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Dear Friends,

Welcome to my CELPIP reading book! Thank you so much for buying my book and supporting my work! :)

I made this book to help you improve your reading score. The best way to improve your score is to PRACTICE! In this book, you will get lots of practice and useful tips.

You will see four parts to each question:

■ **READING PASSAGE & QUESTIONS**

■ **VOCABULARY**

■ **TIPS**

■ **ANSWERS**

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Test Format

<u>Task</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Time</u>
#1	Reading Correspondence	11 min
#2	Reading to Apply a Diagram	9 min
#3	Reading for Information	10 min
#4	Reading for Viewpoints	13 min

Reading Passages

I designed these reading passages to help you prepare for the CELPIP test. Each of the reading passages in Task 3 were taken from Wikipedia articles, and each of the reading passages in Task 4 were taken from the following website:
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I will post the link to each article below the reading passages. I think these reading passages will be very similar to the ones on the CELPIP test.

There will be many difficult words in this book that you have never seen before. Don't worry! I'll teach you what the words mean in the vocabulary section of each task. This will expand your vocabulary which will help you get a better score on the real test.

Task 1

Hi Charlie,

Thanks for your message! I'm happy to hear that you made it safe and sound to Albania. I really enjoyed the pictures you sent. Tirana looks like an awesome city! To be honest, when you first told me you were considering Albania, I thought you were joking. I didn't even know where Albania was. I had to ask my trusty friend Google for help. :) After doing some research, I realized that you made the perfect decision! You've always loved being close to mountains and the beach. I guess now you're a short drive from both! I saw some pictures of the mountains there, and it looks like there are lots of small cement bunkers all over the place. Do you know why that is? I guess I should learn more about Albanian history!

Have you made any local friends to show you around yet? I'm sure staying in the dorm will give you a good opportunity to make lots of friends! I lived in the dorm during my first two years of college, and I have so many great memories of those days. Do you eat at the canteen every day, or are there kitchens in the dorm? I read online that there is a fast food called "suflaqe" which is similar to a doner or a souvlaki. Apparently, they only cost about a dollar! If I were you, I'd be eating those 24/7.

Speaking of food, I've recently taken a job as a pizza delivery guy. I gave my notice at the bank two weeks ago and delivered my first pizzas last night. Talk about a drastic change in lifestyle! I've been wearing a tie to work for the past three years, and now I'll be wearing a Domino Pizza shirt. I don't think it'll take me very long to make the transition though because this lifestyle is what I've been wanting for a long time. I'll have a lot more time to myself from now on. Even though the pay is a lot lower, I'll be much happier because I won't have to deal with stressful situations in the bank, and I'll be able to take up some new hobbies. I'm thinking of getting into snowboarding this winter. Skiing would be good too, but I did a lot of skateboarding when I was a kid, so I think snowboarding might be easier for me.

Anyway, I should sign off here. Hope you have a great time getting set up there!

Take care,

Ryan

1. Charlie is in Albania to _____. [A. work. B. study, C. travel. D. start a business]
2. Charlie lives _____. [A. on campus. B. off campus. C. with a family. D. with colleagues]
3. When did Ryan stop working at the bank? [A. two weeks ago. B. yesterday. C. he did not stop working at the bank. D. unknown]
4. Ryan wanted more _____. [A. flexibility. B. money. C. opportunity. D. free time]
5. Ryan thinks the job transition will be _____. [A. difficult. B. easy. C. stressful. D. awkward]
6. Ryan's new hobby will be _____. [A. snowboarding. B. skiing. C. skateboarding. D. sledding]

Charlie's response to Ryan:

Hey Ryan,

I'm really happy to hear about the recent changes you made in your life! I always knew a _____ job didn't suit you. 7. [A. white-collar. B. blue-collar. C. trades. D. management] You're too creative and independent. Remember in junior high when you started selling M&Ms in math class? I can't believe you made \$50 in three days! Mr. Philips was so mad when he realized that everyone in the class was eating M&Ms in class, haha. You've had a/an _____ spirit ever since you were a kid, and I'm sure it'll make you rich someday soon! 8. [A. wild. B. kind-hearted. C. entrepreneurial. D. greedy]

You're right, Tirana is a perfect spot for me! The weather is so amazing. It's nice waking up every morning with a view of the mountains, yet smelling the warm air from the _____. 9. [A. plateau. B. valley. C. south. D. coast] I've heard about the bunkers in the mountains, but I haven't seen them yet. To be honest, I don't really know much about Albania's history either. I'm sure I'll know more soon though. I'll let you know when I _____. 10. [A. uncover it. B. discover it. C. find out. D. get knowledge]

Yes, I've made several friends here, and they've shown me around the city. The school is in a really nice community with lots of nice shops and restaurants nearby. I've eaten at least one suflaqe every day since being here! You're right, they're super cheap! Even though the cafeteria isn't very expensive, I think it will be even cheaper to _____. every day. 11. [A. eat out. B. dine in. C. cook my own food. D. order in]

My next class starts in five minutes here, so I better run! Talk to you again soon.

Charlie



Vocabulary

Cement (concrete)

Bunker (a structure used for protection)

Dorm (dormitory / student residence)

Canteen (cafeteria / dining hall)

Give notice (tell your job that you're going to quit)

Drastic (extreme)

Transition (change)

Didn't suit you (not a good fit for you)

White-collar job (professional job)

Blue-collar job (work with your hands)

Trades (electrician, plumber, carpenter, painter, etc.)

Entrepreneur (someone who starts a business)

Coast (area close to the ocean)

24/7 (all the time)

Tips

The questions in this task are divided into two sections. I think it's a good idea to read the questions in the first section (#1-6), before reading the passage. After you have read the questions, start reading the passage carefully. When you find the answer to a question, select your answer right away and keep reading. If you still have unanswered questions after you have finished reading the passage, you can try to look for the answer, but remember that time is important! It might be better to start answering the questions in the second section (#7-11). If you are running out of time, make sure you guess for each answer. Never leave an answer blank! You might get lucky! :)

Answers

1. **B** - study
2. **A** - on campus
3. **D** - unknown (When people quit a job, they usually “give notice”. Sometimes they give two weeks notice. Sometimes they only give one week notice. Other times they might give a month notice or even longer. It depends on the person. Ryan gave his notice two weeks ago, but we don’t know how long his notice was for.)
4. **D** - free time
5. **B** - easy (even though the transition will be extreme, he has been wanting it for a long time, so it will be easy.)
6. **A** - snowboarding
7. **A** - white-collar
8. **C** - entrepreneurial
9. **D** - coast
10. **C** - find out
11. **A** - eat out

Task 2



Driving Lessons

*** BEST DRIVING LESSONS IN CALGARY ***

BUY 5 LESSONS – GET 1 FREE!

Morning Lessons

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Cost: \$50

Afternoon Lessons

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Cost: \$60

Evening Lessons

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Cost: \$75

Special Parking Lesson

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday Only

Cost: \$100

(Free with purchase of 10 lessons!)



Hi Omar,

I remember you mentioning that Lena is interested in taking some driving lessons. I was getting my car fixed at the shop this morning and saw an ad for driving lessons in your area. You can take individual lessons or buy a bundle and _____. 1. [A. get a discount. B. get a free lesson. C. get a free lunch. D. use the car to take your test] They offer morning, afternoon, and evening classes. I'm not sure if the _____ classes would work because Lena picks up the kids from school every day, right? 2. [A. morning. B. afternoon. C. evening] The morning classes might work because that's probably after the kids leave for school. Maybe you could _____ on your way to work? 3. [A. drop her off. B. pick her up. C. pick up the kids. D. save time] Evening classes would probably work the best, but they _____. 4. [A. are the cheapest. B. don't have a discount. C. are sold out. D. are the most expensive] They also offer a parking class on Sunday morning which I think would be really helpful for her. It _____. 5. [A. costs \$75. B. only lasts for an hour. C. is free if you buy 10 lessons. D. is on sale] Anyway, I'm sure it'll be great to have two drivers on your next family trip!

Sarah and I were thinking of having you guys over for dinner next week sometime. What hours do you work at your new job?

All the best,

Ian

Lena is Omar's _____. 6. [A. baby sitter. B. cook. C. wife. D. sister]

Ian and Omar are _____. 7. [A. coworkers. B. friends. C. neighbours. D. acquaintances]

Ian thinks Lena should _____. 8. [A. pick up the kids. B. drop off the kids. C. take the parking class. D. take afternoon lessons]

Vocabulary

Shop (mechanic)

Mention (say)

Bundle (several things put together)

Tips

In this question, take a brief look at the information in the diagram. Then, start reading the questions. You will be looking back and forth constantly between the diagram and the questions on this task!

This task has two parts. In the first part (#1-5), you need to interpret the information in the diagram. In the second part, you need to make some inferences about the passage in part one. For example, the passage doesn't say that Lena is Omar's wife, but we can figure it out because there are several clues in the text. The best clue is this: "I'm sure it'll be great to have two drivers on your next family trip!"

Answers

1. **B** - get a free lesson
2. **A** - afternoon
3. **A** - drop her off
4. **D** - are the most expensive
5. **C** - is free if you buy 10 lessons
6. **C** - wife
7. **B** - friends (They can't be neighbours because he says "your area". That means "your part of the city". If he said "our area", then they might be neighbours.)
8. **C** - take the parking class

Task 3

A. Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump is a buffalo jump located where the foothills of the Rocky Mountains begin to rise from the prairie 18 km west of Fort Macleod, Alberta, Canada on highway 785. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home of the museum of Blackfoot culture. Joe Crowshoe Sr. OC (1903 - 1999) – *Aapohsoy'yiis* (Weasel Tail) – a ceremonial Elder of the Piikani Nation in southern Alberta, was instrumental in the development of the site. The Joe Crow Shoe Sr. Lodge is dedicated to his memory. He dedicated his life to preserving Aboriginal culture and promoting the relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and in 1998 was awarded the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for "saving the knowledge and practices of the Blackfoot people."

B. The buffalo jump was used for 5,500 years by the indigenous peoples of the plains to kill buffalo by driving them off the 11 metre (36 foot) high cliff. The cliff itself is about 300 metres (1000 feet) long, and at its highest point drops 10 metres into the valley below. The site was in use at least 6,000 years ago, and the bone deposits are 12 metres (39 feet) deep. After falling off the cliff, the injured buffalo were finished off by other Blackfoot warriors at the cliff base armed with spears and clubs. The buffalo carcass was used for a variety of purposes, from tools made from the bone, to the hide used to make dwellings and clothing. The importance of the site goes beyond just providing food and supplies. After a successful hunt, the wealth of food allowed the people to enjoy leisure time and pursue artistic and spiritual interests. This increased the cultural complexity of the society.

C. In Blackfoot, the name for the site is *Estipah-skikikini-kots*. According to legend, a young Blackfoot wanted to watch the buffalo plunge off the cliff from below, but was buried underneath the falling buffalo. He was later found dead under the pile of carcasses, where he had his head smashed in.

D. Head-Smashed-In was abandoned in the 19th century after European contact. The site was first recorded by Europeans in the 1880s, and first excavated by the American Museum of Natural History in 1938. It was designated a National Historic Site in 1968, a Provincial Historic Site in 1979, and finally a World Heritage Site in 1981 for its testimony of prehistoric life and the customs of aboriginal people.

E. Not in any of the paragraphs

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Head-Smashed-In_Buffalo_Jump

1. The site was named after someone who was killed by falling buffalo.
2. The buffalo jump was designated a World Heritage Site because it reveals the historic culture and way of the indigenous people.
3. An indigenous elder helped develop the site.
4. Some hunters waited at the bottom of the cliff to kill the injured buffalo.
5. Indigenous people killed buffalo for thousands of years by chasing them off a cliff.
6. Europeans were the first foreigners to discover the site.
7. An indigenous leader received an award for helping to preserve the knowledge of the Blackfoot people.
8. The site is located near the Rocky Mountains.
9. The warriors chased the buffalo on horseback.

Vocabulary

On horseback (riding a horse)

Buffalo jump (cliff area used to kill buffalo)

Smashed in (crushed)

Foothills (hills near mountains)

Blackfoot (a tribe of indigenous people)

Plain (large flat area)

Carcass (dead body)

Dwelling (home)

Plunge (fall)

Finished off (killed)

Armed (carrying weapons)

Excavate (dig a hole in the ground to discover things)

Tips

This task is very simple because you just need to match the questions with the right paragraph; however, it is very challenging because you only have 10 minutes to answer the questions! For this task, it is important to have a strategy. If you read the whole passage, you will probably forget which information is in which paragraph. If you read the questions first, you will probably forget them because they are a bit hard to understand. So, in my opinion, the best strategy to use is to read the first paragraph, then scan the questions to see if any information matches. Probably one or two questions will match with that paragraph. Then, read the next paragraph and do the same thing. It will get easier and easier each time because some of the questions have already been answered. By the time you get to the last paragraph, you should only have one or two questions left. Remember, E is also an option (no paragraph has the information). So, after you have finished reading the last paragraph and answering the questions, if there are still unanswered questions, you can just put E.

Answers

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. B
5. B
6. D
7. A
8. A
9. E

Task 4

(NewsUSA) – An investigational drug for a rare cancer of the upper urinary tract is currently being studied in over 25 centers across the United States. The cancer is called upper tract urothelial carcinoma (UTUC). It affects the lining of the kidney and the ureter, the tube that connects the kidney to the bladder. UTUC can be classified as high-grade or low-grade. People diagnosed with the high-grade disease usually must have their kidney, or both their kidney and ureter, removed. Those with low-grade UTUC can sometimes be treated by tumor removal using a special scope. Unfortunately, the procedure to remove the tumor is associated with a high rate of recurrence, and repeated procedures are often required. Around 20 percent of patients with low-grade UTUC eventually require kidney and ureter removal due to disease recurrence or progression. There are about 7,500 new cases of UTUC diagnosed in the United States annually. To date, no drugs have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of UTUC. The challenge of treating UTUC is rooted in the way the body functions. Urothelial cell cancers in the bladder are treated by surgical removal followed by chemotherapy instilled in the bladder and applied directly to the cancer cells. This approach is extremely challenging in the kidney and ureter because the flow of urine rapidly washes the medication away before it has time to work. "It is exciting to have a clinical trial underway to study an investigational drug that may allow chemotherapy drugs to remain in the upper tract for a prolonged time," notes Diane Zipursky Quale, Co-Founder of the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network. Well-designed clinical trials are the best way to determine whether an investigational drug is safe and effective and offers an acceptable balance of risks and benefits. "The OLYMPUS study may shift how low-grade UTUC is treated in the future," says Karim Chamie, MD, MSHS, Associate Professor of Urology at UCLA. "As a urologist, I am excited about the possibility of providing an alternative to surgery for my patients diagnosed with low-grade UTUC." If you are interested in learning more about clinical trials for investigational treatments of low-grade UTUC, such as the OLYMPUS trial, speak to your doctor about the possibility of participating in a clinical trial. You can also visit www.bcan.org or go to www.clinicaltrials.gov (NCT02793128) to find a clinical trial site in your area.

1. Clinical trials are ____.
 - a. only undertaken when a person's life is at risk.
 - b. the best way to test the safety and effectiveness of a drug.
 - c. currently banned by the Food and Drug Administration.
 - d. are effective in approximately 20% of patients.
2. UTUC is ____.
 - a. an investigational drug.
 - b. a form of cancer.
 - c. a cancer advocacy network.
 - d. found in approximately 20% of U.S. citizens.
3. UTUC is challenging to treat because ____.
 - a. it is rooted in homeopathic medicine.
 - b. the medication is washed away by urine before it can be effective.
 - c. treatment options are currently banned by the Food and Drug Administration.
 - d. there is not enough funding for adequate testing.
4. Karim Chamie ____.
 - a. has a positive outlook on the drug.
 - b. is concerned that the drug will interfere with surgical procedures.
 - c. skeptical about the drug's effectiveness.
 - d. believes the drug will benefit patients after they have undergone surgery.
5. People diagnosed with high-grade UTUC ____.
 - a. will experience benefits from the new drug.
 - b. usually recover after surgery.
 - c. will be placed on waiting list to receive the experimental drug.
 - d. must have their kidneys removed.

Task 4 (continued)

The following is a response from someone using the drug.

Having taken this drug as part of a clinical trial, I can say that the drug has had a positive effect on my health. I'm excited about the possibility of _____. 6 [A. avoiding surgery. B. avoiding chemotherapy. C. becoming more sexually active. D. receiving more free treatment in the future.]

I hope Karim Chamie is right in believing that _____. 7 [A. the drug will save those with high-grade UTUC. B. will be an effective way to treat those with low-grade UTUC. C. the drug will finally be approved by the FDA. D. surgery will permanently cure those with UTUC.]

It feels strange to be diagnosed with a disease that is so _____. 8 [A. common. B. expensive to treat. C. rare. D. easy to treat.]

Having low-grade UTUC, I'm a bit nervous about the _____. 9 [A. high cost. B. pain. C. the removal of my gallbladder. D. high recurrence rate after surgery.]

The Food and Drug Administration _____. 10 [A. Will introduce a new drug next year. B. Has approved several experimental drugs. C. Has not approved any drugs for the treatment of UTUC. D. Has fully funded the clinical trials.]

Vocabulary

Investigational drug (a drug that is being experimented with)

Scope (a medical tube with a camera on the end)

Recurrence (happens again)

Progression (advancement)

Urologist (a doctor who specializes in the urinary system)

Clinical trial (when new drugs are tested on people)

Tips

Task 4 is probably the hardest reading task because you have to understand the information AND the viewpoints in the passage. If you understand the passage, the questions will be easy. So, I think it's a good idea to read the passage carefully first and try to understand the various viewpoints. A lot of people struggle to understand viewpoints. A “viewpoint” is an opinion. For example, CNN News is a left-wing (liberal) broadcasting company. They will always say good things about Obama and Clinton because those politicians are also left-wing. CNN will always say bad things about Trump. Fox News, on the other hand, is a right-wing (conservative) broadcasting company and never says good things about left-wing politicians. So, if a news article says that Trump is a great president, then that is the viewpoint of the writer. It doesn't matter whether you think it's true or not.

So, if you see a question like this:

According to the article, Trump will ____.

- A. make America great again.
- B. bankrupt America.
- C. endanger America.
- D. lose the next election.

The article probably doesn't say that Trump will make America great again, but that is the answer because it matches with the viewpoint of the writer.

Answers

1. B
2. B
3. B
4. A
5. D
6. A
7. B
8. C
9. D
10. C

Task 1

Dear Uncle Denis,

I just want to say thank you so much for letting me use your motorbike this summer! It was the best summer of my life, and I definitely wouldn't have been able to go on this trip without your help! When my motorbike broke down in May, I was so sad because it meant I couldn't go on the road trip through the States with my friends. We had been planning the trip for most of high school, so it was a crushing blow when the mechanic told me that the repairs would be over \$2000. I definitely couldn't afford that. I remember when you called me that evening on May 24th and offered to lend me your motorbike for the whole summer. I was overjoyed! I can't thank you enough for making this trip possible for me!

We were planning to leave Calgary on the morning of the 27th, but it started to pour the night before. We didn't want to start our trip by getting drenched, so we waited till the next morning. Our first stop was Kamloops, BC. It only took us 7 hours to get there, but after we checked into our hotel, I noticed how sore my body was. It took me several days to adjust to being on a new bike! On day two and three, we took it a bit easier and only rode for two hours each day. The weather in BC was so nice! On June 1st, we crossed the border into Washington State. It was my first time being in another country. The States is similar in so many ways, yet very different at the same time! One difference is with the measurements. Speed is measured in miles per hour and gas prices are listed in gallons. That confused me for a few days.

We spent a week going down the West Coast, all the way to San Diego. That was probably my favourite part of the trip. It's such a scenic drive! After San Diego, we turned inward to Arizona. It's crazy how fast the landscape changes from the coast. The U.S. has such a diverse landscape! It's really hot in that area near the Mexican border. Actually, it's so hot that my buddy's bike overheated, and we had to spend two days in a small town in New Mexico. Oh, I forgot to tell you about the people I went with. They are all my high school classmates. There were five of us in total. My buddy Jim was riding his dad's brand new Harley Davidson. I think you would like that bike! I remember you taking me for a ride on your Harley back in the day. Do you miss that bike?

Anyway, the rest of the trip was a blast and we made it back safe and sound. Thanks again so much for your kindness!

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Brad



1. Brad's motorbike ____ [A. got stolen. B. had a flat tire. C. stopped working. D. ran out of gas]
2. Brad thinks his uncle would like his friend's motorbike because ____ [A. it had a big engine. B. it was the same make as one he used to own. C. it was brand new. D. it was very fast]
3. The trip was delayed because ____ [A. it started raining. B. it started hailing. C. the roads were too icy. D. someone's bike needed repairs]
4. Ryan's body was sore because ____ [A. he fell off the bike. B. he wasn't used to the bike. C. the bike was too big. D. the seat was uncomfortable]
5. Ryan was confused because ____ [A. the gas prices were so high. B. the speed limit was much lower. C. they got lost. D. the USA uses the imperial system of measurement]
6. The landscape in the USA is ____ [A. similar to Canada's. B. uniform. C. diverse. D. not good for biking]

Dear Brad,

I'm so glad to hear that you had a great trip! It's great that you had some ____ 7. [A. company. B. setbacks. C. precipitation. D. detours] It would have been really lonely to do that whole trip by yourself. I did a solo trip in my 20s, and, just like you, my favourite place was the ____ 8. [A. desert. B. mountains. C. prairies. D. West Coast] Wow, you made great time to Kamloops. It was probably a good call to ____ 9. [A. stay in a hotel. B. postpone departure by a day. C. fix up your bike. D. take a rain check] I'm glad you got used to the bike after a few days. You're right, I would have loved ____ 10. [A. to come with you. B. to see the desert. C. your buddy's bike. D. the weather in BC]

It was my pleasure to ____ 11. [A. borrow your bike. B. fix your bike. C. lend you my bike. D. teach you how to ride] I was so sad when I heard that your bike broke down right before your trip.

Keep being an explorer!

Love,
Uncle Denis

Vocabulary

Break down (stop working, need repairs)

Road trip (a long trip with lots of driving)

Crushing blow (very disappointing news)

Overjoyed (very happy)

Pour (rain)

Drenched (very wet)

Take it easy (relax)

Scenic (beautiful landscape)

Back in the day (a long time ago)

Good call (good decision)

Company (companionship)

Take a rain check (postpone something without making future plans)

Tips

Don't worry if you don't understand something in the reading passage. There might not be a question on that part. Or, if there is a question, the answer options might help you understand the meaning of it. For example, if you don't know what "company" means in the reading passage, you might understand it when you read the email response from Uncle Denis. When you don't understand something, try to figure out from the context. For example, on day two and three, Brad and his friends "took it easier". You can predict that it means "relaxed" because the first day they travelled for a long time and felt stiff and sore.

So, try your best to figure out the overall context. What is happening?

- Brad is writing an email to thank his Uncle Denis for letting him borrow his bike.
- Brad and his friends had planned to go on a road trip, but Brad's bike broke down a few days before the trip.
- Brad is telling his uncle about the trip.

Answers

1. C - stopped working
2. B - it was the same make as one he used to own
3. A - it started raining
4. B - he wasn't used to the bike
5. D - the USA uses the imperial system of measurement
6. C - diverse
7. A - company
8. D - West Coast
9. B - postpone departure by a day
10. C - your buddy's bike
11. C - lend you my bike

Task 2



Raspberry Cheesecake

Servings: 10

Ingredients: cream cheese, raspberries, graham crackers, sugar, eggs



Black Forest Cake

Servings: 14

Ingredients: cocoa powder, sugar, eggs, cherries, oil, whipping cream, flour, chocolate flakes



Dairy Queen Ice Cream Cake

Servings: 12

Ingredients: chocolate ice cream, vanilla icing, smarties



Banana Nut Cupcakes

Servings: 24

Ingredients: bananas, walnuts, sugar, eggs, flour, icing

Dear Chloe,

I hope your first week in Germany has gone well! It's sad that you will be gone for Arlene's birthday party next weekend. Today I bought balloons and birthday candles for the party. Arlene has invited 12 of her friends, but two of them might not be able to make it. We were going to have the party outdoors, but the forecast is for snow, so I guess we'll just stay inside to keep warm. Anyway, since you've helped me make her birthday cake for the past 16 years, I thought I would write you an email asking for your input.

I'm thinking of switching things up a bit this year instead of just making the same chocolate cake we always do. I'm looking at some different recipes here. The first option I was considering is making a raspberry cheesecake. The raspberries in our garden are looking great! My only concern with the recipe is that _____. 1. [A. Arlene's friend is allergic to dairy. B. there won't be enough raspberries for the cake. C. there might not be enough cake for everyone. D. Arlene doesn't like cheesecake] Another option I was thinking of is a Black Forest cake. It would definitely be big enough for everyone to get a piece, but _____. 2. [A. it would be too unhealthy. B. there wouldn't be enough for seconds. C. it would not go well with ice cream. D. it doesn't look like a birthday cake] Arlene loves ice cream so I was thinking of ordering a custom-designed ice cream cake from Dairy Queen. My only concern with that option is that _____. 3. [A. it would be too expensive. B. they might spell her name wrong on the cake. C. it might melt on the drive home. D. it might be too chilly that day to eat an ice-cold cake] The last option I was considering is making banana nut cupcakes. I know they're not _____. 4. [A. a traditional-looking birthday cake. B. healthy. C. easy to make. D. big enough to satisfy someone] but the recipe makes two dozen, so that would be enough for everyone to get seconds if they want. The only problem with this option is that _____. 5. [A. cupcakes take too long to make. B. some people are allergic to nuts. C. they might burn in the oven. D. they are too boring for a party] Do you know if her friends have any dietary restrictions?

Anyway, I hope you're making some friends on campus there. I hope we can Skype soon.

Love,
Mom

Chloe and Arlene are _____. 6. [A. friends. B. classmates. C. sisters. D. cousins]
Chloe is a _____. 7. [A. party planner. B. student. C. chef. D. tourist]
Chloe and her mom _____. 8. [A. always make Arlene's cake together. B. always buy a cake from Dairy Queen. C. pick raspberries together. D. like traveling together]

Vocabulary

Not be able to make it (can't come to the party)

Switching things up (doing something different)

Seconds (another piece of cake)

Chilly (cold)

Dietary restrictions (can't eat certain foods)

Tips

Remember, the answer you choose should always have a connection to the information in the reading passage or diagram. There might be several answers that make sense in your opinion, but you need to choose the answer that matches with the reading passage. For example, maybe you think cupcakes are too boring for a party. Well, Chloe's mom obviously doesn't think so because she's considering them. The recipe calls for walnuts, so the best answer is that some people might be allergic to nuts. Sometimes two answers might seem right. In that case, just try to choose the one that makes the most common sense. For example in question #4. Cupcakes are not ____.

- A. a traditional-looking birthday cake (that's true).
- B. healthy (that's probably true, but none of the options are healthy)
- C. easy to make (we have no idea how hard they are to make)
- D. big enough to satisfy someone (possible, but are cupcakes any smaller than a normal piece of cake? We don't really know. Also, the recipe will make 24 cupcakes, so everyone can get more than one.)

So in this case, A is the best answer.

Answers

1. C - there might not be enough cake for everyone
2. B - there wouldn't be enough for seconds
3. D - it might be too chilly that day to eat an ice-cold cake
4. A - a traditional-looking birthday cake
5. B - some people are allergic to nuts
6. C - sisters
7. B - student
8. A - always make Arlene's cake together

Task 3

A. The **Trans-Canada Highway** (French: *Route Transcanadienne*) is a transcontinental federal-provincial highway system that travels through all ten provinces of Canada from the Pacific Ocean on the west to the Atlantic on the east. The main route spans 7,821 kilometres (4,860 mi) across the country, one of the longest routes of its type in the world. The highway system is recognizable by its distinctive white-on-green maple leaf route markers, although there are small variations in the markers in some provinces.

B. Throughout much of Canada, there are at least two routes designated as part of the Trans-Canada Highway (TCH). For example, in the western provinces, both the main Trans-Canada route and the Yellowhead Highway are part of the Trans-Canada system. Although the TCH, being strictly a transcontinental route, does not enter any of Canada's three northern territories or run to the Canada-US border, the Trans-Canada Highway forms part of Canada's overall National Highway System (NHS), providing connections to the Northwest Territories, Yukon and the border, although the NHS (apart from the TCH sections) is unsigned.

C. Canada's national highway system is not under federal jurisdiction, as decisions about highway and freeway construction are entirely under the jurisdiction of the individual provinces. Route numbering on the Trans-Canada Highway is also handled by the provinces. The Western provinces have coordinated their highway numbers so that the main Trans-Canada route is designated Highway 1 and the Yellowhead route is designated Highway 16 throughout. East of Manitoba the highway numbers change at each provincial boundary, or within a province as the TCH piggybacks along separate provincial highways (which often continue as non-TCH routes outside the designated sections) en route. In addition, Ontario and Quebec use standard provincial highway shields to number the highway within their boundaries, but post numberless Trans-Canada Highway shields alongside them to identify it. As the Trans-Canada route was composed of sections from pre-existing provincial highways, it is unlikely that the Trans-Canada Highway will ever have a uniform designation across the whole country.

D. Although there does not appear to be any nationally sanctioned "starting point" for the entire Trans-Canada Highway system, St. John's has adopted this designation for the section of highway running in the city by using the term "Mile One" for its sports stadium and convention centre complex, Mile One Centre. Likewise, the Victoria terminus of the Trans-Canada Highway, located at the foot of Douglas Street and Dallas Road at Beacon Hill Park, is marked by a "mile zero" monument. The Trans-Canada Highway has been posted in kilometres since 1977, when all Canadian roads switched to metric.

E. Not in any of the paragraphs

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trans-Canada_Highway

1. St. John's considers "Mile One" as the starting point of the highway.
2. The highway can be identified by white and green signs.
3. The Trans-Canada Highway is made up sections of provincial highway.
4. The provinces themselves make decisions about their part of the highway.
5. The Trans-Canada Highway changed from miles to kilometres in 1977.
6. Canada's three territories do not contain any sections of the Trans-Canada Highway.
7. The Trans-Canada Highway follows the same route as the Canadian Pacific Railway.
8. The Trans-Canada Highway is part of Canada's overall highway network.
9. The Trans-Canada Highway spans the continent from east to west.

Vocabulary

Transcontinental (goes across the whole continent)

Spans (covers)

Route markers (signs)

Strictly (only)

Jurisdiction (legal power)

Piggyback (ride on someone's back; the Trans-Canada Highway uses provincial highways)

En route (on the way)

Highway shield (sign logo)

Sanctioned (approved)

Convention centre (large building for holding events)

Terminus (final point)

Tips

Did you try the strategy I gave you last time for this task? Try reading one paragraph, then answering any questions containing that information.

Don't get intimidated by acronyms (TCH). The acronym will always be explained the first time it is used, so remember to pay attention to that.

Remember, the only thing you have to do in this task is to match the sentences on the right with the paragraphs on the left. Even if you don't fully understand the passage, you can still try to find matching information. For example, if the question says "changed from miles to kilometres", you can match it with "switched to the metric system" even if you don't really understand what the passage means. So don't worry too much if you don't understand the meaning of the whole passage in task 3. For other tasks, it is more important to understand the meaning.

Answers

1. D
2. A
3. C
4. C
5. D
6. B
7. E
8. B
9. A

Task 4

Making a resolution to improve your finances puts you several steps closer along the road to a better bottom line, based on data from Fidelity Investments' eighth annual "New Year Financial Resolutions Study." Looking for a resolution that will pay off and pay dividends? Simply resolving to pay more attention to your finances improves the chances that your financial health will improve.

According to the Fidelity study, 45 percent of individuals who reported making financial resolutions at the start of 2016 were more debt-free at the end, compared with 34 percent of individuals who did not report making any financial resolutions within the past year. In addition, those who made financial resolutions were more likely to say they felt financially secure compared to those who didn't make resolutions (45 percent vs. 34 percent).

The study also found that the three most popular financial resolutions for 2017 were saving more (50 percent), paying off debts (28 percent), and cutting back on spending (16 percent). Among individuals who went beyond making a resolution and actually followed through on it, 66 percent reported that they were "in a better financial situation."

The potential for "unexpected expenses," such as home repairs or medical bills, can derail financial security, but consumer education can help.

"For those whose resolutions fell short in 2016, almost three quarters said they were derailed by unforeseen expenses, so setting aside an emergency fund can create a buffer," says Ken Hevert, Fidelity's senior vice president of retirement. Fidelity's online guide, Three Financial Resources for 2017, can help consumers discover how small changes can add up to improve the family finances.

"Whether it's a new roof for your home or a medical emergency, the unexpected can throw your finances for a loop," Hevert explains. An especially smart tip from the guide that anyone can apply: switch to no-fee financial institutions instead of paying \$43 in bank and credit card fees, and invest the money instead. After 20 years, with a hypothetical compound annual growth rate of 7 percent, you could be looking at a \$22,000 windfall.

Visit fidelity.com for more information about how to improve your financial health in the new year.

<http://www.copyrightfreecontent.com/newsusa/one-new-years-resolution-you-dont-have-to-keep-to-be-a-winner-2/>

1. A medical emergency can ____.
 - a. drive you to save more money
 - b. discourage you from making further resolutions
 - c. bolster your investments.
 - d. put your finances in disarray
2. According to Fidelity ____.
 - a. people who made resolutions felt more secure
 - b. investments can fluctuate
 - c. people rarely follow through on their resolutions
 - d. resolutions have little impact on long-term financial health
3. Consumer education can help ____.
 - a. derail financial security
 - b. lead to unexpected expenses
 - c. a person prepare for unexpected expenses
 - d. help a person pay accumulate debt
4. Fidelity's online guide ____.
 - a. warns of potential losses in the market
 - b. advises people to move their money to no-fee financial institutions
 - c. warns consumers of making bad resolutions
 - d. encourages people to seek investments that pay dividends
5. Saving \$43 in bank fees could result in ____.
 - a. a net loss of \$22,000 in 20 years
 - b. an income of \$22,000 for 20 years
 - c. a profit of \$22,000 in 20 years
 - d. an accrued debt of \$22,000 in 20 years

Task 4 (continued)

The following is a response from a skeptical reader of the article.

I agree that paying attention to finances will improve a person's financial health, but people _____. 6. [A. rarely have enough money to save. B. rarely even think about their resolutions after making them. C. usually delay gratification. D. usually lose their investments to greedy bankers] It's funny that the senior vice president uses a growth rate of 7% in his example. Since when has a Fidelity investment actually ____? 7. [A. lost money. B. cost \$43. C. made anyone rich. D. returned 7%] My grandpa had mutual funds with Fidelity and only averaged 3%. Sure, the individual investments in the fund might perform well, but after the ridiculous mutual fund fees, the final return is _____. 8. [A. always lower. B. always higher. C. always the same. D. unpredictable] Hevert's solution to a medical emergency is laughable. Does he really think a person will be able to prepare for an event like that by ____? 9. [A. making a resolution B. using Fidelity's online guide C. saving \$43 in banking fees. D. becoming debt free] Sure, maybe in 20 years if I break my toe, I'll be able to pay for a doctor's visit, but I definitely won't be able to afford a major surgery. To me it seems like this article is just a _____. 10. [A. way to make people save money. B. plug for making resolutions. C. warning to prepare for a financial catastrophe. D. marketing gimmick to attract more customers]

Vocabulary

Resolution (firm decision)

Better bottom line (more money)

Pay off (result in success)

Derail (obstruct)

Throw for a loop (suddenly cause uncertainty)

Hypothetical (possible)

Windfall (benefit, profit)

Bolster (help, support, reinforce)

Disarray (confusion)

Fluctuate (go up and down repeatedly)

Accumulate (gather)

Mutual funds (a kind of investment)

Plug (to promote something)

Gimmick (a trick to attract attention)

Tips

In the second part of this task (questions 6-10), the person has a skeptical/cynical view of the article. This is important to understand because it helps you predict the answers. Do you know what sarcasm is? It would be good to research sarcasm so that you know how to detect it.

Fidelity's vice president is saying that it is good to save \$43/month so that you will have \$22,000 after 20 years. The person responding to the article is being sarcastic and saying that \$22,000 after 20 years cannot cover a medical emergency. “Sure, maybe in 20 years if I break my toe, I’ll be able to pay for a doctor’s visit...” This is sarcasm.

It’s important that you are able to detect someone’s attitude toward something. If you can’t do that, task 4 will be very hard.

In this specific question, it is very easy because the instructions tell you what the person’s attitude is. “The following is a response from a skeptical reader of the article.” When you see the word “skeptical” you already know what to expect.

Answers

1. D - put your finances in disarray
2. A - people who made resolutions felt more secure
3. C - prepare for unexpected expenses
4. B - advises people to move their money to no-fee financial institutions
5. C - a profit of \$22,000 in 20 years
6. B - rarely even think about their resolutions after making them
7. D - returned 7%
8. A - always lower
9. C - saving \$43 in banking fees
10. D - marketing gimmick to attract more customers

Task 1

To the Calgary Police:

I recently witnessed a violent situation at a restaurant and was asked by Cpl. John Bradley to write a report about what I saw.

At 10:15 a.m., I entered Harvest Hills Cafe and ordered a coffee and muffin. While I was waiting for my order to arrive, I saw two men enter the restaurant and take a seat near the windows. After they placed their orders, they started arguing with each other about something. Their voices grew louder and louder. It was clearly disturbing everyone in the restaurant.

One man was approximately 50 years old and wearing jeans, a navy blue jacket, and a red baseball cap. The other man was approximately 25 years old and wearing brown cargo pants and a green t-shirt.

At approximately 10:25 a.m., I heard the older man shout, "You never pay rent on time you son of a b*tch!" He then punched the younger man in the face. The younger man then started throwing punches as well and knocked the older man out. At approximately 10:30 a.m., two police officers arrived and arrested both men. Before leaving the scene, Cpl. John Bradley asked me to write a report about what I witnessed.

I believe the older man was at fault for the violence because he was the initial aggressor. It seemed as though the younger man was simply responding to the situation; however, there is probably a long backstory to the situation.

After the officers had left the scene, the restaurant manager apologized to all the customers and said everyone's meals would be on the house.

At approximately 10:40 a.m., I left the restaurant.

I hope you find this report useful in your investigation.

Sincerely,

Jim Baker

1. The restaurant's customers ____ [A. received a discount on their order. B. received a coupon for their next visit. C. were angry about the situation. D. did not have to pay for their order]
2. Jim Baker believes that ____ [A. many things happened leading up to this event. B. the older man was the victim. C. both men were at fault. D. the restaurant should have done more]
3. Jim Baker was asked to ____ [A. figure out who was guilty. B. describe what he saw. C. give a verbal account of the event. D. visit the police station]
4. The older man ____ [A. was wearing a green shirt. B. ordered soup. C. became unconscious. D. knocked out the other man]
5. The men were fighting ____ [A. about the cost of utilities. B. because they were drunk. C. about a business deal. D. over the payment of rent]
6. Both men ____ [A. were similar in age. B. were wearing jeans. C. were sitting near the windows. D. ordered the same thing]

Dear Mr. Baker,

I would like to thank you for your ____ 7. [A. summary of the event. B. verbal account of the event. C. written account of the event. D. intervention in the situation] Your description of the fight confirms why the older man ____ 8. [A. was groggy on our arrival. B. was chipper on our arrival. C. apologized for his actions. D. was wearing a baseball cap] I agree with you that ____ 9. [A. there is too much intergenerational violence. B. there is probably a backstory in this conflict. C. the younger man was at fault. D. they should have settled this somewhere else] I'm happy to hear that ____ 10. [A. you received a free coffee. B. everyone was disturbed by the event. C. the manager was unapologetic. D. none of the windows were broken]

I appreciate your ____ 11. [A. willingness to make a court appearance. B. decision to call us right away. C. courage to defend others at the scene. D. willingness to provide a written statement]

Sincerely,

Cpl. John Bradley

Vocabulary

Backstory (things that happened in the past)

Witness (see, experience)

Throwing punches (punching)

Knock out (make unconscious)

Initial (first)

Aggressor (person who is aggressive)

On the house (the restaurant will pay for everyone's orders)

Groggy (weak, unsteady, confused)

Chipper (happy, cheerful)

Tips

If you don't know the answer to a question, you should guess. You have a 25% chance of getting it right. Most of the time, however, you will be able to eliminate some of the options. Then your chances go up. For example:

Your description of the fight confirms why the older man ____.

- A. was groggy on our arrival
- B. was chipper on our arrival
- C. apologized for his actions
- D. was wearing a baseball cap

The older man did not apologize, so we can eliminate C.

Wearing a baseball cap has nothing to do with the fight so we can eliminate D.

If you don't know what "groggy" or "chipper" mean, then at least you have a 50% chance of getting it right.

Answers

1. D - did not have to pay for their order
2. A - many things happened leading up to this event
3. B - describe what he saw
4. C - became unconscious
5. D - over the payment of rent
6. C - were sitting near the windows
7. C - written account of the event
8. A - groggy on our arrival
9. B - there is probably a backstory in this conflict
10. A - you received a free coffee
11. D - willingness to provide a written statement

Task 2

Simple Checking Account

Monthly fee: \$5.99
Earns interest: no
Monthly transactions: 15
Overdraft protection: \$500

Student Checking Account

Monthly fee: free
Earns interest: no
ATM fees: \$1.50/transaction
Minimum balance: \$100

Convenience Checking

Monthly fee: \$9.99
Earns interest: 1.5%
Monthly transactions: 25
Minimum balance: \$3000

Premier Checking

Monthly fee: \$19.99
Earns interest: 1.5%
Unlimited transactions
No ATM fees when traveling
Free Travel Plus Credit Card

Hi Jared,

Thanks for your email! It's great to hear that you've arrived in Canada. I hope everything goes smoothly as you get set up here.

To answer your question, I'm not actually sure which bank account would be best for you. It depends on what you're planning to do. You probably don't have a lot of money left after your move, so I would recommend getting an account with _____. 1. [A. no earned interest. B. no monthly fee. C. no overdraft protection. D. no travel benefits] You mentioned the possibility of going to school, right? If that is the case, a student account would be good because there is no monthly fee. The downside, though, is that _____. 2. [A. you have to keep at least \$100 in your account. B. the interest is low. C. you have overdraft protection. D. you won't be able to travel] Do you go to the bank quite often? Another problem with the student account is that you have _____. 3. [A. to pay a monthly fee. B. overdraft protection. C. limited transactions. D. to pay for every transaction] The simple checking account, on the other hand, gives you 15 free transactions per month. Also, if you run into financial problems, you _____. 4. [A. will still earn interest on your balance. B. can have the monthly fee waived. C. have \$500 of overdraft protection if you need it. D. open a savings account]

If you're going to get a job, then paying a monthly fee won't be a problem for you. In that case, I would recommend the convenience checking account. The premier checking account wouldn't really give you any added benefits unless you want to _____. 5. [A. earn more interest. B. maintain a large balance. C. have overdraft protection. D. travel]

Anyway, let me know if you need any more help getting set up!

Take care,

Sam

Jared initially wrote Sam _____. 6. [A. asking for advice. B. explaining a problem. C. giving advice about bank accounts. D. asking for a job]

Sam _____. 7. [A. thinks Jared will go to school. B. thinks Jared will find a job. C. is not eager to help Jared. D. is unsure what Jared will do]

Sam thinks _____. 8. [A. Jared is rich. B. Jared doesn't have much money. C. Jared made a bad decision. D. Jared should get the premium checking account]

Vocabulary

Checking account (basic bank account)

Minimum balance (the amount of money you need to keep in your account)

Overdraft protection (a feature that allows your account to have a negative balance. For example, if you only have \$200, and you buy something for \$700, the transaction will still be approved if you have \$500 of overdraft protection. You will probably have to pay a fee or interest on the money borrowed.)

Waived (do not have to pay the fee)

Eager (want to do something)

Tips

To answer the questions in task 2, just use common sense. The CELPIP people are not trying to trick you. The purpose of this task is to see if you can understand visual information such as an advertisement or a schedule.

I would suggest taking about a minute to look at the information, then start reading the questions. You have nine minutes to answer eight questions. Not all the questions are related to the information in the diagram, so don't waste too much time looking at the diagram when you start the task.

Answers

1. B - no monthly fee
2. A - you have to keep at least \$100 in your account
3. D - pay for every transaction
4. C - have \$500 of overdraft protection if you need it
5. D - travel
6. A - asking for advice
7. D - unsure what Jared will do
8. B - Jared doesn't have much money

Task 3

- A. The Canadian one dollar coin, commonly called the loonie (French: huard), is a gold-coloured one-dollar coin introduced in 1987. It bears images of a common loon, a bird which is common and well known in Canada, on the reverse, and of Queen Elizabeth II on the obverse. It is produced by the Royal Canadian Mint at its facility in Winnipeg.
- B. The coin's outline is an 11-sided curve of constant width. Its diameter of 26.5 mm and its 11-sidedness matched that of the already-circulating Susan B. Anthony dollar in the United States, and its thickness of 1.95 mm was a close match to the latter's 2.0 mm. Its gold colour differed from the silver-coloured Anthony dollar; however, the succeeding Sacagawea and Presidential dollars matched the loonie's overall hue. Other coins using a curve of constant width include the 7-sided British twenty pence and fifty pence coins (the latter of which has similar size and value to the loonie, but is silver in colour).
- C. Canada first minted a silver dollar coin in 1935 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of George V's reign as king. The voyageur dollar, so named because it featured an Indigenous person and a French voyageur paddling a canoe on the reverse, was minted in silver until 1967, after which it was composed primarily of nickel. The coins did not see wide circulation, mainly due to their size and weight; the nickel version weighed 15.6 grams (0.55 oz) and was 32.1 millimetres (1.26 in) in diameter, and was itself smaller than the silver version.
- D. The coin has become the symbol of the Canadian dollar: media often discuss the rate at which the loonie is trading against other currencies. The nickname loonie became so widely recognized that in 2006, the Royal Canadian Mint secured the rights to it. When the Canadian two-dollar coin was introduced in 1996, it was in turn nicknamed the "toonie" (a portmanteau of "two" and "loonie").
- E. Not in any of the paragraphs

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loonie>

1. Canada celebrated King George's reign by making a silver dollar coin.
2. The loonie is the most common coin used in vending machines.
3. The name of the two dollar coin was influenced by the loonie.
4. The loonie has a bird on one side and Queen Elizabeth II on the other side.
5. The original silver dollar coin had a canoe on the back.
6. Nickel replaced silver as the main substance of the \$1 coin.
7. Loonies are produced in Winnipeg.
8. The loonie and the Anthony dollar were different colours.
9. Two British coins have a similar features to the loonie.

Vocabulary

Hue (shade of colour)

Bear (show, carry)

Reverse (back)

Obverse (front)

Mint (a place where money is made)

To mint (the process of making money)

Already-circulating (already in use)

Voyageur (boatman)

Portmanteau (a word combining the sounds and meanings of two other words. For example: brunch = breakfast + lunch)

Tips

This task and the other reading tasks will be easier if you can improve your reading speed. Don't worry if you are a slow reader. I am too! It would be good to find resources online to help you improve your reading speed. Any reading practice will help you improve your reading skills. Try to read passages from various sources and on various topics.

Google is your best friend! Just search until you find something that you think will help you. Here are some great websites I found.

<http://www.esl-lounge.com/student/reading/4r5-siberian-winter.php>

<http://www.thewestcoastreader.com/>

<http://fullspate.digitalcounterrevolution.co.uk/ecpe-reading-test-4.html>

<https://www.ixl.com/ela/grade-6/determine-the-main-idea>

Answers

1. C
2. E
3. D
4. A
5. C
6. C
7. A
8. B
9. B

Task 4

(NewsUSA) – As millions of Americans know, daily commutes can be stressful and monotonous. Couple that with winter weather, and staying alert is paramount—especially as road conditions start to deteriorate. To that point, you never know when you’re going to need to become a Timely Performance Driver. Timely Performance is a term that describes being present in the moment when driving so you can maximize your car’s performance and react quickly to surprising situations on the road. Based on a recent survey, 75 percent of U.S. adults say they need to become Timely Performance Drivers at least once a week, and those who reported a need to react quickly to a driving situation say they do so approximately 6 times per week. BFGoodrich Tires has conducted a survey of driving behaviors. The study group included 1,009 adults (aged 18 years and older) living in the continental United States. The sample was representative of the general population in terms of geographic, demographic, and socioeconomic traits. Overall, 82 percent of the survey respondents say that drivers often face unexpected situations on the road, and 54 percent agree that drivers drive better in potentially dangerous situations. Andrew Comrie-Picard, a professional race car driver, X-Games athlete, and BFGoodrich ambassador, emphasizes that drivers of any age can (and should) practice Timely Performance Driving by staying alert so they can push their car to its maximum performance in the moments that matter most. According to Comrie-Picard, key aspects of Timely Performance Driving include:

*Looking far down the road to anticipate potential issues and road hazards.

*Remembering the importance of smooth control inputs, such as braking, throttling, and steering.

*Anticipating road conditions, such as standing water and slick roads.

*Driving with two hands on the wheel—no exceptions.

*Keeping distance between you and the car in front of you.

Comrie-Picard also says it’s important to ensure that your tires are appropriate for your car and well-maintained. Specifically, he likes the BFGoodrich Advantage T/A Sport tire for its seasonality and performance capabilities during the harsh winter weather months, as well as throughout the year.

Additional information on BFGoodrich Tires, as well as other driving tips, can be found on <http://www.BFGoodrichTires.com>

<http://www.copyrightfreecontent.com/category/auto/>

1. Over half of drivers believe that ____.
 - a. having good tires increases driving safety
 - b. driving in bad weather can be stressful
 - c. people drive better when there are dangers
 - d. driving with one hand is adequate
2. Timely Performance means ____.
 - a. focusing on your current situation
 - b. leaving 5 minutes before schedule
 - c. staying calm in traffic
 - d. using BFGoodrich tires
3. Comrie-Picard believes that ____.
 - a. people under 18 years old should practice Timely Performance
 - b. people should always use winter tires
 - c. bad weather should be avoided
 - d. having the right tires is important
4. Most drivers reported needing to become Timely Performance drivers ____.
 - a. in order to avoid collisions
 - b. at least once a week
 - c. every day
 - d. when using sport tires
5. An ambassador of BFGoodrich says that Timely Performance should be practiced ____.
 - a. by everyone under 25 years old
 - b. every week
 - c. by all ages
 - d. every day



Task 4 (continued)

The following is a response from an advocate of safe driving.

This is an important article because _____. 6. [A. too many people are distracted on the road these days. B. it helps people identify the right winter tires for their vehicles. C. it warns people of winter driving. D. it teaches people how to react quickly] So many people are guilty of texting while driving. It's crucial that drivers _____. 7. [A. turn off the radio when they drive. B. make eye contact with pedestrians. C. avoid night driving. D. keep both hands on the wheel] It's also important that drivers take care of their vehicles. Comrie-Picard is right in that _____. 8. [A. Timely Performance should be practiced 6 times per week. B. race car driving is an asset. C. you should have the right tires for your car. D. winter tires are the best] Especially in bad weather, people should pay attention to their _____. 9. [A. following distance. B. breathing. C. gas mileage. D. radio volume] The reason people generally drive better in dangerous conditions is because _____. 10. [A. they are more carefree. B. they are more alert. C. their vehicles perform better in harsh conditions. D. they operate their vehicles more smoothly]

Vocabulary

Advocate (a person who supports something)

Commute (driving to and from work/school)

Monotonous (boring)

Paramount (very important)

Deteriorate (get worse)

Continental US (USA not including Alaska or Hawaii)

Throttling (accelerating)

Standing water (puddles on road)

Slick (slippery)

Adequate (enough)

Crucial (very important)

Tips

Remember to pay attention to words such as “advocate”. Words like this help you know what a person’s viewpoint is. Here are some common words that you should know:

Critic - against something

Proponent - supporting something

Opponent - against something

Supporter - supporting something

The questions are divided into two parts in this task: 1-5 and 6-10. I think it might be a good idea to skim the first five questions before reading the passage, but don’t waste time looking at the second part.

Answers

1. C - people drive better when there are dangers
2. A - focusing on your current situation
3. D - having the right tires is important
4. B - at least once a week
5. C - by all ages
6. A - too many people are distracted on the road these days
7. D - keep both hands on the wheel
8. C - you should have the right tires for your car
9. A - following distance
10. B - they are more alert

Task 1

Dear Professor Johnson,

I would like to apologize for submitting our group assignment several hours late. I know the penalty is a 10% grade reduction for late assignments, but I would like to explain why it was late.

As you know, my group consisted of myself, Cynthia, and Roger. To be honest, I feel very let down by the group. I ended up doing most of the work for the project even though we had discussed the assignment and divided the tasks. My role was to write the introduction and the conclusion and proofread the document before submitting it. I finished writing the introduction and conclusion over a week ago so that the other members would have some structure to build on. I figured they would be working on their parts during the week and then send me their parts on Friday so that I would have all day Saturday to compile everything and make sure it was ready to go.

Unfortunately, my teammates weren't working during the week. On Thursday night, I got a text from Roger saying that he had been busy all week and hadn't started his part yet. He didn't even know where to start, so I ended up doing most of his part of the assignment. Cynthia finally sent me her part on Saturday afternoon, and the writing quality was terrible. It was full of grammar and spelling mistakes. I couldn't believe it. I stayed up all night on Saturday editing her mistakes and writing Roger's part. I finally finished everything just before the deadline but then realized that Cynthia hadn't listed her references. So, I tried to contact her, but it took her two hours to respond to me. Finally, she sent me the references, and I put them into the final assignment.

Needless to say, I'm exhausted. I was trying so hard to get the assignment in on time. Would you be willing to make an exception for our group and overlook the late submission?

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your response.

Warm regards,

Tony

1. Tony is writing the email to ____ [A. complain about his group mates. B. ask for more time. C. explain his situation. D. ask for clarity on the instructions]
2. Tony feels ____ [A. disappointed in his group. B. that there was not enough time for the assignment. C. Cynthia should lose marks for her bad grammar. D. Roger should be reprimanded for his lack of effort]
3. The last frustration Tony faced was ____ [A. writing Roger's part for him. B. fixing Cynthia's grammar mistakes. C. writing the conclusion. D. asking Cynthia to submit her references]
4. Tony finished the introduction and conclusion early ____ [A. so that he could help Roger with his part. B. so that his group mates would have greater clarity in writing their parts. C. so that his group mates would finish early too. D. so that they would not receive the 10% penalty]
5. Roger ____ [A. finished his part on Thursday evening. B. asked for more time. C. edited Cynthia's mistakes. D. needed Tony's help]
6. Tony asked his professor ____ [A. for a higher grade. B. to overlook the penalty. C. to punish Roger and Cynthia. D. to send feedback on his work]

Tony,

I appreciate you letting me know about ____ . 7. [A. your difficulties this week. B. Cynthia's terrible grammar. C. the content of your assignment. D. upcoming assignment] It can be very frustrating when your group mates ____ . 8. [A. ask too many questions. B. do not understand the assignment. C. fight with each other. D. do not pull their weight] That's why I provide a "Teammate Evaluation Form" for each group member to fill out anonymously. It takes into account ____ . 9. [A. the effort of each member. B. the mistakes of each member. C. the past assignments of each member. D. how each member should be punished] I would encourage you to fill out the form in a way that reflects your frustrations about the group. This will ____ . 10. [A. provide you some compensation for your hard work. B. show your teammates what they did wrong . C. give me an excuse to give them a failing grade. D. carry forward to the next assignment]

I will gladly overlook ____ . 11. [A. the spelling and grammar errors. B. your group mates' incompetence. C. the late submission. D. your request to have the penalty removed]



Vocabulary

Let down (disappointed)

Ended up (in the end)

Proofread (check for errors)

References (citations)

Overlook (forget about, forgive)

Reprimanded (punished)

Do not pull their weight (do not fulfill their responsibilities)

Incompetence (lack of skill/ability)

Tips

The first thing you should do in Task 1 is to figure out the context. Is it formal or informal? Who is writing the email? What is the purpose of the email. You can easily figure this out by looking at the greeting, closing, and skimming the first paragraph.

After you identify the context, I would suggest skimming questions 1-6. This will help you know what to look for when you read the email. If you find an answer to one of the questions, then answer it right away and keep reading.

After you've answered the six questions, you will know what to expect in the professor's response. He will either be empathetic (understanding) or noncompliant (unwilling). So, you need to pay attention to his tone in the email. This will help you predict the answers much more easily.

Remember to use common sense when you answer the questions. I don't think the CELPIP people are trying to trick you.

Answers

1. C - explain his situation
2. A - disappointment in his group
3. D - asking Cynthia to submit her references
4. B - so that his group mates would have greater clarity in writing their parts
5. D - needed Tony's help
6. B - to overlook the penalty
7. A - your difficulties this week
8. D - do not pull their weight
9. A - the effort of each member
10. A - provide you some compensation for your hard work
11. C - the late submission

Task 2

Find the right career at Markland Polytechnic!



Massage Therapy

16 months

Tuition: \$7000

Average Salary: \$45,000

Class size: 25



Hairdressing

12 months

Tuition: \$5000

Average Salary: \$35,000

Class size: 15



Photography

6 months

Tuition: \$3000

Average Salary: \$25,000

Class size: online study

Hi Anne!

I just saw this poster on a bulletin board and thought I should send it to you! Have you thought anymore about what your next step is going to be?

Last time we spoke, you were considering hitting Europe for a few months. That would be awesome! I guess travelling has its pros and cons. Being broke at the end of the trip is probably _____. 1. [A. the biggest pro. B. the biggest con. C. not going to happen. D. not that bad] You might want to save up a bit before you travel. I think doing a short course like one of these would be a great way to get a job and save up! You would make a great hairdresser! Remember when we were kids and I would come over to your house to play with dolls? You always wanted to give the dolls _____. 2. [A. fancy clothes. B. fancy hairstyles. C. a manicure. D. a pedicure] I think you would be great at massage therapy too. The downside with that option is that the course is longer, it costs more money, and _____. 3. [A. the salary is higher. B. the classes are smaller. C. the class size is bigger. D. there is no vacation time] I think class size makes a big difference. I remember one of my university classes had 100 people! It was hard to make friends, so I would definitely recommend small class sizes!

If you want to travel, photography might be a great thing to learn! The advantage it has over hairdressing is that the program is shorter and _____. 4. [A. the salary is higher. B. the salary is lower. C. the tuition is higher. D. the tuition is lower]

The problem with the photography option is that it's just online, and you wouldn't get any hands-on experience with an instructor. Another issue is that _____. 5. [A. the salary is much lower than the other options. B. the course takes less time. C. the tuition is lower than the other options. D. you don't really need to take photos while you travel]

Anyway, let me know what your thoughts are!

Julie

Markland Polytechnic is a _____. 6. [A. post-secondary institution. B. recruitment agency. C. company. D. online forum]

Julie and Anne are _____. 7. [A. classmates. B. childhood friends. C. acquaintances. D. sisters]

Julie thinks _____. 8. [A. money is important. B. the length of study is important. C. Anne should go traveling instead. D. class sizes are important]

Vocabulary

Bulletin board (a board with various advertisements posted on it)

Hitting (going to)

Manicure (fingernail painting)

Pedicure (toenail painting)

Pros (advantages)

Cons (disadvantages)

Broke (no money)

Hands-on (practical, real life)

Polytechnic (a post-secondary institution that offers education in fields such as hairdressing, massage therapy, carpentry, plumbing, and other hands-on jobs)

Tips

Do you know what “train of thought” means? It means a series of thoughts that are connected to each other and support the same conclusion. It’s very important that you can follow someone’s train of thought. For example, look at this train of thought.

Thought 1: You would make a great hairdresser!

Thought 2: Remember when we were kids and I would come over to your house to play with dolls?

Thought 3: You always wanted to give the dolls ____.

- A. fancy clothes
- B. fancy hairstyles
- C. a manicure
- D. a pedicure

The only option that matches with her train of thought is B - fancy hairstyles.

Try to think about this concept while you study for the reading part of the test.

Answers

1. B - the biggest con
2. B - fancy hairstyles
3. C - the class size is bigger
4. D - the tuition is lower
5. A - the salary is much lower than the other options
6. A - a post-secondary institution
7. B - childhood friends
8. D - class sizes are important

Task 3

A. Maple syrup is a syrup usually made from the xylem sap of sugar maple, red maple, or black maple trees, although it can also be made from other maple species. In cold climates, these trees store starch in their trunks and roots before winter; the starch is then converted to sugar that rises in the sap in late winter and early spring. Maple trees are tapped by drilling holes into their trunks and collecting the exuded sap, which is processed by heating to evaporate much of the water, leaving the concentrated syrup.

B. Maple syrup was first collected and used by the indigenous peoples of North America, and the practice was adopted by European settlers, who gradually refined production methods. Technological improvements in the 1970s further refined syrup processing. The Canadian province of Quebec is by far the largest producer, responsible for 70 percent of the world's output; Canadian exports of maple syrup in 2016 were C\$ 487 million (about US\$ 360 million), with Quebec accounting for some 90 percent of this total. Vermont is the largest producer in the United States, generating about six percent of the global supply.

C. Maple syrup is graded according to the Canada, United States, or Vermont scales based on its density and translucency. Sucrose is the most prevalent sugar in maple syrup. In Canada, syrups must be made exclusively from maple sap to qualify as maple syrup and must also be at least 66 percent sugar. In the United States, a syrup must be made almost entirely from maple sap to be labelled as "maple", though states such as Vermont and New York have more restrictive definitions.

D. Maple syrup is often used as a condiment for pancakes, waffles, French toast, oatmeal or porridge. It is also used as an ingredient in baking and as a sweetener or flavouring agent. Culinary experts have praised its unique flavour, although the chemistry responsible is not fully understood.

E. Not in any of the paragraphs

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maple_syrup

1. The maple leaf is a national symbol of Canada.
2. Several types of maple trees produce the sap to make maple syrup.
3. The taste of maple syrup is greatly admired even though its composition has not been completely ascertained.
4. In order to be classified as maple syrup in Canada, the syrup must be made only from maple sap.
5. Many people put maple syrup on their breakfast foods.
6. Maple syrup is heated which results in a thick syrup.
7. Canada exported nearly half a billion dollars of maple syrup in 2016.
8. The state of Vermont produces the most maple syrup in the United States.
9. Maple sap is starch which has been converted to sugar.

Vocabulary

Ascertained (understood)

Sap (a thick, sticky liquid)

Trunk (bottom part of tree)

Exude (release, emit)

Gradually (slowly)

Refine (improve)

Density (thickness)

Translucency (degree of clearness)

Prevalent (commonly occurring)

Exclusively (only)

Condiment (a sauce you put on food, such as ketchup)

Culinary (food, cooking)

Unique (special)

Tips

Remember that E is an option (not in any paragraph). There will probably be one or two questions that are not in any paragraph. So, if the first question is E, don't waste your time trying to find which paragraph it is in! Just answer the questions that you can and then return to the ones you didn't answer.

Again, the strategy I would recommend for this task is to read the first paragraph, then quickly read the questions and see if there is any matching information. Hopefully you can answer two or three questions and then read the next paragraph.

The reading tasks on the test will have about 400 words (same as in this book). So, if you want to practice reading articles that are the same length, I found a good website for that. Just search online for “Hakai Magazine”, then click on “Quick Reads” at the top of the website. Here is the link:

<https://www.hakaimagazine.com/article-short/>

Many of the articles are between 400-500 words.

Answers

1. E
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. D
6. A
7. B
8. B
9. A

Task 4

As consumers are asked to assume more health care costs than in the past, it's important to consider benefits packages that offer more holistic support besides the usual health, dental and vision policies. Consumers should know that there are plans available today that will promote their overall well-being, which includes physical, mental and financial health.

Luckily, many employers see the need for robust benefits offerings, with some incorporating new solutions to meet increased employee demand for more from their benefits provider. In fact, 34 percent of employers surveyed in a Towers Watson study indicated they already offer more customization with voluntary benefits. Companies like Aflac are expanding services, ranging from credit monitoring to supplemental accident benefits to helping provide employees and their families with financial protection.

As consumers select benefits options provided by their employer, here are three additional services to look for that go above and beyond a typical benefits offering:

- **Fraud protection.** According to the Identity Theft Resource Center, by the middle of 2015, there were a total of 424 data breaches, compromising millions of consumers' personal and financial data. It's no surprise that the use of mobile technology and digital transactions has left consumers vulnerable, so benefits that include services to help protect employees' personal and financial information should be viewed as a must-have option in employer-sponsored packages.

- **Telemedicine.** A Towers Watson survey showed that almost half of employers offer telemedicine, and by 2018 that number is expected to rise to 90 percent. Companies are starting to connect consumers to highly qualified health care professionals who can evaluate common conditions and provide personalized treatment remotely, offering a low-cost and convenient option, as opposed to a hospital or urgent care visit.

- **Benefits management support.** According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, medical debts account for 52 percent of debt collection actions that appear on consumer credit reports. Not to mention, the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 1 in 3 Americans struggle to pay medical bills. Companies are beginning to offer administrative support to help negotiate employees' unpaid medical bills. Consumers who are concerned about expenses should investigate these options further, as it could help them protect their financial future.

With more health care responsibility falling on consumers, now is the perfect time to search for and demand more from employer benefits packages. For more about the value-added services Aflac is offering, visit aflac.com/aflac-business-solutions.

<http://www.copyrightfreecontent.com/newsusa/employees-seek-out-benefits-packages-with-more-perks/>

1. Most Americans ____.
 - a. do not trust telemedicine
 - b. have been the victim of fraud
 - c. have a hard time paying for medical expenses
 - d. eat too much pizza
2. According to the article ____.
 - a. more and more healthcare costs are being passed on to the consumer
 - b. mobile technology helps keep people safe from data breaches
 - c. telemedicine is expected to replace traditional clinics by 2018
 - d. employers are failing to recognize the need for holistic support
3. Holistic coverage includes ____.
 - a. people under 18 years old
 - b. prescription medication
 - c. free access to telemedicine
 - d. physical, mental, and financial health, in addition to more traditional services.
4. Many employers are ____.
 - a. moving away from telemedicine to a more traditional approach
 - b. failing to recognize the need for mental health services
 - c. scamming their employees
 - d. beginning to acknowledge the need for customizable healthcare plans
5. Consumers should ____.
 - a. rely on their own intuition to protect themselves from fraud
 - b. receive help to negotiate medical bills
 - c. pay less for their medical plans
 - d. forgo voluntary benefits

Task 4 (continued)

The following is a response from a reader of the article.

As a victim of identity theft myself, I wish I had looked more into _____. 6. [A. telemedicine before I got sick. B. fraud protection a few years ago. C. benefits management support. D. mental health support] I had never heard of holistic support being offered in a _____. 7. [A. benefits package. B. a large city. C. small company. D. credit monitoring service] The thing about a benefits package is that _____. 8. [A. you'll never need to use most of the services. B. it's generally a waste of money. C. it never covers the things you really need. D. you don't know its value until you really need it] Now that I understand the value of holistic support, I know how to use it to care for myself and my family. Instead of spending hours waiting to see a doctor in an emergency room, I can now _____. 9. [A. make use of the telemedicine service. B. benefits management support. C. fraud protection. D. prescription drug coverage] I really support the growing trend of companies offering _____. 10. [A. eye care. B. dental care. C. more customization. D. more traditional benefits]

Vocabulary

Holistic (complete, comprehensive)

Voluntary benefits (optional insurance products that employees can add to their plan)

Robust (strong)

Credit monitoring (a service that tracks your credit history to protect you against fraud)

Supplemental accidental benefits (insurance in case you get injured)

Data breach (information is stolen)

Vulnerable (weak, in danger)

Tips

The vocabulary on a specific topic such as health insurance can be very intimidating. You may have never heard terms such as “credit monitoring” or “supplimental accidental benefits”. These terms are hard to understand when there is limited context. I think it would be a good idea to research topics that you are unfamiliar with. That way you will learn more specific vocabulary. It’s hard to know which topics to study because the exam questions could be on any topic, but very often related topics share the same vocabulary. For example, vehicle insurance and home insurance will have similar terms such as “deductible, premium, etc.” Also, there are many topics that have to do with finances, such as investments, banking, retirement, etc. These areas will also have related vocabulary, such as “equity, interest, statement, etc”

Basically, the more vocabulary you understand, the easier the test will be for you.

Answers

1. C - have a hard time paying for medical expenses
2. A - more and more healthcare costs are being passed on to the consumer
3. D - physical, mental, and financial health, in addition to more traditional services
4. D - beginning to acknowledge the need for customizable healthcare plans
5. B - receive help to negotiate medical bills
6. B - fraud protection a few years ago
7. A - benefits package
8. D - you don't know its value until you really need it
9. A - make use of the telemedicine service
10. C - more customization

Task 1

Hey John,

Thanks so much for inviting me to your wedding! I got the invitation in the mail today.

To be honest, I was a bit surprised to hear that you decided to get married so soon. I figured you would wait for a while until you got settled into your new job a bit more. How is that going by the way? We all miss you here at the office, but we're happy that you're climbing the corporate ladder! Next stop, CEO, eh?

I'm sorry to say that I won't be able to attend your wedding because I booked my vacation right over those dates. Cindy and I are going to Thailand. We're really excited about the trip. Actually, I'm thinking about proposing on the trip! (Don't let the cat out of the bag!)

We're flying to Bangkok on August 5th. It's gonna be a long trip since we have a 9 hour layover in Tokyo, but it will all be worth it when we get to our beach resort. We're spending two days in Bangkok, then flying to Koh Samui. Cindy has never been to Asia before, so I thought it would be good for her to experience a large Asian city for a few days. We'll be in Koh Samui for a week before flying home. Neither of us have taken a proper vacation in over two years, so it'll be nice to unwind for a while.

I hope you capture some footage of your wedding so that I can watch it after we get back! I'm really excited for you guys. I'll have to keep my eyes open in Bangkok for a belated wedding gift. I picked up an awesome painting from a street artist last time I was in Thailand. Do you have any space on your wall for some artwork?

Anway, I really hope you guys have a great day, and I'm sorry again that I won't be able to make it. Cindy and I will definitely have you guys over for supper when we get back. By the way, have you decided on a honeymoon spot yet? Let me know if you need any advice on good resorts. I have a lot of experience with resorts! Also, my brother is a travel agent and might be able to get you guys a good deal.

Alright, I'll sign off for now.

All the best,

Greg



1. John and Greg are ____ [A. classmates. B. workmates. C. old colleagues. D. cousins]
2. Cindy is Greg's ____ [A. wife. B. friend. C. fiancée. D. girlfriend]
3. Greg wants John to ____ [A. go to Thailand for his honeymoon. B. keep his engagement plans a secret. C. postpone the wedding. D. apply for a job promotion]
4. John is ____ [A. a CEO. B. on his honeymoon. C. engaged. D. Greg's boss]
5. John and Cindy are ____ [A. taking a direct flight. B. spending a week in Bangkok. C. getting married in Thailand. D. connecting in Tokyo]
6. Greg wants John to ____ [A. video the wedding. B. book a resort. C. send him pictures. D. call off the wedding]

Hi Greg,

Wow, it sounds like you guys have a great trip ahead of you! Don't worry about missing the wedding. I ____ 7. [A. completely understand. B. hope you cancel your plans. C. am pretty upset about it. D. I think you will regret it] Actually, April and I are planning to stream our wedding online so that her relatives in Australia can watch it. So, you might be able to ____ 8. [A. watch it after you get back. B. witness the event live from Thailand. C. fly to Australia to see it. D. see some pictures after the wedding] About the artwork, that would be great! I was just telling April yesterday that I want ____ 9. [A. to go to a nice resort for our honeymoon. B. lots of plants in our new apartment. C. some nice artwork in our new place. D. to postpone the wedding]

I definitely miss working with you. How's everything going ____ 10. [A. with school. B. with the wedding plans. C. at the gym. D. at the office] My work has been going really well. I have made some great friends in the management team here. The work is a bit more stressful, but ____ 11. [A. my schedule is not great. B. I'm happy to be advancing my career. C. I'm thinking of quitting. D. that's what you get when you're CEO]

Anway, I look forward to catching up soon!

John

Vocabulary

Catching up (talking again after a while apart)

Climbing the corporate ladder (advancing your career)

Proposing (asking someone to marry you)

Let the cat out of the bag (reveal the secret)

Layover (airport connection)

Unwind (relax)

Capture footage (take video)

Honeymoon (vacation after wedding)

Fiancée (person you're engaged to)

Stream online (live on the internet)

Tips

Are you comfortable reading and writing different kinds of emails? It might be good to look at some examples. You can just search online for email examples, but here is a website I found that has emails in four different categories.

Business Letters

Employee Letters

Referral Letters

Thank You Letters

<https://www.thebalancecareers.com/letters-and-email-messages-4161906>

It would be good to familiarize yourself with a variety of email topics and styles, so that you will be more comfortable reading the question on the exam.

Answers

1. C - old colleagues
2. D - girlfriend
3. B - keep his engagement plans a secret
4. C - engaged
5. D - connecting in Tokyo
6. A - video the wedding
7. A - completely understand
8. B - witness the event live from Thailand
9. C - some nice artwork in our new place
10. D - at the office
11. B - I'm happy to be advancing my career

Task 2

VANCOUVER UNIVERSITY Join the Club!



Hockey

Oct. - Apr.

Cost: \$400

20 games

Team size: 20



Skiing

Sept. - Apr.

\$600

One weekend per month

Group size: 30



Curling

Sept. - Mar.

Cost: \$200

24 games

Team size: 4

Hi Paula!

It was great to meet you during the ice-breaker activities last weekend! I hope your classes are off to a good start. You mentioned wanting to get involved in some extra-curricular activities. I think that would be a great way to make the most of your exchange semester! I just saw this poster in the gym and thought I would send it to you. It provides some options for sports this winter. I think it would be a great experience for you to get involved in some cold-weather activites while you're here in Canada. You probably don't have winter sports back in Brazil, right?

Don't worry if you don't know anything about these sports! They're just for recreation which means they're not too ____ 1. [A. expensive. B. competitive. C. difficult to learn. D. much fun] Hockey is pretty much the most Canadian thing you could do, but ____ 2. [A. you would need to learn how to skate. B. it is the most expensive. C. the rules are hard to learn. D. it's not much fun] Skiing would be really awesome because you would go with a big group once a month. The only downside is that ____ 3. [A. you might be too busy to do that. B. you might not like it. C. there might be too much snow. D. it's the most expensive option] That being said, ____ 4. [A. you can definitely afford it. B. you get a free lunch when you go skiing. C. it has a longer season than the other options. D. skiing is too dangerous] Do you know what curling is? It looks like a pretty boring sport, but it's actually a lot of fun! It is definitely ____ 5. [A. the most expensive option. B. the cheapest option. C. not worth it. D. too hard to learn]

Anyway, let me know if you want to join one of these activities, and I could probably sign up with you!

All the best,

Raymond

Raymond is trying to ____ 6. [A. flirt with Paula. B. discourage her from winter activities. C. find a study partner. D. help her get involved in extra-curricular activites]

Raymond thinks ____ 7. [A. Paula is not used to cold weather. B. wants to be his girlfriend. C. will not have enough time for activities. D. Paula is poor]

Raymond is offering to ____ 8. [A. pay for the cost. B. teach her how to skate. C. join her in the activity. D. be her study partner]

Vocabulary

Ice-breaker activity (activity to make friends)

Extra-curricular activity (an activity not related to schoolwork)

Recreation (just for fun, not too competitive)

Tips

In a question like this, it's very important to understand phrases such as "that being said". This phrase tells you that the next thing Raymond will say is going to be opposite from what he said before the phrase (just like the word "but").

First, he said that skiing is expensive (which is bad), so the next thing needs to be positive because he used the phrase "that being said". If the first thing had been positive, then the next thing would need to be negative. For example, "Skiing would be great because it wouldn't take up too much of your time. That being said, it's the most expensive option."

Understanding these connecting words is key to identifying the meaning and choosing the right answer. Here are some more phrases that tell you an opposite thing will be said.

Even though he works full time, he doesn't make much money.

While Mexico City might be closer to the equator, it is much cooler because of its altitude.

Despite being Brazilian, she is not interested in soccer.

Answers

1. **B - competitive**
2. **A - you would need to learn how to skate**
3. **D - it's the most expensive option**
4. **C - it has a longer season than the other options**
5. **B - the cheapest option**
6. **D - help her get involved in extra-curricular activites**
7. **A - Paula is not used to cold weather**
8. **C - join her in the activity**

Task 3

A. Banff National Park is Canada's oldest national park and was established in 1885. Located in the Rocky Mountains, 110–180 kilometres west of Calgary in the province of Alberta, Banff encompasses 6,641 square kilometres of mountainous terrain, with numerous glaciers and ice fields, dense coniferous forest, and alpine landscapes. The Icefields Parkway extends from Lake Louise, connecting to Jasper National Park in the north. Provincial forests and Yoho National Park are neighbours to the west, while Kootenay National Park is located to the south and Kananaskis Country to the southeast. The main commercial centre of the park is the town of Banff, in the Bow River valley.

B. The Canadian Pacific Railway was instrumental in Banff's early years, building the Banff Springs Hotel and Chateau Lake Louise, and attracting tourists through extensive advertising. In the early 20th century, roads were built in Banff, at times by war internees from World War I, and through Great Depression-era public works projects. Since the 1960s, park accommodations have been open all year, with annual tourism visits to Banff increasing to over 5 million in the 1990s. Millions more pass through the park on the Trans-Canada Highway. As Banff has over three million visitors annually, the health of its ecosystem has been threatened. In the mid-1990s, Parks Canada responded by initiating a two-year study, which resulted in management recommendations, and new policies that aim to preserve ecological integrity.

C. Banff National Park has a subarctic climate with three ecoregions, including montane, subalpine, and alpine. The forests are dominated by Lodgepole pine at lower elevations and Engelmann spruce in higher ones below the treeline, above which is primarily rocks and ice. Mammal species such as the grizzly, cougar, wolverine, elk, bighorn sheep and moose are found, along with hundreds of bird species. Reptiles and amphibians are also found but only a limited number of species have been recorded. The mountains are formed from sedimentary rocks which were pushed east over newer rock strata, between 80 and 55 million years ago. Over the past few million years, glaciers have at times covered most of the park, but today are found only on the mountain slopes though they include the Columbia Icefield, the largest uninterrupted glacial mass in the Rockies. Erosion from water and ice have carved the mountains into their current shapes.

D. Throughout its history, Banff National Park has been shaped by tension between conservationist and land exploitation interests. The park was established on 25 November 1885 as Banff Hot Springs Reserve, in response to conflicting claims over who discovered hot springs there and who had the right to develop the hot springs for commercial interests. The conservationists prevailed when Prime Minister John A. Macdonald set aside the hot springs as a small protected reserve, which was later expanded to include Lake Louise and other areas extending north to the Columbia Icefield.

E. Not in any of the paragraphs

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banff_National_Park

1. Canada's oldest national park is in Alberta.
2. Banff is significantly smaller than Jasper.
3. There is mainly rocks and ice above the treeline.
4. In the past, several different parties wanted to claim the park for financial interests.
5. Not many reptiles and amphibians have been found in the park.
6. Banff's ecosystem has been threatened by the high number of visitors.
7. Banff's development was greatly impacted by the railway.
8. Climate change is threatening the Columbia Icefield.
9. Banff is connected to several other national parks.

Vocabulary

Encompasses (contains)

Dense (thick)

Glacier (huge piece of ice)

Coniferous (evergreen trees)

Alpine (high mountains)

Icefields (large area with glaciers in Alberta)

Extensive (much)

Ecosystem (a natural area with different kinds of plants and animals)

Ecological integrity (environmental stability)

Rock strata (rock layers)

Conservationist (people who want to protect something)

Exploitation (abuse for personal gain)

Party (a person or group of people)

Tips

Obviously, this question has lots of nature vocabulary. Don't worry, you don't need to understand every word. To be honest, I don't know what "sedimentary" means. Also, I've never heard the words "Lodgepole" or "Engelmann" in my life. Native English speakers know when a word is important and when it is not important. Try to understand that many words in English are not important. The names of rocks and trees don't matter (unless the question specifically talks about that information).

So, when you read a passage like this, don't get stressed out. Just tell yourself, "A lot of these words don't have any impact on the meaning of the passage, so I'm not going to worry about them."

Answers

1. A
2. E
3. C
4. D
5. C
6. B
7. B
8. E
9. A

Task 4

You can thank Kim Kardashian and Kanye West for setting the bar so high when it comes to getting married.

The average cost of a wedding — sans a honeymoon — has now soared to more than \$31,000, according to the wedding planning website TheKnot. And experts say the “images of celebrity wedding extravagance,” a la last year’s \$12 million “Kimye” nuptials in Florence, Italy, are influencing couples’ spending choices.

Another reason for the jump, experts say, are the engagement rings.

“People want big rings like the ones celebrities wear,” says Jason Kordvani, president of product development at Davani (davanijewelry.com), a family-owned company specializing in colored gemstones that has an almost 50-year reputation for creating some of the most gorgeous engagement rings around.

Obviously, you don’t have to shell out that much to have the wedding of your dreams. But with this being the prime time for popping the question — 39 percent of all marriage proposals occur between Thanksgiving and Valentine’s Day — there is one trend that’s become both a must and a potential money-saving opportunity.

Personalization, experts say, is on the rise.

Here’s what we mean:

- **The engagement ring.** If you’ve been reading the glossies, you know that celebs like Elizabeth Hurley and Jessica Simpson are breaking from tradition and wearing engagement rings with colored gemstones. Not only does this take fashion to a whole new level, but colored gemstones have also become a way to customize an engagement ring. And while it needn’t be her birthstone — Simpson’s is ruby, but Hurley’s sapphire jibes with the month her then-fiance was born — the right romantic touch can make for the ultimate in personalization.

“It can also be the month a couple met or her favorite color,” says Kordvani.

Whether sapphire, emerald, ruby or some other stone, Kordvani notes, couples are also often pleasantly surprised to discover they can get a “larger, more important-looking ring at much less cost than a diamond.” Davani Jewelry itself offers styles ranging from the more affordable Davani Bridal to the show-stopping Luxury Collection.

- **The reception.** The bad news here is that spending on cocktail hours jumped 7 percent. So think signature cocktails rather than an open bar.

- **The wedding venue.** “When couples get married, they’re really looking for interesting, unusual details,” Lorin Holmes, co-founder of VermontWeddings.com told USA Today. All things considered, the \$50,000 price tag to hold a reception at the New York Public Library— anything cultural or historic is also hot — makes the average venue booking fee of \$14,000 a little less jaw dropping. For more information, visit www.davanijewelry.com.

1. Kim Kardashian and Kanye West ____.
 - a. did not follow tradition with engagement rings
 - b. had a simple wedding
 - c. had an extravagant wedding
 - d. got divorced
2. Engagement rings are ____.
 - a. becoming more expensive
 - b. not used by celebrities
 - c. not real without diamonds
 - d. beginning to have coloured gemstones
3. A trend that could save you money is ____.
 - a. personalization
 - b. mimicking celebrities
 - c. foregoing engagement rings
 - d. having an open bar
4. Elizabeth Hurley’s ring was related to ____.
 - a. Kim Kardashian’s
 - b. her fiance’s birthday
 - c. the month she met her finance
 - d. her favourite colour
5. To have the wedding of your dreams, you ____.
 - a. need to pay a lot of money
 - b. pop the question between Thanksgiving and Valentines Day
 - c. do not need to pay a lot of money
 - d. choose an expensive venue

Task 4 (continued)

The following is a response from a reader of the article.

I completely agree that weddings do not need to be outrageously expensive. I like the growing trend of _____. 6. [A. having an open bar. B. getting married in a library. C. personalization. D. getting married in Italy] That being said, I don't think _____. 7. [A. people should just follow trends all the time. B. celebrities are really happy. C. traditional rings are a good idea. D. open bars are a good idea] Before I got married, I decided to break with tradition on the engagement ring because I wanted to be unique and also save my boyfriend money. It's completely outrageous that _____. 8. [A. rings are so cheap these days. B. rings are becoming more colourful. C. people get married in libraries. D. you have to spend thousands of dollars on a ring] Rings aren't even the worst part. I can't believe people spend tens of thousands of dollars on _____. 9. [A. a venue. B. a honeymoon. C. diamonds. D. hiring a photographer] Why not just pick a simple place to tie the knot and spend the money on your honeymoon — a time you can actually relax and enjoy being together! In terms of the drinks, I don't know why couples think they have to pay for everyone to get drunk at their wedding. Probably the easiest way a couple can save money on their wedding is just to _____. 10. [A. only invite a few people. B. not serve alcohol. C. not hire a photographer. D. get married outdoors]

Vocabulary

Setting the bar high (making a high standard that is hard for other people to match)

Sans (not including)

Extravegance (spending lots of money)

Shell out (pay)

A la (such as)

Nuptual (wedding)

Prime time (popular time)

Popping the question (asking someone to marry you)

Glossies (fashion magazines)

Jibe (match)

Cocktail hour (a period of time where people enjoy socialize and drink)

Open bar (free drinks)

Signature cocktail (special cocktail)

Jaw dropping (surprising)

Venue (place)

Mimic (copy)

Forgo (go without)

Tie the knot (get married)

Break with tradition (not follow tradition)

Tips

Many multiple choice questions are just common sense. Don't think too much about it. For example:

To have the wedding of your dreams, you ____.

- a. need to pay a lot of money
- b. pop the question between Thanksgiving and Valentines Day
- c. do not need to pay a lot of money
- d. choose an expensive venue

Obviously, a, b, and d are outrageous, so you could answer this question without even reading the article.

Try to answer the easy questions first. Don't spend too much time thinking about one question. It's better to guess on one or two hard questions than to be rushed on some easy questions.

Just relax and trust your gut! (Trust your judgement)

Answers

1. C - had an extravagant wedding
2. D - beginning to have coloured gemstones
3. A - personalization
4. B - her fiance's birthday
5. C - do not need to pay a lot of money
6. C - personalization
7. A - people should just follow trends all the time
8. D - you have to spend thousands of dollars on a ring
9. A - a venue
10. B - not serve alcohol

Closing Comments

I want you to stop for a moment and congratulate yourself for all the English you have learned. And I want to congratulate you too! **CONGRATULATIONS!** Regardless of your score on the CELPIP exam, you should be proud of yourself for knowing how to read in another language. That is a huge accomplishment!

I hope this book helped you learn lots of vocabulary and some new things about Canada! The vocabulary on the CELPIP reading tasks will be challenging, but just take a few deep breaths and try your best. You can do it! Try to visualize the test and think about the strategy you will use for each question. That way you won't waste any time thinking about the strategy on the real test!

Sometimes people fail the test multiple times. Just remember, every time you fail, you are learning more English! Knowing English will really help you in your real life here in Canada. I hope you pass the first time, but don't worry if you fail. If your score is very close to what you need, my advice would be to simply retake the test (if you can afford it).

If you need an 8 in all categories, and your score is something like 7-7-6-5, I think it would be better to forget about CELPIP for a few months. Focus on learning more English. Then, try again and see how you do.

Thanks again for using this book and supporting my work! I wish you all the best as you study for CELPIP!

You will definitely succeed if you do these things:

1. Relax
2. Keep learning
3. Keep trying

Take care!

Mark

