CELPIP Reading Practice Test 96

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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

Extension Request for a Design Portfolio

> Dear Mr. Sayegh,
>
> I am a student in the part-time Graphic Design Certificate program, and I am writing about the final portfolio for Design Studio 2, which is due on Friday, April 17. I would like to ask whether I could submit it two weeks late, on May 1, without losing marks.
>
> As you may know, our instructor, Ms. Lindqvist, has been on medical leave since early March. The substitute instructor has been very helpful, but she only confirmed last week which of our earlier assignments may be included in the portfolio. Two of the five pieces I had planned to use turned out not to qualify, so I now have to produce two new pieces from scratch. I believe several classmates are in a similar position, although I can only speak for myself.
>
> My situation is complicated by my job. I work as a pharmacy assistant, and because a colleague is away, I have agreed to cover extra weekend shifts until the end of the month. I could ask my manager to release me from them, but the pharmacy is already short-staffed, and I would rather not leave my co-workers in a difficult spot if there is another solution.
>
> I have read the program handbook, and I understand that late portfolios normally lose 10 percent per day unless the coordinator approves an extension at least five business days before the deadline. That is why I am writing now rather than waiting until the last minute. I also noticed that students may request an “incomplete” grade and finish their work the following term. I would prefer to avoid this, because my certificate would then not be issued until the fall. I am hoping to graduate in June so that I can apply for a junior designer position that a local printing company has advertised.
>
> If an extension is not possible, would you consider allowing me to submit four pieces instead of five, along with a short written reflection on how my work has developed? I have attached the three pieces I have already finished so that you can see the progress I have made.
>
> Thank you for considering my request. I can be reached by email or at 604-555-0148 after 6 p.m. on weekdays.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Marisol Duarte

1. What is the main purpose of Marisol’s letter?

A to ask for more time to finish required work
B to complain about the substitute instructor
C to request a different section
D to find out when the next term will begin

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2. Why must Marisol create new pieces for her portfolio?

A Her instructor rejected the designs she submitted.
B Her files were lost while she was working extra shifts.
C Some work she intended to include is not eligible.
D The portfolio now requires more pieces than before.

3. Marisol is reluctant to ask her manager to release her from her shifts because

A she does not want to burden her colleagues.
B she might lose her position at the pharmacy.
C her manager has already refused her once.
D she needs the extra pay to cover her tuition.

4. Why is Marisol writing more than a week before the deadline?

A The coordinator will soon be going on leave.
B Her classmates asked her to write first.
C She wants to finish before starting a job.
D An extension must be approved well in advance.

5. What would be the main drawback of an incomplete grade for Marisol?

A It would cost extra to finish the work next term.
B It could delay her chance at a job opportunity.
C It would lower the final mark on her portfolio.
D It is not allowed for students who work part-time.

6. What has Marisol sent along with her letter?

A a note from her pharmacy manager
B a written reflection on her progress
C the part of her portfolio that is ready
D a copy of the job advertisement

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. Duarte,
>
> Thank you for writing well before the deadline. I had not realized that the change of instructor had left some students needing to **(7)** _____ so late in the term, and I appreciate you bringing it to my attention.
>
> Because your request arrived in time, I am able to approve an extension. However, I cannot offer the full two weeks, as final grades must reach the registrar by April 28. Your portfolio will therefore be due on April 24, which I hope still gives you enough time while you are **(8)** _____.

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> I would also advise against **(9)** _____. The portfolio is assessed as a complete set, and anything shorter would be marked accordingly.
>
> With this extension, there should be no need for an incomplete grade, and you should be on track to **(10)** _____. The three pieces you sent show real progress, and I wish you the best of luck with **(11)** _____.
>
> Kind regards,
>
> Hamid Sayegh
>
> Program Coordinator

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** cover extra shifts at work **B** resubmit their earlier assignments
C request an incomplete grade **D** replace planned portfolio pieces

8. **A** recovering from a medical leave **B** preparing for your spring courses
C working additional weekend hours **D** training a new pharmacy assistant

9. **A** asking your manager for time off **B** submitting a smaller set of pieces
C contacting the substitute instructor **D** applying for jobs before you finish

10. **A** graduate in June as planned **B** begin your new design position
C finish the course in the fall **D** take Design Studio 2 again

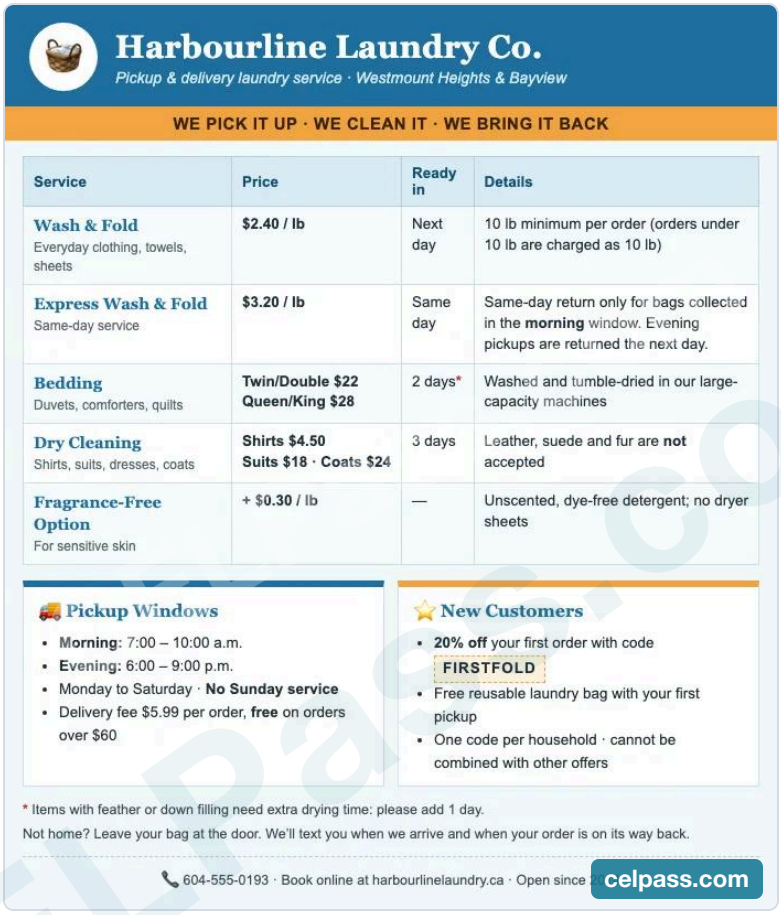
11. **A** the job at the printing company **B** your return to the pharmacy team
C your spring term transfer **D** your classmates' extension requests

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Laundry Pickup After Surgery



Harbourline Laundry Co.

Pickup & delivery laundry service · Westmount Heights & Bayview

WE PICK IT UP · WE CLEAN IT · WE BRING IT BACK

Service	Price	Ready in	Details
Wash & Fold Everyday clothing, towels, sheets	$2.40 / lb	Next day	10 lb minimum per order (orders under 10 lb are charged as 10 lb)
Express Wash & Fold Same-day service	$3.20 / lb	Same day	Same-day return only for bags collected in the **morning** window. Evening pickups are returned the next day.
Bedding Duvets, comforters, quilts	Twin/Double $22 Queen/King $28	2 days*	Washed and tumble-dried in our large-capacity machines
Dry Cleaning Shirts, suits, dresses, coats	Shirts $4.50 Suits $18 · Coats $24	3 days	Leather, suede and fur are **not** accepted
Fragrance-Free Option For sensitive skin	+ $0.30 / lb	—	Unscented, dye-free detergent; no dryer sheets

Pickup Windows

- **Morning:** 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- **Evening:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Monday to Saturday · **No Sunday service**
- Delivery fee $5.99 per order, **free** on orders over $60

New Customers

- **20% off** your first order with code **FIRSTFOLD**
- Free reusable laundry bag with your first pickup
- One code per household · cannot be combined with other offers

* Items with feather or down filling need extra drying time: please add 1 day.

Not home? Leave your bag at the door. We'll text you when we arrive and when your order is on its way back.

604-555-0193 · Book online at harbourlinelaundry.ca · Open since

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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: Laundry while your knee heals
>
> To: Marcus Bell
>
> From: Joanne Ortiz
>
> Hi Marcus,
>
> Mom told me your surgeon says no stairs for six weeks, which means no trips down to your building's laundry room. Laundry is the last thing you need on your plate right now, so I looked up Harbourline, the service Dad used after his hip operation.
>
> You have physio every weekday morning and you spend Saturdays at Mom's, so **(12)** _____ is really the only time that would work for a pickup. You usually do about eight pounds of laundry a

week, so you'd be charged for **(13)** _____ each time, but it's still cheaper than paying me in pizza.

Don't bother with Express, though. Since they'd be collecting your bag in the evening, it **(14)** _____. Your down comforter could go in as well, as long as you don't mind waiting **(15)** _____ to get it back. And because you've never ordered from them before, you can get **(16)** _____ if you enter their code when you book.

I'm only twenty minutes away if you need anything else, so don't be too proud to call!

Jo

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** a Saturday morning **B** a weekday evening **C** a Sunday afternoon **D** a weekday morning

13. **A** exactly eight pounds **B** the express rate **C** the ten-pound minimum **D** a bedding item

14. **A** would cost the same as regular service **B** costs double after 6 p.m. **C** isn't offered on weekdays **D** wouldn't come back any sooner

15. **A** until the next morning **B** one extra week **C** two days **D** three days

16. **A** free delivery every week **B** the fragrance-free option at no charge **C** 20 percent off that first order **D** a second laundry bag for free

17. Joanne and Marcus are most likely

A neighbours in one building.
B physiotherapist and patient.
C brother and sister.
D co-workers at one office.

18. Why is Joanne writing to Marcus?

A to ask whether he can share Dad's account
B to remind him about his physio appointments
C to offer to do his laundry at their mother's house
D to suggest help with a chore during his recovery

19. When Joanne says laundry is "the last thing you need on your plate," she means that

A it is one more task he shouldn't have to deal with.
B he should eat well while his knee is healing.
C it is the least important of his weekly chores.
D he should leave it until all his other work is done.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

James Naismith and the Invention of Basketball

Paragraph A

Basketball is often thought of as an American game, but the man who invented it was Canadian. James Naismith was born in 1861 near Almonte, a small town in eastern Ontario. He lost both of his parents to illness while he was still a boy and was raised largely by an uncle on the family farm. As a child he enjoyed a game called “duck on a rock,” in which players tried to knock a stone off a larger rock by throwing stones of their own. He went on to study at McGill University in Montreal, where he was a keen all-round athlete. During those years he became convinced that physical activity could build a young person’s character as well as the body, and in 1890 he moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, to work at a training school run by the YMCA.

Paragraph B

In December 1891, Naismith was given a difficult assignment. A class of young men, restless at being kept indoors during the long New England winter, had grown bored with marching and gymnastics, and the head of the department asked him to invent a game that could be played inside. Naismith wanted a contest that rewarded accuracy and teamwork rather than sheer strength, and one that would not leave players bruised on a hard gymnasium floor. He therefore decided that no one could run while holding the ball, and that the goal should be placed above the players’ heads so that it could only be reached with a gentle, arcing throw. Two peach baskets were fastened to a balcony railing about three metres above the floor, a height that remains the standard today. He then wrote out thirteen basic rules for the new game.

Paragraph C

Basketball spread with remarkable speed. Graduates of the training school took jobs at YMCAs across North America, and the organization printed the rules in its magazine, so within a few years the game was being played in many cities and in several other countries. Early games looked very different from modern ones. Because the peach baskets still had their bottoms, play stopped every time a basket was made while someone climbed up to fetch the ball. Naismith himself later trained as a doctor and spent most of his career at the University of Kansas, where he taught physical education and became the school’s first basketball coach. He showed little interest in profiting from his invention.

Paragraph D

Canada has also played a notable part in the sport’s later history. When basketball first appeared as an official event at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Naismith attended as an honoured guest, and the Canadian team won the silver medal after losing the final, played outdoors in heavy rain, to the United States. Ten years later, on November 1, 1946, Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto hosted the first

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> game ever played in the Basketball Association of America, the league that later became the NBA. The home team, the Toronto Huskies, lasted only a single season, and almost fifty years passed before NBA basketball returned to the country with the arrival of the Toronto Raptors and the Vancouver Grizzlies in 1995. In 2019, the Raptors became the first Canadian team to win the NBA championship.

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. Naismith believed that sport could do more than improve physical fitness. _____

21. Scoring in the earliest games caused regular interruptions in play. _____

22. The first basketball games used a ball made especially for the new sport. _____

23. Canada went for decades without a top professional team after an early attempt failed. _____

24. Concern for players' safety influenced the way the game was designed. _____

25. Naismith spent much of his youth in the care of a relative. _____

26. Most of the players on Canada's 1936 Olympic team came from university programs. _____

27. A measurement chosen for the first game is still in use. _____

28. A Canadian city hosted the opening game of a league that grew into a major professional one. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Social Media Age Checks For Teens Debate

> The provincial government has tabled legislation obliging social media companies to verify that every user in the province is at least sixteen, with substantial fines for platforms that fail to exclude younger children. Few dispute that adolescents' online lives warrant scrutiny. Far fewer consider an age threshold the appropriate instrument.
>
> Families Minister Denise Arsenault, who introduced the bill, portrays it as long overdue. "Parents have long been told that online safety is their responsibility, then left to compete with corporations employing thousands of engineers to keep children scrolling," she argues. Conceding that no verification system will be flawless, she maintains that a legal age gives parents something to point to: "Right now, a parent who says no is the only parent saying no."
>
> Dr. Kevin Osei, a psychologist specializing in adolescent mental health, shares the minister's alarm but questions her remedy. His research links heavy use to disrupted sleep and heightened anxiety, yet he attributes the damage to features such as endless feeds and streaks, not to a user's birthday. Shielding a fifteen-year-old entirely while handing a seventeen-year-old "the full machine" strikes him as arbitrary. He grants that a minimum age might buy younger children time, but prefers obliging platforms to disable compulsive features for everyone under eighteen.
>
> Privacy lawyer Farah Haddad identifies a less obvious consequence. "To confirm that someone's under sixteen, you've got to check everyone," she explains. Adults could be required to upload identification or facial scans to companies with an uneven record of safeguarding data. Haddad favours holding platforms accountable, but believes the wrong target has been chosen: "Regulate what the product does, not who is allowed through the door."
>
> Tessa Morin, a Grade 11 student who chairs her city's youth advisory council, doubts the law would keep many classmates offline. Half of them, she estimates, opened their first account with an older sibling's email address. Though she coordinates food-drive volunteers online, Morin last year deleted a photo-sharing app after noticing she felt worse whenever she opened it. "Nobody taught me that. I stumbled on it by accident," she remarks. Compulsory digital literacy lessons would, in her estimation, accomplish more than any ban.

29. On which point do Haddad and Osei converge?

A A legal limit could delay exposure.
B Determined teens will evade checks.
C Adults shouldn't surrender identification.
D Regulation should target platform design.

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30. Why does Arsenault mention thousands of engineers?

A to show schools neglect online skills
B to show families are outmatched
C to link scrolling with poor rest
D to concede no system is flawless

31. Morin recounts deleting an app to

A illustrate an unguided lesson
B show she'd welcome a minimum age
C prove teens can regulate themselves
D suggest photo apps harm teens most

32. What can reasonably be inferred?

A The age limit already applies.
B Adults, too, would face scrutiny.
C Osei considers a minimum age useless.
D Morin expects classmates to comply.

33. Which headline best captures the article?

A "Age Limit to End Teens' Social Media Troubles"
B "Families and Experts Unite Behind Age Checks"
C "Why Teens Should Police Themselves Online"
D "Birthday Test for Social Media: False Comfort?"

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 father of two teenagers, I understand the minister's impulse; parents really do feel **(34)** _____. This bill, however, is the wrong instrument. Ms. Morin is surely right that determined teens will simply **(35)** _____, and I balk at the notion that I, a grown man, should have to **(36)** _____ merely to stay in touch with my old hockey teammates.
>
> Dr. Osei makes the stronger case: the trouble lies less in who is online than in **(37)** _____. My son spent last winter chasing a daily streak, and no birthday rule would have changed that. Fund **(38)** _____, as Ms. Morin suggests, and I will gladly support the province.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** like David facing Goliath **B** reassured by privacy rules **C** ignored by their teenagers **D** relieved of responsibility

35. **A** delete apps that upset them **B** borrow their way in **C** coordinate helpers regardless **D** write to officials

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36. **A** pay my children's fines **B** abandon my accounts **C** surrender my ID **D** attend safety classes myself

37. **A** how many hours teenagers sleep **B** machinery built to hook users **C** how much data platforms hoard **D** how often parents say no

38. **A** studies of teenage rest **B** stronger data protection **C** a youth council everywhere **D** lessons in critical scrolling

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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: Extension Request for a Design Portfolio

1 A to ask for more time to finish required work

2 C Some work she intended to include is not eligible.

3 A she does not want to burden her colleagues.

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19 A it is one more task he shouldn't have to deal with.

Part 3: James Naismith and the Invention of Basketball

20 A

21 C

22 E

23 D

24 B

25 A

26 E

27 B

28 D

Part 4: Social Media Age Checks For Teens Debate

29 D Regulation should target platform design.

30 B to show families are outmatched

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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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