a wide driveway **D** $55 for every single visit

13. **A** Seasonal Basic **B** Seasonal Plus **C** Seasonal Premium **D** Per-Visit Service

14. **A** takes care of your front walk and steps **B** uses an ice melt that is safe for pets **C** is the plan with a discount for seniors **D** comes out after just two centimetres

15. **A** both get $50 taken off **B** each save ten percent **C** receive free ice melt **D** share a single price

16. **A** November 15 **B** the first snowfall **C** April 15 **D** the end of October

17. Marta and Dev know each other because

A they work at the same hospital.
B Dev used to clear Marta's driveway.
C they live on the same street.
D they met through Northpine.

18. Why is Marta writing to Dev?

A to suggest that they book snow clearing together
B to ask him to recommend a reliable company
C to complain about the quality of Northpine's work
D to offer to clear Rita's front steps herself

19. When Marta says paying per visit "nickel-and-dimed" her, she means that

A she had to pay in coins on every visit.
B many small charges added up to a lot.
C the company overcharged her once.
D the service was cheap but poor.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

The Polar Bears of Churchill, Manitoba

Paragraph A

Each autumn, the small town of Churchill, home to fewer than a thousand people, on the western shore of Hudson Bay in northern Manitoba, receives visitors who outnumber its residents. Some arrive from across the world; others simply wander in from the tundra. Churchill lies along a stretch of coast where polar bears gather while they wait for the bay to freeze, and this has earned the town the nickname “Polar Bear Capital of the World.” Because no highway reaches Churchill, travellers must arrive by train or by plane, which adds both cost and a sense of adventure to the trip.

Paragraph B

The bears’ movements are governed by sea ice. Polar bears feed mainly on seals, and they need a frozen platform from which to hunt them. When the ice on Hudson Bay melts in early summer, the bears are forced ashore, where they live largely off the fat they built up over the winter, eating very little for months. By October, many have gathered along the coast near Churchill, where the ice tends to form early, waiting for freeze-up. Researchers have found that the ice-free season on the bay has grown longer over recent decades, which means the bears must go longer without a proper meal.

Paragraph C

Sharing a town with such powerful animals requires careful planning. Provincial wildlife officers run the Polar Bear Alert Program, and residents can call its line at any hour to report a bear in town. Officers first try to scare bears away with loud noises; bears that keep coming back may be captured and kept in a holding facility, nicknamed the “polar bear jail,” before being released far from town, sometimes by helicopter. Signs around town remind visitors never to walk alone after dark or along the shoreline. Many residents leave their car doors unlocked during bear season so that anyone surprised on the street has somewhere to take shelter. On Halloween, officers and volunteers patrol the streets so that children can go trick-or-treating safely.

Paragraph D

The bears have also shaped Churchill’s economy. Every October and November, thousands of tourists climb aboard large tundra vehicles, built high off the ground on oversized tires, to watch the bears from a safe distance. Wildlife photographers and film crews are regular visitors, and local guides, hotels, and restaurants depend heavily on this short season. Most tourists stay only a few days, but a guided bear-watching trip can cost thousands of dollars per person, so even a short season brings in a great deal of money. Some residents worry that the town relies too much on a single attraction. If shrinking sea ice eventually means fewer bears, Churchill may have to lean more on its other draws, such as beluga whale watching in summer and the northern lights in winter.

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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. Getting to Churchill is less straightforward than reaching most Canadian towns. _____

21. Bears that repeatedly enter the town may be moved to a more remote area. _____

22. During the summer months, the bears depend mostly on their own stored energy. _____

23. Many local businesses earn much of their income during a few autumn months. _____

24. Not all of the town's autumn visitors are human. _____

25. The number of polar bears near Churchill has already dropped sharply. _____

26. Residents can report a bear sighting at any time of the day or night. _____

27. The period that the bears must go without proper food has been growing. _____

28. Some locals fear that the town depends too heavily on one kind of tourism. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Hospital Parking Fees Debate

When Larkfield General Hospital raised its parking rates this spring, few anticipated that the increase would preoccupy city hall for months. Visitors now pay $4 per half hour, to a daily maximum of $26, while employees pay $140 for a monthly pass.

Colin Marchetti, the hospital's vice-president of finance, defends the increase as regrettable but unavoidable. Parking generates roughly $3 million annually, revenue earmarked for equipment and patient programs that provincial funding leaves uncovered. "If that income vanished, something inside the building would have to give," he reasons. "Better to inconvenience motorists than lengthen the wait for a diagnostic scan." Pressed on whether a flat rate is equitable for people who return day after day, he acknowledges that the structure is "a blunt instrument."

Patient advocate Deborah Ogunleye brands the fees "a levy on misfortune." The heaviest burden, she contends, lands on those with the least choice: parents of newborns in the neonatal unit, or relatives accompanying a cancer patient through weeks of treatment. Yet she refrains from vilifying administrators, reserving her criticism for a funding model that bills families at their most vulnerable. Her remedy is for the province to cover the shortfall so that the charge disappears entirely.

Councillor Raj Bhandari campaigned on free hospital parking four years ago. A neighbouring municipality cured him of that ambition: within weeks of its hospital scrapping fees, the lot was clogged with downtown office workers, and patients were left circling for spaces. He now advocates a tiered arrangement offering frequent visitors a discounted weekly pass. "The genuine injustice is charging someone who comes daily the same rate as someone who comes annually."

Nurse Tamsin Leclair, who represents the hospital's staff, resents a debate framed almost exclusively around visitors. "Many of our nurses work overnight, when the buses have stopped, and that pass consumes a conspicuous share of their take-home pay." The expense, as she sees it, is landing on precisely the wrong shoulders, although free parking for everyone strikes her as unworkable. She proposes a staff rate scaled to income.

A review is promised for the fall. Marchetti has signalled openness to relief for long-term visitors, provided any discount is offset elsewhere.

29. On what would Leclair and Ogunleye concur?

A The province should replace the parking revenue.

B The fees hit the wrong people.

C A flat rate is too blunt.

D Free parking for everyone is unworkable.

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30. Which saying best sums up Bhandari's reversal?

A "Too many cooks spoil the broth."
B "Don't bite the hand that feeds you."
C "You can't please everyone."
D "Learn from the mistakes of others."

31. Marchetti's attitude to the rates is

A grudgingly supportive.
B wholeheartedly approving.
C moderately critical.
D largely indifferent.

32. If Bhandari's weekly pass were adopted, Marchetti would insist on

A provincial approval first
B the same discount for nurses
C recouping the income elsewhere
D limiting it to neonatal families

33. Which headline best suits the article?

A "Hospital Parking: Free Is the Only Fair Answer"
B "Hospital Parking: A Fee Most Now Accept"
C "Longer Scan Waits or Higher Fees?"
D "Hospital Parking: Who Should Foot the Bill?"

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 spent three weeks beside my daughter's incubator last year, I found this article painfully familiar. Ms. Ogunleye is right that the families who **(34)** _____ end up paying the most; my own bill passed $400. Even so, I now side with Councillor Bhandari. If a free lot nearby became **(35)** _____, free parking merely trades one problem for another. What galled me was never paying as such but **(36)** _____; the councillor, at least, has grasped that. Mr. Marchetti's admission that the system is **(37)** _____ gives me hope for the fall review. And with no buses at three in the morning, nurses deserve what Ms. Leclair seeks: a pass whose price **(38)** _____.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** can least afford a pass **B** come only once a year **C** must return daily **D** work through the night

35. **A** a perk for other workers **B** a shelter for overnight nurses **C** a lifeline for anxious parents **D** a drain on the hospital's budget

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36. **A** doing the government's job **B** circling the lot for a space **C** having no say over the money **D** paying like a casual visitor

37. **A** a tax on bad luck **B** a rough-and-ready tool **C** unkind to the night shift **D** short of what programs need

38. **A** rises and falls with the paycheque **B** matches what visitors pay **C** falls to the government **D** vanishes after dark

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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 _____
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25 _____	26 _____	27 _____	28 _____
29 _____	30 _____	31 _____	32 _____
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37 _____	38 _____		

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Answer key

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20 A

21 C

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28 D

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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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