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CELPIP-General

Test Format



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The CELPIP (Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program) test comprises four sections: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking, and it is administered in a single sitting, which takes 3 hours to complete. Additionally, the test employs a single North American accent throughout all sections, ensuring consistency and familiarity for all test-takers.

The CELPIP-General test is delivered via computer only.

Source: CELPIP - celPIP.ca

During this section, you will listen to various audio recordings, including conversations, discussions, lectures, and news reports. Your tasks involve understanding spoken English and responding to questions or prompts.

Tasks Include:

- Practice Task
- **Task 1:** Listening to Problem Solving
- **Task 2:** Listening to a Daily Life Conversation
- **Task 3:** Listening for Information
- **Task 4:** Listening to a News Item
- **Task 5:** Listening to a Discussion
- **Task 6:** Listening to Viewpoints

Skills Assessed:

Various language skills are assessed, including listening comprehension, understanding main ideas, identifying details, making inferences, understanding implicit information, understanding attitude and purpose.

In this section, you will read passages from different contexts, including advertisements, notices, newspapers, and articles.

Tasks Include:

Reading Correspondence: Understand written correspondence (e.g., emails, letters).

Reading to Apply a Diagram: Interpret information from diagrams, charts, or graphs.

Reading for Information: Extract specific details from passages.

Reading for Viewpoints: Understand different perspectives presented in the text.

Question Types:

Multiple-choice, short answer, fill-in-the-blank, matching,

Skills Assessed:

Various language skills are assessed, including reading comprehension, inference, and interpretation, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of your reading abilities across diverse contexts.

In this section, you will undertake two writing tasks, each requiring a minimum of 150 words.

Tasks Include:

Task 1: Writing an Email:

Write an email based on a given situation or prompt.

Task 2: Responding to Survey Questions:

Respond to survey questions by providing detailed information.

Skills Assessed:

Various language skills are assessed, including the ability to convey information, ideas, and opinions clearly, coherently, and appropriately. Additionally, various aspects of writing, such as organization, grammar, vocabulary usage, and overall effectiveness of communication, are evaluated.

During this section, you will participate in various speaking activities to demonstrate your oral communication skills.

Tasks include:

Practice Task

Task 1: Giving Advice

Task 2: Talking About a Personal Experience

Task 3: Describing a Scene

Task 4: Making Predictions

Task 5: Comparing and Persuading

Task 6: Dealing with Difficult Situations

Task 7: Expressing Opinions

Task 8: Describing an Unusual Situation

Skills Assessed:

Various language skills are assessed, including clarity and coherence, fluency and pronunciation, vocabulary usage, grammar and sentence structure, content and relevance, as well as task fulfillment.

Note: The Speaking component includes one practice task, which is not scored but is intended to help you become familiar with the format and style of the speaking tasks.

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