CELPIP Exam Hero

FREE CELPIP PRACTICE

Free CELPIP Reading Practice Test

One passage for each of the four CELPIP Reading parts, 22 questions in all, with an answer key on the last page. The real test has 38 questions in about 55 to 60 minutes, so give yourself about 35 minutes for this set.

PART 1

Reading Correspondence

Read the email. Then choose the best answer to each question.

Hi Marco,

Thanks for offering to help with the move on Saturday! I wanted to give you the details before then, because the plan has changed a little since we last spoke.

The truck rental place on King Street was fully booked, so I reserved a smaller van from a company near the airport instead. It's cheaper, but it means two trips instead of one. I'll pick it up at 8 a.m. and should be at my old apartment by 8:45. If you can get there by 9, we can load the furniture first and leave the boxes for the second trip.

Parking is the tricky part. My old building doesn't allow vehicles in the loading zone after 11 a.m. on weekends, so we really need to finish the first load before then. The new place is easier: the building manager has reserved the freight elevator for me from noon until 4 p.m.

Don't worry about lunch. My sister is bringing sandwiches to the new apartment around 1, and she's staying to help unpack the kitchen. And please don't bring your toolbox. Jen already lent me hers, and it has everything we need to take the bed apart.

One last thing: the van has to be returned by 6 p.m., or I pay for an extra day. If we're running late, I might ask you to follow me to the airport so you can drive me home.

See you Saturday, and thanks again!
Leila

1. Why did Leila rent a van instead of a truck?

- **A** The van was cheaper than a truck.
- **B** The truck rental company was fully booked.
- **C** The van company was close to her apartment.
- **D** Marco suggested that she rent a van.

2. What does Leila want to load on the first trip?

- **A** The boxes
- **B** The furniture
- **C** The kitchen items
- **D** Only the bed

3. Why must the first load be finished before 11 a.m.?

- **A** The freight elevator closes at 11.
- **B** Vehicles cannot use the loading zone after 11.
- **C** The van must be returned by then.
- **D** Leila's sister arrives at 11.

4. Who will help unpack the kitchen?

- **A** Marco
- **B** Jen
- **C** Leila's sister
- **D** The building manager

5. Why does Leila ask Marco not to bring his toolbox?

- **A** She has already borrowed one.
- **B** The bed does not need to be taken apart.
- **C** There is no room for it in the van.
- **D** The building manager will provide tools.

6. What might Leila ask Marco to do at the end of the day?

- **A** Return the van by himself
- **B** Pay for an extra day of rental
- **C** Drive her home from the airport
- **D** Finish unpacking the boxes

PART 2

Reading to Apply a Diagram

Read the community centre's swimming schedule. Then choose the best answer to each question.

Riverside Community Centre is offering four swimming programs this fall. All lessons take place in the main pool.

Riverside Community Centre: Fall Swimming Lessons

Program	Ages	Day and time	Length	Fee
Splash Starters	3 to 5	Saturday, 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.	8 weeks	$72
Junior Swimmer	6 to 9	Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.	6 weeks	$96
Teen Stroke Clinic	10 to 15	Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.	8 weeks	$110
Adult Learn-to-Swim	16 and up	Sunday, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.	6 weeks	$90

Riverside residents receive 10% off any program fee. Register by September 5 to save a further $10.

7. A parent wants weekday lessons for a 7-year-old after school. Which program fits?

- **A** Splash Starters
- **B** Junior Swimmer
- **C** Teen Stroke Clinic
- **D** Adult Learn-to-Swim

8. Which program is right for a 4-year-old on the weekend?

- **A** Splash Starters
- **B** Junior Swimmer
- **C** Teen Stroke Clinic
- **D** Adult Learn-to-Swim

9. Which program takes place on a weekday evening?

A Splash Starters
B Junior Swimmer
C Teen Stroke Clinic
D Adult Learn-to-Swim

10. A Riverside resident registers for Adult Learn-to-Swim on September 20. How much do they pay?

A $71
B $80
C $81
D $90

11. Someone who does not live in Riverside registers for the Teen Stroke Clinic on September 2. How much do they pay?

A $89
B $99
C $100
D $110

PART 3

Reading for Information

Read the article. Decide which paragraph, A to D, contains each piece of information. If the information is not in the article, choose E.

A. Urban beekeeping has grown quickly in Canadian cities over the past fifteen years. Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal now have hundreds of registered hives on rooftops, in community gardens and even on hotel balconies. Most hobbyists start for the honey, but many say they stay because the bees connect them to the changing seasons in a way city life rarely does.

B. Getting started is not as simple as buying a box of bees. Most provinces require hives to be registered, and some cities set minimum distances from property lines or public sidewalks. Beginners are usually advised to take a course and to spend a season helping an experienced keeper before buying their own colony, which typically costs between $300 and $600 with equipment.

C. Not everyone welcomes the trend. Some ecologists warn that honeybees, which are not native to North America, compete with wild bees for the same flowers. In neighbourhoods with many hives but few gardens, they argue, wild species may be pushed out. Their advice is that new keepers should plant flowers as well as keep bees.

D. Winter is the hardest season for urban hives. Colonies survive by clustering together and eating stored honey, and a keeper who harvests too much in the fall can leave the bees without enough food. In a cold year, losing a third of all hives is not unusual, even among experienced keepers.

12. The cost of starting a hive

- **A**
- **B**
- **C**
- **D**
- **E** Not given in any paragraph

13. A reason some hives die in winter

- **A**
- **B**
- **C**
- **D**
- **E** Not given in any paragraph

14. A concern about the effect on other bee species

- **A**
- **B**
- **C**
- **D**
- **E** Not given in any paragraph

15. Places where city hives are often kept

- **A**
- **B**
- **C**
- **D**
- **E** Not given in any paragraph

16. The price of honey at farmers' markets

- **A**
- **B**
- **C**
- **D**
- **E** Not given in any paragraph

PART 4

Reading for Viewpoints

Read the article. Then choose the best answer to each question.

Last month, the city of Westbrook announced a one-year trial in which 200 municipal employees will work four ten-hour days instead of five eight-hour days. Supporters and critics were both quick to respond.

Mayor Diane Okafor says the trial is mainly about hiring. "We are losing good people to private companies that offer more flexible schedules," she said. "If a four-day week helps us keep experienced staff, it will pay for itself." She also pointed to a similar program in a nearby town, where sick days fell by almost twenty percent in the first year.

Not everyone is convinced. Councillor Mark Leblanc, who voted against the plan, worries about service hours. "Residents need to reach city offices on a Friday just as much as on a Monday," he said. He is also concerned that ten-hour days could be exhausting for outdoor crews, especially in summer. He does not oppose flexibility in principle, but he would prefer to let individual departments choose their own schedules.

The union representing city workers has taken a cautious position. Its president, Sofia Reyes, said members are interested but want guarantees that no one will lose pay or benefits. "A shorter week is only good news if it is voluntary," she said.

The city will publish the trial's results, including employee surveys and data on service wait times, next autumn.

17. According to the mayor, what is the main purpose of the trial?

- **A** To save money on salaries
- **B** To help the city keep its staff
- **C** To reduce the number of sick days
- **D** To keep city offices open longer

18. What evidence does the mayor give for the plan?

- **A** A survey of city employees
- **B** Results from a nearby town
- **C** Figures from the workers' union
- **D** Data on service wait times

19. What is one of Councillor Leblanc's concerns?

- **A** Outdoor workers may become too tired.
- **B** The trial will cost too much.
- **C** Employees will lose their benefits.
- **D** Too few employees are taking part.

20. What would Councillor Leblanc prefer?

- **A** Ending all flexible schedules
- **B** Letting each department decide its schedule
- **C** Running a shorter trial
- **D** Limiting the trial to outdoor crews

21. What condition does the union president set?

- **A** The schedule must be voluntary.
- **B** Outdoor crews must be included.
- **C** The trial must last two years.
- **D** Workers must receive a pay increase.

22. What will the city publish next autumn?

- **A** A list of departments in the trial
- **B** The results, including surveys and wait times
- **C** A new hiring plan
- **D** The union's response to the trial

Answer key

Part 1: Reading Correspondence

1. B 2. B 3. B 4. C 5. A 6. C

Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

7. B 8. A 9. C 10. C 11. C

Part 3: Reading for Information

12. B 13. D 14. C 15. A 16. E

Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

17. B 18. B 19. A 20. B 21. A 22. B

On the real test, Reading has 38 scored questions. As a rough guide from Paragon's chart, about 24 to 28 correct is CLB 7 and 31 to 33 is CLB 9.

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