CELPIP Reading Practice Test 81

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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

Request to Sublet During a Northern Work Contract

Dear Mr. Pelletier,

I hope you are well. I have rented unit 304 at 82 Carlisle Avenue for almost four years now, and I have always appreciated how quickly you respond whenever something needs attention. I am writing to ask your permission for something that is a little unusual for me.

My employer, a civil engineering firm, has asked me to join a bridge inspection project in Whitehorse from early February until the end of June. It is a wonderful opportunity, and after some hesitation, I have accepted. The difficulty is that I have no intention of giving up my apartment. My lease runs until next August, and I very much want to come back to it, but paying rent here while also covering accommodation up north would stretch my budget further than I am comfortable with.

I would therefore like to sublet the unit for those five months. I have read my lease carefully, and section 12 states that a tenant may sublet only with the landlord's written consent, which is why I am raising this so far in advance. I have someone in mind: Tamsin Greaves, a nursing student who will be completing a clinical placement at the General Hospital over the same period. I have known her family for years, she does not smoke, and her current landlord has given her an excellent reference, which I would be happy to forward. She would pay the rent to me, and I would continue sending my usual cheque to your office on the first of each month, so nothing would change on your end.

I understand you may have concerns about someone new living in the building. To put your mind at ease, I would remain fully responsible for any damage, and I am willing to increase my damage deposit for the period if you feel that would be appropriate. I have also asked my brother, who lives ten minutes away, to check on the unit once a month and to be the person you call if anything urgent comes up.

One more detail: I will be leaving most of my furniture behind, but I plan to keep my bicycle and a few boxes in my storage locker in the basement, which Tamsin would not use.

Could you let me know by the end of December whether this arrangement is acceptable? If you would prefer to meet Tamsin in person first, she is free most afternoons.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Owen Kirkland

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

A to give notice that he is ending his lease early
B to ask for approval to let someone else live in his unit
C to recommend a new tenant for an empty apartment
D to request a lower rent for the months he works out of town

2. Why doesn't Owen want to leave the apartment empty while he is away?

A He hopes to earn extra money from a subtenant.
B He is worried about break-ins in the building while he is gone.
C Paying for two places would strain his finances.
D His employer refuses to pay for his housing.

3. Owen is contacting his landlord months ahead because

A his lease says he needs written permission to sublet.
B Tamsin must confirm her address for the hospital.
C his brother will be busy after February.
D the landlord asked all tenants to report long absences early.

4. What do we learn about Tamsin?

A She is already employed as a nurse at the General Hospital.
B She studied nursing together with Owen's brother.
C She intends to keep some belongings in the basement.
D Her present landlord has spoken highly of her as a tenant.

5. To reassure Mr. Pelletier, Owen offers to

A pay a bigger deposit if he is asked to.
B pay all five months of rent in advance.
C have Tamsin sign her own lease with him.
D come back once a month to inspect the unit.

6. It can be inferred that Owen

A has had disagreements with Mr. Pelletier before.
B will take most of his furniture to Whitehorse.
C plans to move back in once his project is over.
D has already received his landlord's permission.

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 Owen,
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> Thank you for your thoughtful letter, and congratulations on the Whitehorse project. I appreciate that you took the time to **(7)** _____ instead of simply making the arrangement on your own; not every

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tenant does.

In principle, I have no objection. You have been a reliable tenant for **(8)** _____, and I trust your judgment. Before I put my consent in writing, however, I would like to **(9)** _____, so please ask her to call my office to set up a time one afternoon next week.

Given your history here, I don't think a larger **(10)** _____ will be necessary. I would, though, like your brother's phone number, since he will be **(11)** _____ while you are away.

Best regards,

Gareth Pelletier

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** check what your rental agreement requires **B** find someone to replace you at work **C** book a place to stay during your time in the North **D** talk it over with your neighbours

8. **A** nearly five years **B** more than ten years **C** about two years **D** roughly four years

9. **A** see the storage area she will use **B** meet the person you have proposed **C** speak with her clinical supervisor **D** inspect your unit before you leave

10. **A** monthly rent payment **B** notice period **C** security deposit **D** cleaning fee

11. **A** sharing the apartment with Tamsin **B** the contact for any emergencies **C** sending the rent on your behalf **D** moving your boxes to the basement

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Choosing a Physiotherapy Clinic for a Knee Injury



✚ Getting Back on Your Feet

Physiotherapy clinics in the Elmwood & Copperfield neighbourhoods

R Riverbend Physiotherapy & Sport Clinic

214 Laurier Street · 2-minute walk from Elmwood Transit Station

Hours

- Mon–Fri: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

Services

- Sports injury rehab
- Post-surgery rehab
- Concussion care
- Shockwave therapy

Fees

Initial assessment (60 min)	$120
Follow-up treatment (30 min)	$85

✔ Direct billing to most insurance plans
✘ No parking lot – paid street parking only
✔ No doctor's referral needed
* New patients seen within 48 hours

M Maple Grove Physio & Wellness

Copperfield Plaza, 9 Copperfield Road · Bus 22 stops at the plaza

Hours

- Mon–Thu: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Weekends: Closed

Services

- Post-surgery rehab
- Aquatic therapy in our heated pool
- Registered massage therapy
- Pelvic health

Fees

Initial assessment (45 min)	$105
Follow-up treatment (45 min)	$90
Knee-strengthening group class (Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.)	$20

✘ No direct billing – submit receipts to your insurer
✔ Free on-site parking
* Seniors (65+) save 10% on all treatments

Most extended health plans cover physiotherapy. Check your plan's yearly limit bef

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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: Physio options for your knee
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> To: Daniel Okafor
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> From: Priya Nandakumar
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> Hi Daniel,
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> The whole team felt terrible watching you limp off the court on Thursday. Our captain says you'll be on the bench for the rest of the season, so I did a bit of digging and found two clinics near you.
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> Since you hurt yourself in a game and your doctor says the ligament isn't torn, what you need is **(12)** _____ rather than post-surgery care, and only Riverbend lists that. Riverbend also seems more practical because you work until five and don't have a car; it's **(13)** _____. Their first visit is

a full hour and costs **(14)** _____, which isn't cheap, but your workplace plan covers most of it, and they'll **(15)** _____, so you won't be waiting weeks for a reimbursement.

The one thing at Maple Grove that tempted me was the **(16)** _____. You always say swimming is the only exercise you like more than volleyball! Still, they close at six at the latest, which would mean leaving work early every time.

Let me know what you decide. And don't worry, we'll keep your spot on the roster for next fall.

Cheers,

Priya

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** care after a concussion **B** shockwave therapy **C** aquatic therapy **D** sports injury rehab

13. **A** open on Sundays and only steps from a bus stop **B** open early and offers a seniors' discount **C** open evenings and close to a transit station **D** open late and has free parking on site

14. **A** $85 **B** $90 **C** $105 **D** $120

15. **A** see you within forty-eight hours **B** bill your insurance company directly **C** treat you without a doctor's referral **D** give you ten percent off every visit

16. **A** heated pool for aquatic therapy **B** knee-strengthening group class **C** free parking right at the clinic **D** registered massage therapy

17. Priya and Daniel know each other because

A they work for the same company.
B they play on the same sports team.
C Priya is Daniel's physiotherapist.
D Priya is the captain of Daniel's team.

18. Why does Priya think Maple Grove is less suitable for Daniel?

A It does not treat knee injuries.
B Its first appointment is too short.
C Its hours conflict with his job.
D It does not accept his insurance.

19. When Priya says she "did a bit of digging," she means that she

A searched for information.
B went to see both of the clinics.
C asked their captain.
D worked in her garden.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

IMAX: A Canadian Big-Screen Innovation

Paragraph A

Visitors to Expo 67 in Montreal lined up for hours to see some of the fair's most talked-about attractions: films projected across several screens at the same time. Among the Canadian filmmakers behind these experiments were Graeme Ferguson and Roman Kroitor. The crowds' enthusiasm convinced them that audiences wanted something far bigger than an ordinary cinema could offer. The multi-screen shows, however, required several projectors running side by side, and keeping the separate images perfectly matched was a constant headache. Together with businessman Robert Kerr and engineer William Shaw, Ferguson and Kroitor set out to create a single projector that could fill an enormous screen on its own. Their company would eventually become known as IMAX, short for "Image Maximum."

Paragraph B

Their solution was surprisingly simple in principle: turn the film on its side. In a conventional projector, film travels vertically, so the width of each frame is limited by the width of the film. IMAX film runs horizontally instead, which allows each frame to stretch across fifteen perforations of 70 mm film. The result is an image roughly ten times the size of a standard 35 mm frame. Putting this idea into practice was far from simple, however. Pulling such large frames through a projector at high speed risked tearing or scratching the film, so the team adopted a "rolling loop" mechanism that moves the film gently and holds each frame steady while it is projected. The reels, too, had to be much larger than those used in ordinary theatres.

Paragraph C

The format made its public debut in 1970 at the world's fair in Osaka, Japan, where the film Tiger Child was shown on a giant screen. The following year, the first permanent IMAX theatre opened at Ontario Place in Toronto, inside a dome-shaped building called the Cinesphere. For roughly the next three decades, IMAX theatres were found mainly in science centres and museums. Their programs consisted largely of documentaries about subjects such as wildlife, the oceans and space exploration, which made the most of the huge screen. Several of these films were shot with IMAX cameras carried into orbit aboard the space shuttle, giving audiences a breathtaking view of Earth from above.

Paragraph D

In the early 2000s, the company began digitally converting Hollywood films so that they could be shown in its theatres, and today many major releases appear in IMAX versions. Digital and, later, laser projection systems removed the need for expensive film prints and made it possible to install IMAX screens inside existing multiplex cinemas. Some film enthusiasts complain that these screens are

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> smaller than the giant ones of the past and water down the original experience. Even so, the format has spread to theatres in dozens of countries, and well-known directors continue to film key scenes with IMAX cameras. More than half a century after Expo 67, an idea born from frustration with multiple projectors remains one of the most recognized names in cinema.

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. Early presentations that relied on several projectors did not always run smoothly. _____

21. Changing the direction in which film travels allowed for a much larger picture. _____

22. The first audience to watch an IMAX film was not in Canada. _____

23. IMAX cameras were originally developed for filming in space. _____

24. A shift in technology allowed the format to be shown in regular cinema complexes. _____

25. A favourable public response at an exhibition encouraged a new venture. _____

26. For many years, most giant-screen films dealt with the natural world and science. _____

27. The developers had to find a way to protect the film as it moved quickly. _____

28. IMAX ticket sales grew after the company switched to digital projection. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Solar Farm On Prime Farmland Debate

> Harlow Township council must soon rule on a solar farm on 160 hectares of farmland along Concession Road 6. The developer, Westvale Solar Partners, says the project would generate enough electricity for roughly 15,000 homes and bring the township about $400,000 a year in taxes and community payments. The application exposes a familiar rural dilemma: flat, well-drained land, the easiest to cover with panels, frequently grows the best crops.
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> Glen Mackie, whose family has farmed part of the site for three generations, has agreed to lease 120 hectares to the developer for 35 years. “Corn prices fluctuate wildly, but lease payments arrive regardless of weather.” Moreover, none of his children intends to take over. “Leasing keeps the land in the family instead of in the hands of a buyer who might pave it,” he reasons. Because panels sit on posts instead of concrete, the fields could be cultivated again afterward.
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> Soil scientist Sunita Rao is skeptical the land would emerge unscathed. The site is classified as prime agricultural land, a category steadily lost to development. “Thirty-five years outlasts most careers,” she observes. “Once land leaves production, the expertise, drainage systems and local suppliers disappear with it.” Rao has no quarrel with solar power itself, preferring warehouse roofs, parking lots and exhausted gravel pits, though she allows that a well-managed site with permanent ground cover might leave some soils healthier than decades of intensive cropping.
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> Energy economist Marc-André Thibault considers both sides preoccupied with the wrong question. “What matters is who benefits, and right now profits flow to distant shareholders while the township receives a cheque.” He wants council to insist on community ownership of a share, and on panels raised high enough for sheep to graze beneath them. Rooftop solar, he cautions, costs considerably more per unit of power.
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> Reeve Colette Brandt considers outright rejection unlikely given the province’s appetite for clean electricity, but she demands a financial guarantee that Westvale will remove the panels and restore the soil. Having watched one company abandon a worked-out gravel pit, she refuses to bequeath that problem to “the council of 2060.” Thibault’s grazing idea intrigues her, provided it causes no delay.

29. Which two focus on the project’s terms?

A Mackie and Rao
B Rao and Brandt
C Mackie and Thibault
D Thibault and Brandt

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30. Why does Rao mention careers?

A to question the developer's staying power
B to doubt a return to crops
C to argue Mackie's children may yet farm
D to show panels wear out

31. What does Mackie imply about leasing?

A It will let a child farm later.
B It followed a slump in corn prices.
C It depends on a guaranteed cleanup.
D It spares him from selling.

32. How would Rao view panels on the site Brandt describes?

A Acceptable only with grazing.
B Too costly to be worthwhile.
C Preferable to this farmland.
D A danger to drainage systems.

33. An appropriate title would be

A "Power or Produce? Harlow's Farmland Dilemma"
B "Harlow's Solar Farm: Clean Power, No Downside"
C "Harlow's Solar Farm: Farmers Unite to Stop It"
D "Who Cleans Up in 2060? A Reeve's Warning"

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.

> Farming two concessions over, I sympathize with Mr. Mackie: with no one in the family **(34)** _____, a dependable lease must feel like a lifeline. Still, I doubt his fields will simply **(35)** _____ after thirty-five years; Dr. Rao is right that skills and suppliers vanish along with the crops. Yet her hope that **(36)** _____ could meet the province's needs looks naive given Mr. Thibault's point about cost. The reeve's demand for **(37)** _____ is the bare minimum, since companies change hands. And if council says yes, I hope it embraces **(38)** _____, as the reeve herself seems inclined to.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** prepared to sell **B** able to ride out corn prices **C** living in the township **D** eager to take up the plough

35. **A** spring back into production **B** end up paved over **C** come out healthier than before **D** fetch a higher price

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36. **A** community-owned arrays **B** built-up sites such as roofs **C** grazing under raised panels **D** smaller farms on the best land

37. **A** a stake for locals **B** taller supports **C** money in escrow **D** steeper annual levies

38. **A** rooftop arrays **B** community shares **C** a shorter lease for the developer **D** dual use of the fields

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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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17 B they play on the same sports team.

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19 A searched for information.

Part 3: IMAX: A Canadian Big-Screen Innovation

20 A

21 B

22 C

23 E

24 D

25 A

26 C

27 B

28 E

Part 4: Solar Farm On Prime Farmland Debate

29 D Thibault and Brandt

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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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