CELPIP Reading Practice Test 99

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

A Letter to an Old Saskatoon Neighbour

Dear Gloria,

I hope this finds you and Frank well, and that your tomatoes are still the envy of Larkspur Crescent. It's hard to believe it has been almost four years since we packed up the van and headed east. Moncton has been good to us, but I still miss our chats over the back fence, especially on those long summer evenings when the whole street seemed to be outside.

First, the news. Our Nadia has been accepted into the nursing program at the university in Saskatoon, starting this fall. She had offers from two schools much closer to home, but she says she has never stopped thinking of Saskatoon as home, and I suspect your stories about your years on the hospital wards had something to do with it as well. Karim and I are very proud, though I confess I've already started worrying about prairie winters without her father around to warm up the car every morning.

That brings me to a favour, and please feel free to say no. Nadia has a room in residence from the first of September, but her program begins with a two-week clinical orientation in mid-August, and the residence won't allow anyone to move in early. Would you consider letting her stay in your spare room for those two weeks? She's a quiet, tidy guest, and she has promised to cook at least twice a week. Her biryani, I'm sorry to say, is now better than mine. We would, of course, cover her groceries.

If that isn't possible, I'd be just as grateful for a smaller kindness. Her residence asks every first-year student to name someone within an hour's drive who can be called in an emergency. Would you be willing to be that person for her first term? It would mean the world to me to know that someone who has known her since she was wobbling down the sidewalk on training wheels is nearby.

As for the rest of us, Karim's contract at the airport has turned into a permanent position, and I've finally gone back to teaching part-time. Our youngest, Sami, has discovered hockey, which means I now spend my Saturday mornings in a freezing arena with a thermos of coffee, exactly as you told me I would.

There's no rush to answer. Please talk it over with Frank before you decide. Whatever you choose, we're hoping to see you both when we fly out to help Nadia settle in.

With love,

Rania

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

A to invite Gloria to visit the family in Moncton
B to share news and ask for help with her daughter
C to thank Gloria for advising Nadia to study nursing
D to ask Gloria to find Nadia an apartment

2. Gloria has probably

A worked in a hospital at some point.
B lived in Saskatoon for only a few years.
C taught Nadia how to ride a bicycle.
D visited the family in Moncton recently.

3. Why does Nadia need somewhere to stay in August?

A Her room is still being renovated.
B She has not paid her residence fees.
C Her parents cannot arrive until September.
D Students may not move in ahead of time.

4. If Gloria cannot host Nadia, Rania hopes she will

A drive Nadia to her orientation each day.
B help Nadia find a room somewhere near the campus.
C agree to be called if Nadia has an emergency.
D check on Nadia in residence every week.

5. By mentioning the hockey arena, Rania suggests that Gloria

A had predicted this would happen.
B used to coach children's hockey.
C dislikes cold Saturdays.
D had warned her against moving east.

6. What does Rania ask Gloria to do before replying?

A check the residence rules on guests
B discuss the request with her husband
C telephone Nadia to get reacquainted
D decide by the middle of August

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 Rania,
>
> What a treat to find a real letter in the mailbox! Frank and I are so pleased that Nadia chose to study **(7)** _____. I'll admit I'm flattered if my old ward stories played a small part.

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> We talked it over, just as you asked, and we would be delighted to have her in the spare room **(8)** _____. And please don't give another thought to **(9)** _____. Frank says that if her biryani really is better than yours, we'll be the ones in her debt.
>
> I'm also happy to be **(10)** _____ for the whole first term, so you can cross that off your list. Saskatoon winters aren't as fierce as you remember, but she may have to learn to **(11)** _____ on cold mornings, since her dad won't be around to do it for her.
>
> Congratulations to Karim, and good luck in that arena!
>
> Love,
>
> Gloria

Choose the best option for each gap.

7. **A** nursing close to her family in Moncton **B** teaching, just as her mother does
C here rather than at a school nearer home **D** medicine once her nursing degree is done

8. **A** for the whole of her first term **B** whenever you and Karim come to visit
C every weekend through the fall **D** until she can move into residence

9. **A** paying for her food **B** her residence fees **C** booking her flight
D finding her a winter coat

10. **A** a reference for her nursing program **B** the person her residence can call
C her driver to the clinical orientation **D** her host on the residence move-in day

11. **A** make her own biryani **B** ride a bike in the snow **C** find a seat at the arena
D get the car warmed up

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Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Time: about 9 minutes

A Saturday Paddle at Kestrel Lake



Kestrel Lake Paddle Co.

Kayak & Paddleboard Rentals at the Main Beach Dock

Open daily 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. | June 1 to September 30 | Walk-ins welcome

Craft	1 Hour	Half Day (4 hours)	Full Day
Single Kayak Stable sit-inside kayak for one paddler. Ages 14+.	$25	$55	$75
Tandem Kayak Two seats, plus a centre seat for one child aged 5–10. Dogs welcome – tandem kayaks only	$35	$75	$100
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Fishing Kayak Sit-on-top kayak with rod holders and anchor. Valid fishing licence required.	*Not available*	$65	$90

Add-Ons

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- Waterproof phone case – **$3**
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Guided Sunset Paddle

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$45 per person, kayak included
Ages 16+ · Reserve at least 24 hours ahead

Good to Know

- Every rental includes a paddle and a lifejacket for each paddler.
- We hold one piece of government photo ID **and** a credit card as a deposit until your craft is returned.
- Full-day rentals must be back at the dock by 6:30 p.m.
- If winds exceed 25 km/h, rentals are paused and any unused time is refunded.

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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: Saturday on the water?
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> To: Priya Nair
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> From: Owen Lachance
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> Hi Priya,
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> Now that your exams are finally over, let's get out on Kestrel Lake before the season ends. I grabbed this rental sheet when I was out there with my brother last weekend. It'll be our first real day out together since you moved out of our old place on Albert Street. I still miss your Sunday pancakes!
>
> I know you're itching to try paddleboarding, but since you've never stood on a board before, you'd need **(12)** _____ before they'd rent you one, and that would eat into our morning. I'd rather we

shared **(13)** _____ this time so my dog, Biscuit, can come along. Maybe paddleboarding next time?

We only need the boat until lunch, so a half day is plenty. That comes to **(14)** _____ for the boat, which I'm happy to cover since this whole thing was my idea. Biscuit will need his own lifejacket, but that only adds **(15)** _____.

One more thing: please bring **(16)** _____. The shop holds on to it as a deposit until the boat is back, and I lost my wallet last week, so I'm still waiting for new cards.

Let me know if Saturday works!

Owen

Choose the best option for each gap.

12. **A** a place on the guided sunset paddle **B** a valid fishing licence **C** a short lesson on the dock **D** a full day's booking

13. **A** a tandem kayak **B** a fishing kayak **C** two single kayaks **D** one paddleboard

14. **A** $55 **B** $75 **C** $100 **D** $35

15. **A** $3 **B** $10 **C** $45 **D** $5

16. **A** $50 in cash **B** your own paddle **C** photo ID and a credit card **D** your fishing licence

17. How do Owen and Priya most likely know each other?

A They used to share a home.
B They are siblings.
C They met at the rental shop.
D They work for the same firm.

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

A to ask Priya to lend him her credit card
B to recommend a paddleboard lesson to Priya
C to ask Priya to look after his dog Biscuit
D to suggest a day out and sort out details

19. When Owen says Priya is "itching to" try paddleboarding, he means she

A is nervous about trying it.
B is keen to give it a go.
C has tried it once.
D finds the boards uncomfortable.

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Part 3: Reading for Information

Time: about 10 minutes

Saskatchewan and the Birth of Medicare

Paragraph A

Few Canadians today give much thought to who will pay when they visit a family doctor, but the arrangement is younger than many people assume, and it began in a single province. Its best-known champion, Tommy Douglas, carried a personal memory into politics. As a young boy, he developed a serious bone infection in his leg, and doctors in Winnipeg later considered amputating it. His family could not afford a specialist, but a surgeon offered to treat him free of charge if medical students could observe, and the leg was saved. Douglas later said the experience convinced him that no one's health should depend on the size of their bank account. After his Co-operative Commonwealth Federation won power in Saskatchewan in 1944, his government introduced universal hospital insurance in 1947, the first such program in North America.

Paragraph B

Hospital coverage was only half the picture, however. The 1947 plan paid for hospital stays, but patients still received bills for visits to doctors' offices, and the province lacked the money to cover both. The situation eased in the late 1950s, when Ottawa agreed to share the cost of provincial hospital insurance, freeing up funds in Saskatchewan's budget. Douglas announced plans for a medical care program in 1959 and made it the centrepiece of the following year's provincial election, which his party won. He did not, however, see the program through himself. In 1961 he left to lead the newly formed federal New Democratic Party, and it fell to his successor, Woodrow Lloyd, to bring the plan into force.

Paragraph C

When the Medical Care Insurance Act took effect on July 1, 1962, most of the province's doctors closed their offices in protest, offering only emergency services in hospitals. Many physicians feared that government payment would lead to government control of their practices. Tempers ran high on both sides, and the province brought in doctors from Britain and elsewhere to keep some clinics running. After 23 days, a settlement mediated by a British physician, Lord Taylor, brought the strike to an end. Known as the Saskatoon Agreement, it gave doctors more choice in how they billed for their services, but the principle of universal coverage survived intact.

Paragraph D

Saskatchewan's experiment soon attracted national attention. A federal royal commission chaired by Emmett Hall, appointed in 1961, reported in 1964 that Canada should adopt a similar program across the country. Parliament passed the Medical Care Act in 1966, offering to share the cost with any province whose plan met national standards, and by the early 1970s every province and territory had signed on. Those standards were later reinforced by the Canada Health Act of 1984. Douglas himself

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> remains closely associated with the system: in 2004, a nationwide CBC viewer vote named him “The Greatest Canadian.”

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. One politician’s views on health care were shaped by an event from his youth. _____

21. Physicians from abroad helped keep some medical services available. _____

22. The national inquiry into health services was led by a medical doctor. _____

23. Federal help with one type of coverage made it possible to plan another. _____

24. Saskatchewan offered a form of public coverage before anywhere else on the continent. _____

25. A compromise gave one side part of what it wanted without undoing the program. _____

26. Doctors who took part in the strike lost their right to practise in the province. _____

27. The figure most linked to the program was no longer in provincial politics when it began. _____

28. Other provinces were given a financial reason to follow Saskatchewan’s lead. _____

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Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

Time: about 13 minutes

Port Alder Museum Admission Fee Debate

> For more than thirty years, anyone could enter the Port Alder Museum and Art Gallery without opening a wallet. Confronted with a $420,000 operating shortfall, municipal politicians are now contemplating a $12 admission for adults, with children under 12 exempt.
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> Councillor Margaret Okafor, who chairs the finance committee, is unapologetic. “Free is never really free,” she remarks: every household subsidizes the institution through property taxes, whether or not its members ever visit, and roughly a third of visitors reside elsewhere. “Attendance will probably dip initially,” she admits, yet a modest fee distributes the burden more equitably than another tax increase or reduced opening hours.
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> Director Tobias Lindqvist has avoided taking sides publicly, though he doubts the fee debate addresses the institution’s fundamental difficulties. Two principal galleries have gone unrefreshed for over a decade, and “audiences seldom return to see the same thing twice,” he notes drily. Conceding the deficit must somehow be closed, he has floated a compromise: a free permanent collection, with admission charged solely for temporary exhibitions, for which visitors already anticipate paying. School groups, whose excursions run on shoestring budgets, remain his chief anxiety.
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> Helen Bruneau, a cultural policy scholar in Halifax, finds the evidence from elsewhere more nuanced than either camp admits. Fees do depress attendance, but abolishing them seldom alters who comes: free museums attract the same well-educated, comfortable clientele. “Many families simply don’t regard such places as meant for them,” she suggests. She therefore favours targeted measures, such as passes borrowed with a library card and community partnerships.
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> Arturo Mendes, whose café faces the museum across the square, perceives something more immediate: summer weekends fill his patio with museum-goers. “Charge the tour buses if you must,” he proposes, “but don’t make the people who live here pay to see their own history.” His petition for free resident admission has gathered more than 1,500 signatures. Beneath the arithmetic lies a broader disagreement: whether a public museum should be judged by the revenue it collects or by the range of people it reaches.

29. Why does Councillor Okafor mention visitors from elsewhere?

A to defend charging over shorter hours
B to imply outsiders benefit from taxes
C to suggest locals seldom visit
D to forecast an early attendance drop

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30. Which arrangement would Lindqvist likely accept?

A free entry for residents only
B cards lent by town branches
C charges for temporary shows
D shorter hours, not a fee

31. Bruneau and Lindqvist would both contend that

A the fee will raise little.
B libraries should offer passes.
C pupils would suffer most.
D the fee isn't the real issue.

32. It is reasonable to assume that

A the fee remains undecided.
B a third come by tour bus.
C school groups will stop coming.
D the petition has changed plans.

33. The article would be best headed

A "Fee Will Erase Port Alder's Museum Deficit"
B "Port Alder's Past: What Would $12 Really Solve?"
C "Free Entry Has Opened the Museum to All"
D "Residents Rally Behind a $12 Museum Fee"

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.

> My children and I have visited Port Alder's museum almost monthly for years, so this article caught my attention. Councillor Okafor has a point that **(34)** _____, and I see no reason why a busload of tourists shouldn't chip in. But a blanket charge is misguided. Ms. Bruneau pinpoints the problem: my neighbours stay away not over the price, but because they **(35)** _____.
>
> What they need is an invitation, not a new price list: hence the appeal of **(36)** _____. Mr. Mendes, I grant, **(37)** _____, yet signatures won't close that deficit. And if those galleries haven't changed since my kids were toddlers, **(38)** _____. Refresh the walls first, and then we can discuss tickets.

Choose the best option for each gap.

34. **A** numbers recover after a charge **B** shorter days would save more money **C** taxpayers already foot the bill **D** charges are simpler than taxes

35. **A** feel like outsiders **B** have seen the old displays **C** object to patio crowds **D** are waiting for a library pass

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36. **A** charging only for temporary shows **B** free entry for residents **C** exempting children under 12 **D** a library-card scheme

37. **A** runs the museum's own café **B** has skin in the game **C** speaks for the tourists **D** represents visiting pupils

38. **A** visitors will gladly pay **B** pupils should fund updates **C** no price will tempt them **D** the library should take over

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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 B to share news and ask for help with her daughter

2 A worked in a hospital at some point.

3 D Students may not move in ahead of time.

4 C agree to be called if Nadia has an emergency.

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12 C a short lesson on the dock

13 A a tandem kayak

14 B $75

15 D $5

16 C photo ID and a credit card

17 A They used to share a home.

18 D to suggest a day out and sort out details

19 B is keen to give it a go.

Part 3: Saskatchewan and the Birth of Medicare

20 A

21 C

22 E

23 B

24 A

25 C

26 E

27 B

28 D

Part 4: Port Alder Museum Admission Fee Debate

29 B to imply outsiders benefit from taxes

30 C charges for temporary shows

31 D the fee isn't the real issue.

32 A the fee remains undecided.

33 B "Port Alder's Past: What Would $12 Really Solve?"

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36 D a library-card scheme

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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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