CELPIP Reading Practice Test 97

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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

Sharing Winter Utility Costs with a Tenant

Dear Tomasz,

I hope your exams went well last week. I know you've been buried in textbooks, so I thought I'd put a few things in writing rather than trying to catch you on the stairs between shifts. None of this is urgent, but I'd like us to sort it out before the cold weather really sets in.

When you moved in back in September, we agreed that your rent of $750 would include heat, hydro and internet. At the time, that seemed fair, since I based it on last year's bills, when the basement suite sat empty for most of the winter. However, the November gas bill arrived yesterday, and it was almost double what I paid for the same month last year. I'm not blaming you in the least. The basement has always been the coldest part of the house, and I'd much rather you were comfortable than shivering over your notes. Still, I can't keep absorbing the difference on my pension.

What I'd like to suggest is this: from January on, your rent would stay at $750, and we would split anything above $180 a month in utilities down the middle. I'll leave the bills on the kitchen counter so you can check them yourself. If you'd prefer an amount that never changes, I could live with an extra $40 a month instead. It's entirely up to you.

While I'm at it, there are two smaller things. First, the washing machine. I don't mind at all when you use it, but running it after eleven at night rattles the pipes right below my bedroom. If you could do your laundry earlier, or on weekends, I'd sleep a great deal better. Second, your friend Marcus is welcome any time, but when he stayed over four nights in a row last month, I found myself wondering whether I had a third housemate. Could we agree that anyone staying more than two nights in a row is something we talk about first?

I realize this is a lot to put on paper at once, and I hope it doesn't come across as a list of complaints. Honestly, you've been the easiest tenant I've ever had. You shovel the walk without being asked, and the garden has never looked tidier. I just think it's wiser to raise small things before they turn into big ones.

Let me know which option you prefer when you have a moment.

Warm regards,

Evelyn Hargrove

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

A to complain about the behaviour of a tenant's friend
B to announce a rent increase for next year
C to propose changes to their living arrangement
D to ask a tenant to leave by January

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2. Why was the November gas bill probably higher than last year's?

A A part of the house that used to be empty is now heated.
B Gas prices rose sharply over the past year.
C Tomasz often leaves the windows open.
D The furnace in the basement needs repairs.

3. Evelyn mentions her pension to show that

A she is planning to sell the house.
B she has recently stopped working.
C she pays for Tomasz's internet separately.
D she cannot easily afford extra costs.

4. Under Evelyn's first suggestion, Tomasz would pay

A an extra $40 on top of each monthly bill.
B half of any utility costs above $180.
C half of every utility bill in full.
D $180 a month in addition to his rent.

5. What does Evelyn suggest about Marcus?

A He is too noisy late at night.
B His long visits made her uneasy.
C He should share the utility costs.
D He is no longer welcome to visit.

6. Evelyn's attitude toward Tomasz can best be described as

A suspicious and critical.
B apologetic and unsure.
C polite but indifferent.
D appreciative but firm.

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 Evelyn,
>
> Thank you for your thoughtful letter. It didn't sound like a list of complaints at all, and you're right that it's better to **(7)** _____. I honestly had no idea that the **(8)** _____ had gone up so much since I moved in.
>
> Since my hours at the hospital change from week to week, I'd rather **(9)** _____, so I always know exactly what I owe.
>
> I'm also sorry about the washing machine. I never realized **(10)** _____. From now on, I'll do my laundry on Saturday mornings.

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> As for Marcus, he's moving into his own apartment next week, so **(11)** _____. He did ask me to thank you for putting up with him.
>
> I'm glad you like what I've done with the garden, too. I'll help you cover the roses before the first frost.
>
> Thanks again for being so understanding.
>
> Best,
>
> Tomasz

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** deal with small problems early **B** keep the thermostat lower at night **C** wait for the spring bills **D** split every cost down the middle

8. **A** price of the internet package **B** rent in the neighbourhood **C** cost of heating the house **D** hydro rate for the suite

9. **A** split the bills above the limit with you **B** pay the fixed extra amount each month **C** check the bills on the kitchen counter **D** keep paying the same rent as before

10. **A** the machine used so much hot water **B** you needed it in the evenings **C** the basement got so cold at night **D** the noise carried up to your room

11. **A** he'll help with shovelling the walk **B** he can pay part of the utilities **C** long visits shouldn't be a problem now **D** he won't be welcome here any longer

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

Renting a First Stall at the Saturday Market



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: Your pies at the market?
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> To: Dev Sharma
>
> From: Rosa Medeiros
>
> Hi Dev,
>
> The whole street is still talking about the pies you brought to our block party in August, so I've been meaning to send you this. It's the vendor sheet for the Saturday market where I sell my honey. I know you've never sold anything at a market before, you don't own a tent or a market table, and you don't want to give up every Saturday until you know it's worth it, so I think the **(12)** _____ would be the perfect way to test the waters.

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The only catch is that **(13)** _____, so your banana cream pies would have to wait. Your apple and blueberry pies would be fine, though, and at **(14)** _____ a Saturday, it wouldn't cost much to find out whether they sell.

Before you sell anything, you'll need **(15)** _____. I did mine online last winter, and it only took a day. And don't feel you have to decide this week: you can book as late as **(16)** _____ before the Saturday you want.

If it goes well, you could move indoors next season and bring the cream pies too. Honestly, I think they'd sell like hotcakes.

Cheers,

Rosa

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** Outdoor Tent Space **B** Trial Table **C** Indoor Hall Table **D** Corner Kitchen Stall

13. **A** you must bring your own tent **B** it's only for vendors under 18
C the market closes at noon **D** there's no power outlet

14. **A** $25 **B** $35 **C** $45 **D** $720

15. **A** a table and chairs of your own **B** proof of liability insurance
C a provincial food handler certificate **D** an adult to stay with you

16. **A** one week **B** two weeks **C** one month **D** one day

17. Rosa and Dev know each other because

A they sell at the same market.
B they took the same food safety course.
C Rosa buys Dev's pies every week.
D they live in the same neighbourhood.

18. Why does Rosa most likely have the vendor sheet?

A She works in the market office.
B She already sells at the market.
C She plans to sell pies herself.
D She picked it up at the block party.

19. When Rosa says Dev's pies would "sell like hotcakes," she means they would

A need to be sold while still warm.
B cost less than other baked goods.
C be bought quickly by many people.
D be most popular at breakfast time.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Fogo Island: The Outport That Stayed

Paragraph A

Off the northeast coast of Newfoundland lies Fogo Island, one of the largest of the province's offshore islands. By the 1700s, fishing families from England and Ireland had begun settling in its sheltered coves, and for generations they made their living from the inshore cod fishery, salting their catch and drying it in the sun on wooden platforms known as flakes. The island's dozen or so communities were scattered along its rocky coastline. Separated by distance, rough terrain and religion, they had surprisingly little to do with one another, and many islanders rarely visited villages only a few kilometres from their own.

Paragraph B

By the 1960s, this way of life was under serious threat. Large factory trawlers were taking ever-greater amounts of fish offshore, the price of salt fish was falling, and many households depended on government assistance to get through the winter. At the same time, the provincial and federal governments were encouraging people in small, isolated outports to resettle in larger "growth centres," where schools, hospitals and jobs could be provided more easily. Households that agreed to move received a payment to help with the cost. Across Newfoundland, hundreds of communities were abandoned in this way, and many on Fogo Island assumed that their turn would come next.

Paragraph C

In 1967, the National Film Board, working with Memorial University, sent a film crew to the island as part of a new program called Challenge for Change. Rather than making a documentary about the islanders, the filmmakers recorded them speaking for themselves about the fishery, unemployment and their hopes for their children. The films were screened in community halls across the island, where residents discovered that their neighbours shared the same worries. Crucially, the films were also shown to government officials, whose filmed replies were then taken back to the island. These exchanges helped persuade islanders to form their own co-operative so they could process their catch locally. Fogo Island was never resettled, and the "Fogo Process," as the method came to be called, has since been used by community groups around the world.

Paragraph D

The collapse of the northern cod stocks, which led to a federal fishing moratorium in 1992, brought new hardship, and the island's population continued to shrink. A different kind of revival began in the 2000s, when an islander who had made her fortune in the technology industry returned home and, with her brothers, set up a charity aimed at building a new economy on the island. Its best-known project, the Fogo Island Inn, opened in 2013. Standing on stilts above the rocky shore, the building was designed by a Newfoundland-born architect, and much of its furniture and many of its quilts

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> were made by island craftspeople. Profits are put back into the community, and small studios scattered across the island host visiting artists from around the world.

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. Moving away was made financially easier for some families. _____

21. Islanders preserved their main product using a traditional method. _____

22. The film crew chose Fogo Island because it was the most remote community in the province. _____

23. People in positions of authority were given a way to respond to islanders' concerns. _____

24. The number of residents kept falling even after an earlier danger had passed. _____

25. Competition from larger vessels was hurting local fishermen. _____

26. Guests at the inn are expected to take part in craft workshops. _____

27. The island's early settlers did not all come from the same place. _____

28. An approach first tried on the island was later copied far beyond it. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Curbside Chargers for Electric Cars Debate

When Councillor Denise Okafor suggested fitting 200 curbside chargers for electric vehicles along Kingsmere's residential streets, she anticipated some debate, not three consecutive meetings with an overflowing chamber. Her plan would attach the units to existing hydro poles wherever most homes lack driveways, allowing residents of older neighbourhoods to switch as readily as suburban homeowners. Drivers would pay for their electricity; the $1.4-million installation would draw on the municipal capital budget. Electric ownership, Okafor argues, is currently "a privilege of people with garages," and private operators, gravitating toward lucrative locations, seldom serve streets lined with aging rental housing.

Bruno Castellano, chair of the finance committee, professes sympathy with the goal while doubting the timing. "Fewer than three percent of locally registered vehicles are electric," he points out. "Scarce dollars could purchase equipment that sits idle for years while roads and water mains deteriorate." Early adopters, he suggests, should first reveal where demand actually lies. His counter-offer is a pilot of twenty chargers, with expansion contingent on usage.

Ingrid Solberg, a thirty-year resident of narrow Ashby Street, frames her objection in terms of parking. "My block already holds more cars than spaces," she complains, and reserving spots beside chargers would, she predicts, condemn everyone else to circling for twenty minutes each evening. "My daughter drives an electric car, you know," she adds. Her request is simply that those spaces remain available to every motorist.

Energy consultant Raj Mehta considers the whole debate somewhat misdirected. Pole-mounted chargers strike him as a stopgap, since most charging will eventually migrate to workplaces, grocery stores and fast-charging hubs, and rapidly changing technology could leave the municipality holding obsolete hardware within a decade. Even so, he allows that households without driveways confront a genuine barrier, and that a modest number of curbside units might reassure hesitant buyers.

Okafor has since signalled openness to starting smaller, given a firm expansion timetable. Castellano calls that "worth discussing," provided usage targets come first.

29. Castellano and Mehta both worry that

A big spending now may be wasted.
B offices and shops will do most charging.
C demand should decide what's built next.
D pavement and pipes deserve money first.

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30. Why does Solberg mention her daughter's car?

A to show her family needs a charger
B to show renters need plugs
C to show she accepts the technology
D to say private operators ignore her street

31. Mehta's attitude toward the plan is

A wholeheartedly supportive
B largely indifferent
C flatly dismissive
D guardedly sympathetic

32. What can we conclude about the outcome?

A Council will reject the plan outright.
B A smaller rollout is likely.
C Every driver will keep curb access.
D Private operators will take over.

33. A suitable title would be

A "Electric for Renters: Who Pays, and When?"
B "Curbside Chargers Set to Cut Kingsmere's Emissions"
C "Kingsmere Drivers Reject Electric Cars"
D "Why Private Firms Should Build Chargers"

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 row-house tenant without a driveway, I bought an electric car last year. Nothing on my street offers a plug, so I already live the future Mr. Mehta describes: I **(34)** _____. Councillor Okafor's description of the status quo as **(35)** _____ therefore rings true.
>
> Even so, Mr. Castellano deserves a hearing: with so few such cars around, **(36)** _____, and water mains won't repair themselves. I also feel for Ms. Solberg, whose quarrel is really with **(37)** _____; a sensible rule would keep her street civil.
>
> My advice is to accept the compromise: begin with **(38)** _____, then let demand decide. Taxpayers shouldn't be left paying for equipment nobody touches.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** plug in at the curb each evening **B** pay by the kilowatt **C** top up while buying groceries **D** charge in a garage

35. **A** a bad bargain for families **B** a club renters can't join **C** cleaner but less reliable **D** a temporary fix for now

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36. **A** fees would scarcely cover the electricity **B** parking would become impossible **C** private operators are bound to step in **D** 200 units risk becoming white elephants

37. **A** reserved curb space **B** the fittings on the poles **C** what charging costs per hour **D** her daughter's choice of car

38. **A** Ms. Okafor's 200 **B** Mr. Castellano's twenty **C** Mr. Mehta's fast-charging hubs **D** Ms. Solberg's shared spaces

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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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1 C to propose changes to their living arrangement

2 A A part of the house that used to be empty is now heated.

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4 B half of any utility costs above $180.

5 B His long visits made her uneasy.

6 D appreciative but firm.

7 A deal with small problems early

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9 B pay the fixed extra amount each month

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12 B Trial Table

13 D there's no power outlet

14 A $25

15 C a provincial food handler certificate

16 A one week

17 D they live in the same neighbourhood.

18 B She already sells at the market.

19 C be bought quickly by many people.

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20 B

21 A

22 E

23 C

24 D

25 B

26 E

27 A

28 C

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29 A big spending now may be wasted.

30 C to show she accepts the technology

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33 A "Electric for Renters: Who Pays, and When?"

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38 B Mr. Castellano's twenty

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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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