

Introduction

The CELPIP Test (Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program), administered by Paragon Testing Enterprises, is a Canadian English test recognized by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) for immigration and citizenship purposes. This book contains 12 Reading Modules and 12 Writing Modules that will help you to prepare for the CELPIP Test. Each Reading Module has 12 questions, and each Writing Module has 2 tasks. There are over 150 questions, similar to the kinds of questions that you can expect to find on an actual CELPIP Test. There is an Answer Key for the Reading Tests, as well as Explanatory Answers. In addition, there are 8 Sample Responses for Writing Modules 1 and 2.

Reading Test Tips:

1. Don't try to understand every word or idea in the passage. Skim the passage for one or two minutes, just to get the main idea of the passage. Then go to the questions.
2. Don't choose the answer too quickly. Consider each answer carefully, and choose the best answer. Try to spend about 1 minute on each question.
3. If you're not sure which answer is correct, try to eliminate the wrong answer choices first.
4. Don't worry too much if you feel you are making some mistakes. You can still get a good score, even if you make some mistakes. Just do your best to answer each question, and then go on the next question with a positive attitude.
5. Double check your answers.

Writing Test Tips:

1. Make sure that your sentences are clear. Remember that somebody needs to read your ideas. If they cannot understand your ideas, you cannot get a good score. Try to make shorter sentences with a Subject-Verb-Object order. For the Writing an E-mail task, make one paragraph for each point that you need to talk about. That will make it easier for the reader to see and understand your ideas. For the Responding to Survey Questions, separate your writing into two to four paragraphs.
2. Do not try to use grammar or vocabulary that you are not sure about. If you try to use grammar and vocabulary that you do not really understand, then you might make too many mistakes. That will lower your score.
3. Remember the basic grammar points. In English, some very basic grammar points include plural "s" (for example, "one day/two days"), third person "s" (for example, "I eat, you eat, he eats"), and the articles (for example, "We are having a party. We have invited so many people to the party.").
4. If a teacher has corrected your mistakes, make sure that you copy the corrections on paper or on the computer, so that you can remember the correct form. That will make it easier for you to avoid making the same mistakes in the future.
5. Try to write something a few times a week. If you are busy, you might not have time to practice a lot of writing. However, even if you can write a few sentences or paragraphs every few days, that will help you to improve your writing skills.
6. Always try to do the writing assignments on the computer, especially if you are not fast at typing.

Remember that the CELPIP test is computer based.

7. This book contains 8 Sample Responses for the Writing Test: 4 sample responses for Writing an E-mail, and 4 Sample Responses to Responding to Survey Questions. The Sample Responses cover two levels of writing, basic and advanced. By understanding what kinds of vocabulary, grammar, sentence construction, and level of detail are used in those examples, it can help you to determine what quality of English you should be using in your writing in order to get the CELPIP score that you need. The Basic Sample Responses are for those test-takers who have a more basic level of English, and who probably require a basic CELPIP score for immigration purposes. Similarly, the Advanced Sample Responses are designed for those test-takers who have a higher level of English, and who probably need a higher CELPIP score. Remember that these are examples only, to give you general ideas for your own response. You may not memorize or copy any of the examples, in whole or in part, for use on an actual CELPIP test.

We wish you luck on the test, and with your life in Canada.

Perry Vitalis

CELPiP Reading Module 1: Reading Correspondence

“Community Events”

Part 1 Directions: Read the following newsletter article.

Dear Residents of Thorn Haven:

Summer has ended, and many of us are busy raking the leaves from our yards. Winter is approaching, and I can already see my neighbours switching their summer tires over to winter tires. Are we ready for winter? Another year is coming to an end, but before we say goodbye to this year, we still have some exciting events for our community members to enjoy.

First, we will be holding a Trick or Treat event for the kids, at the Thorn Haven Shopping Centre on Thursday, October 31. You are invited to bring your kids (ages 0 to 12) to the mall from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for some trick or treating. All mall merchants will be participating, but candies are limited. Please arrive early so that your kids are not disappointed. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Also on October 31 is the Halloween Party for the adults. The party will be held at the Thorn Haven Community Centre from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be prizes for best male and female costume, so be sure and dress up. Alcohol will be served, so no minors will be allowed in. Tickets are \$15, and will be available starting October 1 by calling any of the Board of Directors. Tickets will also be available at the door, but may be sold out by the time you arrive. Only 400 tickets will be sold due to hall capacity. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

On November 11, there will be a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Community Park, from 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome. Please note that the ceremony will not be held at the usual venue (Rotary Park) this year, due to park renovations. The Community Park is located just down the street from Rotary Park, at the intersection of Maple and 4th Streets.

This year's Thorn Haven Community Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 21, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome at no charge, but please bring a present for each member of your family/group for the gift exchange. Santa will be there to hand out the presents from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., so please make sure you arrive with your presents no later than 5 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at as many of the above events as possible. Volunteers are working hard to make each event exciting and memorable. Let's end the year with record attendance for each of the events.

Cal Canter,

Thorn Haven Community Association President

Part 2 Directions: Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the above newsletter article.

1. The season is ____.
 - a. spring.
 - b. summer.
 - c. fall .
 - d. winter.
2. _____ children are invited to the Trick or Treat event.
 - a. Baby
 - b. All school-aged
 - c. Elementary
 - d. Some
3. No Thorn Haven Shopping Centre stores _____.
 - a. are participating in the Trick or Treat event.
 - b. have a limited supply of candy.
 - c. are excluded from the Trick or Treat event.
 - d. will be welcoming adults during the Trick or Treat event.
4. There will _____ be enough candies for all the children during the Trick or Treat event.
 - a. impossibly
 - b. possibly not
 - c. not possible
 - d. possible not
5. Halloween Party tickets _____ be bought prior to the day of the event.
 - a. should
 - b. must

- c. will
- d. would

6. Tickets are limited due to _____.

- a. hallway capacity.
- b. regulations.
- c. fire capacity.
- d. the number of people who can go to the hall.

7. The Remembrance Day Ceremony _____.

- a. has moved permanently to a new place.
- b. will be at the usual venue this year.
- c. will be at a new location temporarily.
- d. was moved due to renovations to the Community Park.

8. The gift exchange will require everyone to submit their gifts _____.

- a. at 5:00.
- b. before the party.
- c. by 5:00.
- d. from 5:00.

Part 3 Directions: Read the response to the above newsletter article. Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the above newsletter article when necessary.

To: Mr. Cal Canter

From: Ian Morrisette, Community Association Member

Hello Cal:

I was pleased to see the newsletter in my mailbox yesterday morning. I am looking forward to the **(9. variety / various / some / interested)** events that you and the rest of the Board have planned.

I wish I could make it to the New Year's Party, but my wife and I will be in Bermuda around that time. This will be the second year in a row that I have not been able to make it to the New Year's Party. **(10. Too bad / Fortunately / Oh well / Well that's bad)**, hopefully I'll make it next year.

I have a quick question about the Trick or Treat event. Do you think there's a distinct possibility that the merchants will run out of candy before 9:00 p.m.? If so, it could be disappointing for any families who showed up to no candies. I spoke to my neighbours about that scenario last night, and we have come up with an idea. If you are **(11. interesting in my idea / open to it / willing to listen / receptive to idea)**, we would like to donate about \$200 worth of candy to the event, just to make sure that every kid who shows up will get something.

Please let me know if you're interested in the idea, and I will **(12. do them / buy many candy / make it happen / plan the event)**.

Bye for now,

Ian Morrisette

CELPIP Reading Module 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

“Company Hierarchy”

Part 1 Directions: Read the following e-mail with the attached diagram. Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the diagram when necessary.



To: All Team Members

From: Stanley Smit <stanley.smit@garveyassociates.com>

Subject: Company Hierarchy

Dear Colleagues:

In order to start the year **(1. going / right / well / off)** on a positive and productive note, I have decided to clarify a number of our operations, systems, and other matters related to our company. **(2. To that end / For those reasons / However / In that respect)**, in spite of the fact that we are a smaller company, I thought it would be a good idea to present everyone with a chart that shows the hierarchy within our firm. While the hierarchical **(3. caricature / nature / picture / boxes)** of this diagram implies subordination, rest assured that each of you plays a key role in our company. Each staff member makes a valuable **(4. job / work / production / contribution)** that cannot be overstated.

You'll **(5. notice / notify / make an observation / can see)** that my position appears at the top. Directly under me is the Sales Manager as well as the Administrator. The two Sales Reps are the direct responsibility of the Sales Manager. The Secretary is directly under the Administrator. Please note that although the Sales Reps and Secretary do **(6. go / fall / lay / be)** under the responsibility of the Sales Manager and Administrator respectively, they are accountable to me as well. As President of the company, I have **(7. ultimate / more / highest / important)** responsibility for all staff, so please never hesitate to approach me directly with any questions or concerns you may have, That includes anything about this e-mail and **(8. those / its / their / my)** contents.

Regards,

Stanley

Part 2 Directions: Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the e-mail and to the diagram when necessary.

9. This e-mail going to _____.

- a. all hierarchies.
- b. all teams.
- c. the workers.
- d. the managers.

10. In this e-mail, Stanley _____.

- a. demonstrates that he values each team member.
- b. rests assured that each team member plays a valuable role in the company.
- c. shows his hierarchy over the others in the company.
- d. demonstrates his presidency over the others in the company.

11. This e-mail _____.

- a. is on a positive and productive note.
- b. clarifies a number of operations and systems.
- c. shows the subordination of the president relative to the other workers.
- d. encourages feedback.

12. The purpose of the e-mail is to ____.

- a. show something to the employees.
- b. demonstrate some hierarchies.
- c. introduce some new positions.
- d. share information with one worker.

CELPIP Reading Module 3: Reading for Information

“Canada”

Section 1 Directions: Read the following information article.

A. Canada is one of the world’s largest countries. It covers a huge part of the North American continent. In spite of its size, however, its population is relatively small. In fact, many parts of Canada are uninhabited, or very sparsely inhabited. The biggest reason for that is the climate. Approximately 90% of all Canadians live along a 200-kilometre band in the southernmost part of the country, where the climate tends to be mildest. In addition, well over 80% of Canadians live in urban areas, with less than 20% living in rural areas. This is a typical ratio of population distribution among industrialized nations.

B. The geography of Canada is as beautiful as it is varied. In the westernmost part of Canada, the coast of British Columbia ranges from rain forests to pristine beaches. Further inland, the Rocky Mountains rise high in the sky. The prairies provide fertile soil for millions of hectares of valuable farmland. To the east, gently rolling smaller mountains make up the Canadian Shield. The Maritimes have an abundance of breathtaking coastlines, including some of the world’s most beautiful beaches. To the North, the Arctic tundra, with its severe winters, provides little opportunity for plant life to flourish.

C. Canadians come from all over the world; immigration policies have fostered a rich variety of cultural backgrounds. One of the most ethnically diverse countries, Canada is known as a mosaic of cultures, all of which contribute to making this an interesting, and tolerant nation. While there are a multitude of languages and cultures that add to the multicultural aspect, the two official languages are English and French. While those are the two main languages that are taught in school, other foreign languages such as Spanish, Mandarin, and Japanese have been added to the curriculum in many schools.

D. Canada is one of the world’s most industrialized countries. While still quite a young country, it has transitioned to a prosperous nation in a relatively short time. An abundance of natural resources combined with advanced technology and high productivity translates to a strong, diverse economy. On the West Coast, lumber is a huge contributor to the Gross

Domestic Product (GDP). The Prairie Provinces grow wheat, another huge export. The Golden Horseshoe in Ontario manufactures a large majority of the nation's automobiles and steel products. In Quebec, minerals contribute greatly to the province's economy, while fishing is a major industry in the Maritimes, the easternmost provinces.

E. (Not mentioned)

Section 2 Directions: Decide which paragraph (A, B, C, or D) contains the information in each of the following statements. If the information is not discussed in any of the paragraphs, choose “E”.

1. One part of Canada is quite hilly.

A B C D E

2. The land in the Arctic provides some flourish.

A B C D E

3. Canada is the most industrialized nation.

A B C D E

4. A most important factor is provided.

A B C D E

5. An agricultural product is mentioned.

A B C D E

6. The number of inhabitants is discussed.

A B C D E

7. A very large number of languages besides English and French is given.

A B C D E

8. The severity of the climate is mentioned.

A B C D E

9. Something has developed in quite a brief period.

A B C D E

10. The Rockies rise in the high sky.

A B C D E

11. The Maritimes have most of the world's most beautiful beaches.

A B C D E

12. A geographical aspect of the West Coast is discussed.

A B C D E

CELPIP Reading Module 4: Reading for Viewpoints

“To Buy or to Rent”

Section 1 Directions: Read the following opinion piece.

There has long been a debate over whether it is better to buy a house, or to simply rent. There are good arguments for both sides, granted, but it is probably a wiser idea to rent a house, in the long run. The reasons have much more to do with economics than anything.

First, there are expenses associated with the buying of a house that renters never need to deal with. Start with the mere purchase of a house. These days, in most urban areas of Canada, a moderately-sized single detached bungalow can run in the neighbourhood of \$400,000, and that is a low estimate. In cities such as Vancouver and Toronto, that price skyrockets to around \$1,000,000; coming up with that amount of money is impossible for many people hoping to own their own home in those cities. Even coming up with a 10% down payment can be a huge obstacle for some people. The only alternative, if we insist on purchasing, is to apply for a mortgage. That can also be a challenge if we have not established a respectable credit rating. Conversely, renters have it much easier. They never have to worry about coming up with a big down payment, or carrying a mortgage.

In addition, homeowners typically need to pay for mortgage interest and insurance, as well as for home insurance, property tax, utility bills, and sometimes condo fees. First-time homeowners are often surprised at how many expenses they incur as a consequence of owning a home. Renters, in contrast, only need to pay the rent and utility bills.

Lastly, owning a home means having to maintain it. Over time, due to damage and wear and tear, houses will require major repairs. Siding can cost in the tens of thousands of dollars, as can a decent roof. Driveways, fences, decks, windows, and doors will all need repairs over time. A homeowner can literally spend in the hundreds of thousands of dollars over time. Renters do not worry about such costs. They simply pay the basic costs of occupying someone else's home from one month to the next, while contentedly socking away savings for their future retirement.

All in all, it is obvious that renting a home is a much cheaper alternative to

buying a home. It makes much more sense to save a large portion of your hard-earned money, rather than spending it on such a costly prospect.

Section 2 Directions: Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the opinion piece when necessary.

1. The writer initially admits that _____.
 - a. it is better to buy a house.
 - b. both buying and renting have their merits.
 - c. renting a house does not cost money.
 - d. he rents a house.

2. The main reason the writer gives for renting as opposed to buying is related to _____.
 - a. the economy.
 - b. price.
 - c. money.
 - d. cheaper.

3. The writer says that Vancouver and Toronto _____.
 - a. skyrocket.
 - b. are \$1,000,000.
 - c. are more expensive housing markets than the national average.
 - d. are difficult to come up with \$1,000,000.

4. The writer says that it is not possible for a great number of people to _____.
 - a. come up with \$400,000.
 - b. come up with \$1,000,000.
 - c. afford a down payment.
 - d. buy a house.

5. According to the writer, \$400,000 is _____.

- a. an expensive neighbourhood.
- b. the cost of a cheaper neighbourhood.
- c. not a very high guess.
- d. the price of a bigger two-story house.

6. According to the writer, first-time homeowners _____.

- a. are not used to some expenses.
- b. surprise their expenses.
- c. should be surprised at their expenses.
- d. often have consequences of their surprises.

7. According to the writer, there are costs incurred with buying a house that _____.

- a. homeowners must buy.
- b. renters can afford.
- c. no homeowner can afford.
- d. renters do not experience.

8. The writer says that maintaining a home is _____.

- a. a renter's consequence.
- b. a consequence of buying a home.
- c. paid for by renters.
- d. not expensive.

Section 3 Directions: Read someone's comment about the above opinion piece. Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the above opinion piece when necessary.

I wish to **(9. differ / agree / make an argue / give my opinion)** with your view that renting a house is a better idea in the long run. From the way you generalize, it would seem that renting is a better alternative for everyone. However, if all of us **(10. want to take / decide on taking / are taking / were to take)** your advice, then there would be no more buying or selling of real estate. That would basically cause the economy to grind to a halt. Call me paranoid, but I believe that we should use extreme **(11. careful / danger / caution / hazard)** when advising people on such major decisions. Especially in this kind of situation, where a writer is in such a position of authority and trust, it is of **(12. very / paramount / most / extremely)** importance to give advice that is balanced and objective; renting a house is not the only option, and it certainly is not always the best option for everyone.

CELPIP Reading Module 5: Reading Correspondence

“A Satisfied Patient”

Part 1 Directions: Read the following letter.

Dear Dr. Moore and Staff:

I was a patient at your hospital about two weeks ago. I would like to give you some feedback about my experience. It is probably never really pleasant for any patient to be admitted to hospital for any reason, but in a strange way, it was for me. Let me explain.

I was at home as usual on a Saturday night. I had just had dinner with my wife and two children. Suddenly, I felt a sharp pain in my chest. My first thought was that it was just heartburn, but the pain became more intense. My wife was in the other room, so I tried just keep quiet and deal with whatever was happening to me. However, my daughter and my son walked in to see me doubled over in excruciating pain, clutching my chest. My daughter ran to get my wife, who ran into the room, gasped, and asked me if I was all right. I couldn't even speak at that point, so she grabbed my son's cell phone and dialed 911. The ambulance was there within half an hour, and I was taken to your hospital here in Toronto.

My previous experiences in hospital emergency waiting rooms had never been all too positive. It was always about waiting for hours in order to be seen by a doctor. However, this time it was completely different. In spite of the waiting room being quite full when I arrived, I was wheeled into the emergency room within moments. I guess they figured I was the most serious case among the lot. Dr. Moore, you and your assistant (I've forgotten his name) came to me right away, did some quick introductions, and then proceeded to do a battery of tests. I was impressed by your professionalism, care, and concern, and I knew that I was going to be okay.

As it turned out, my original self-diagnosis was the correct one, although I feel quite embarrassed by having put everyone through such panic. You advised me to stay away from foods that would contribute to heartburn, and I heeded your advice every day.

I would like to express my utmost appreciation for having done such a great job of looking after my well-being. You have restored my faith in the health care system in our city and our province. Keep up the great work, Dr. Moore and team!

Gratefully,

Mick Hippendom

Part 2 Directions: Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the above letter.

1. This letter is intended to _____.
 - a. praise.
 - b. criticize.
 - c. insult.
 - d. complain.

2. The writer of the letter had a _____ experience at home.
 - a. great
 - b. usual
 - c. pain
 - d. bad

3. The writer's previous hospital experiences had been _____.
 - a. pleasant.
 - b. worse.
 - c. satisfying.
 - d. all too positive.

4. The doctor administered _____.
 - a. one test.
 - b. a battery test.
 - c. various tests.
 - d. some quick introductions.

5. The patient _____ that he was prioritized due to his condition.
 - a. knew
 - b. said

- c. figured
- d. guess

6. After meeting Dr. Moore and his assistant, Mr. Hippendom _____.

- a. felt concern.
- b. felt reassured.
- c. did some quick introductions.
- d. was the most serious case among the lot.

7. Mr. Hippendom _____.

- a. misdiagnosed himself.
- b. ended up being wrong about his self-diagnosis.
- c. feels embarrassed about diagnosing himself.
- d. tries to avoid something.

8. Mr. Hippendom's faith in the health care system has _____.

- a. restored.
- b. returned.
- c. been in the city and the province.
- d. always been there.

Part 3 Directions: Read the response to the above letter. Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the above letter when necessary.

To: Mr. Mick Hippendom

From: Dr. Marcus Moore, MD

Dear Mr. Hippendom:

I am happy to know that you had a positive experience at our hospital. Sometimes we get very busy, especially in the emergency ward, but we always do our best to treat each patient with careful attention and care. Also, it is not **(9. seldom / usually / often / all day)** that we receive letters of gratitude from our patients. We appreciate your taking the time to send us a note regarding your recent experience at our **(10. faculties / facility / facile / hospitals)**.

On another note, I hope that you are doing your best to stay away from foods that might give you any **(11. heartburn / heart attacks / heartache / painful)**. I believe that our resident **(12. nursing / nutrition / dietitian / food expertise)** gave you some pamphlets on your way out regarding healthy food choices.

Good luck, Mr. Hippendom, and thanks again for the note.

Dr. Marcus Moore, MD

Toronto Alpha Medical Hospital

CELPiP Reading Module 6: Reading to Apply a Diagram

“A Good Logo”

Part 1 Directions: Read the following e-mail with the attached diagram. Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the diagram when necessary.

		
Koala	Flower	Mountain
People feel strong emotion for animals	Represents the beauty and fragility of nature	Represents the majesty of the natural environment

To: Martha Sherman

From: Bruce Mitchum

Subject: New Branding Concept for NatureNutz

Hello Martha:

I have finally got around to having the time to come up with some new branding ideas for NatureNutz. Being a non-profit organization, I think it is **(1. nice / esencial / important / great)** for us to appeal to the public's sense of caring about the environment, and the planet in general. I've come up with some possible ideas for graphic images that we can **(2. have / use / promote / put)** to symbolize our organization. Please have a look at my proposals, and then maybe you can tell me which of the three you prefer.

First, if we go with an animal idea, I think we will get the strongest **(3. best / emotional / most / positively)** reaction from the public. As you know, people in general are quite fond of animals, so we might get a lot of support by using this **(4. animals / symbol / technology / imagination)**. The second **(5. ideal / propose / thinking / possibility)** is to use a flower, which represents the beauty and fragility of nature. I'm not sure if people will be drawn to this concept; it might be a **(6. little / kind of / something / problem)** too soft or gentle of an approach. Finally, we could go with some natural landscape. I think that it represents, on a very basic level, the **(7. plant / mountain / local / place)** that humans inhabit, so for this reason, it might be our best choice. However, I'll let you give me your input on my **(8. graphs / proposals / mailing / wording)**.

Regards,

Bruce

Part 2 Directions: Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the e-mail and to the diagram when necessary.

9. Bruce is sending this e-mail _____.
a. to tell someone about his decision.
b. to present alternatives.
c. to ask someone to design a logo.
d. to choose three options.
10. Bruce seems to favour the _____ option least.
a. animal
b. flower
c. natural landscape
d. tree
11. Bruce works for a _____ organization.
a. profitable
b. environmental
c. environment-related
d. not-for-profit
12. Martha is expected to _____.
a. work on a logo.
b. contribute a logo.
c. make three choices.
d. answer Bruce.

CELPIP Reading Module 7: Reading for Information

“Camping”

Section 1 Directions: Read the following information article.

A. Canadians love doing outdoor activities. There is something fun and interesting to do in every season of the year, in every part of this country. One of our favourite outdoor summer activities is camping. Millions of Canadians enjoy camping in national and provincial parks, as well as in privately-owned campgrounds, every year. From coast to coast, there are camping facilities that range from simple to full service. If we can keep the following few points in mind while we are camping, we can maximize the enjoyment of the experience, for ourselves, and for others.

B. One very important point to keep in mind when we are camping is that we are most often in an area of wilderness. We should be aware that this wilderness is home to plants and animals. We should be careful not to disturb their environment. Basically, we are uninvited guests in their home, so we should do all we can to minimize our impact. For instance, we should never litter the area with our garbage. We should also read the signs and warnings regarding such information as bears in the area. One extremely important point to keep in mind is to never try interacting with wild animals. Each year, dozens of people are injured or even killed because they do not heed this advice.

C. Fires are one of the most destructive forces. They can be caused naturally, such as by a lightning strike, or by humans. One careless camper who has forgotten to put out a campfire can be responsible for burning down an entire forest. Every year, forest fires occur by the hundreds due to natural and human causes. That is especially true in western Canada, where thousands of hectares of forest are destroyed through fire annually. It is therefore imperative that, assuming there is no campfire ban in place, you ensure you campfire is extinguished properly before leaving your campsite. Diligently ensuring that the fire is absolutely out cannot be overstated.

D. One more important point to remember is that all campers, including you, are there for an enjoyable experience. Nobody wants to camp next to a noisy, rude group of people. It can turn a pleasant weekend experience away from

the city into a miserable memory. For that reason, you should think about the campers around you, and keep the noise to a minimum. If you can keep this point, and all the points mentioned in this article, in mind, you and all other campers will have a wonderful camping experience.

E. (Not mentioned)

Section 2 Directions: Decide which paragraph (A, B, C, or D) contains the information in each of the following statements. If the information is not discussed in any of the paragraphs, choose “E”.

1. Something bad can be avoided if we check something carefully.

A B C D E

2. There are several options for this activity.

A B C D E

3. Disturbing our human neighbours is an issue.

A B C D E

4. There is information on first aid.

A B C D E

5. We should be conscious of others.

A B C D E

6. There is information on what to do if you cannot have a campfire.

A B C D E

7. We should avoid natural forces.

A B C D E

8. Fire is the most destructive force.

A B C D E

9. Governments are responsible for administering something.

A B C D E

10. Only humans cause fires.

A B C D E

11. Someone put out a campfire.

A B C D E

12. People can really enjoy camping if they adhere to a complete list of
aforementioned points.

A B C D E

CELPIP Reading Module 8: Reading for Viewpoints

“The Value of a University Education”

Section 1 Directions: Read the following opinion piece.

One of the most crucial decisions that high school students have to make is whether or not to pursue a university degree after obtaining their high school diploma. Then, once a student has decided to pursue a degree, a major must also be chosen. It can be quite stressful for a student, as well as the parents, to weigh the pros and cons of continuing on to university. While it is clearly not an easy decision, I feel that there are compelling reasons to pursue a degree after high school.

The first reason is that a university degree increases employment prospects. Not only that, the kinds of employment that one will be offered tend to be better in terms of position, prestige, and salary. For instance, anyone wanting to become a physician has no choice but to obtain a university degree prior to being able to practice medicine. There is no way around it, if one is set on becoming a physician. Granted, a decade of post-secondary studies is not uncommon for anyone seeking to become a medical practitioner specializing in one area of medicine. Becoming a physician requires years of dedicated studying as well as practical training. That said, the rewards in terms of status and salary cannot be denied.

The second compelling reason is that, in my opinion, a university degree increases our intelligence. There are so many things that one can learn at university that one cannot learn anywhere else. For example, if one wants to study astronomy, then university is the perfect place to study that field in depth. The knowledgeable university professors dedicate themselves to educating eager students on the characteristics of the universe, the solar system, our galaxy, and everything related. A university is a concentration of specific knowledge, on any given field depending on the university itself. It would be impossible to learn even half of what one could learn at university anywhere else.

I really believe that obtaining a university degree after high school is a wise decision. Not only does one learn many things that contribute to one's becoming a more intelligent being, one also greatly improves one's chances

of landing desirable employment upon graduation. It is difficult to argue with such reasons when one observes the success within society of those of us who choose to pursue a university education. If more people decided to get a university degree after high school, our society would be more intelligent, and more people would have prestigious jobs.

Section 2 Directions: Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the opinion piece when necessary.

1. The writer _____.
 - a. favours studying at university over studying at high school.
 - b. is biased towards working after high school.
 - c. does not seem to support seeking employment immediately after high school.
 - d. states clearly the benefits of not pursuing a university degree.

2. The writer says that it is stressful to _____.
 - a. weigh the student and the parents.
 - b. talk to parents about going to university.
 - c. consider the advantages of going to university.
 - d. go to university.

3. According to the writer, becoming a physician with an area of specialization _____.
 - a. always requires ten years of study.
 - b. is uncommon.
 - c. often requires decades of studying.
 - d. can be quite a long process.

4. According to the writer, we _____ the prestige as well as the monetary benefits of a university degree.
 - a. overstate
 - b. cannot exaggerate
 - c. cannot agree with
 - d. should understate

5. According to the writer, a university education makes us _____.
a. pursue a degree.
b. get a higher status and salary.
c. stressful.
d. more intelligent.
6. According to the writer, university professors _____.
a. are dedicated to their knowledge.
b. dedicate their knowledge eagerly to students.
c. know a lot.
d. educated themselves to eager students.
7. The writer says that _____.
a. what we learn at university is a lot relative to what we learn elsewhere.
b. half of what we learn at university can be learned elsewhere.
c. universities teach us at most twice as much as other places.
d. we can learn more than twice as many things at university as at other places.
8. In the conclusion, the writer argues that _____.
a. society is more successful when people have prestigious jobs.
b. people with a university education always succeed.
c. university graduates are generally more successful in life than others.
d. one can land desirable employment by the time one graduates from university.

Section 3 Directions: Read someone's comment about the above opinion piece. Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the above opinion piece when necessary.

I take exception to your opinion that we should all get a university education. I myself do not have a university education, and my life has been just fine without it. First of all, because I decided to start working right after high school, my parents and I avoided wasting at least \$20,000 on university tuition fees. **(9. Addition / On top of that / In additionally / On the one hand)**, because I was working right away after high school, I was making money instead of spending it. Ten years later, by the time I was 28, I **(10. had saved / have gotten / have saved / earned)** my first million dollars. What kind of job did I have? I worked for the city as a parks and recreation employee. I worked **(11. hardly / very harder / as a dog / my way up)**, becoming a supervisor within two years, and saving up my money and investing in real estate. Now, at the age of 43, I am two years away from retirement, with three houses and two million dollars to **(12. me / my name / the account / my bank)**. I am living proof that you do not need a university degree to be successful in life.

CELPiP Reading Module 9: Reading Correspondence

“A Job Transfer”

Part 1 Directions: Read the following letter.

Dear Matthew and Carole:

I have been so busy for the past few weeks, and now I finally have a chance to sit down and tell you what's been happening in our lives.

I got a transfer to Montreal a few months ago, and have been here since. I've been so busy working that I haven't even had time to buy a house, and am just staying with friends until things slow down at work for me. I think I'll probably end up buying something as soon as I get a chance. Real estate prices are still pretty reasonable in Montreal, and I expect to be staying here for at least five years.

Meanwhile, Brenda is still in Halifax with the kids. Even though she's only four months pregnant, she's decided to quit working and stay home until the baby's born. So now she's busy staying home taking care of the family until they move out here. Hopefully things will have slowed down for me at work, so I'll be able to spend time with the family, and to look for a house of course.

By the way, do you remember Leonard, the sales manager in the Montreal office? I'm working with him now. He says that when he worked with both of you here, you frequented a restaurant called Old Napoli, just a block or two from the office. He told me to tell you that it has closed for some reason. I wish that I'd had a chance to try it out. Leonard said that they made pretty amazing spaghetti and pizza there.

Anyway, I guess I should get back to work here. I'm glad I had a chance to finally drop you a line, and I can't wait to hear what you've been up to. Take care, and talk to you again soon.

Your friend,

Brian

Part 2 Directions: Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the above letter.

1. Brian and Brenda are _____.
 - a. in the same city.
 - b. in different cities.
 - c. in Montreal.
 - d. in Halifax.

2. Brian is too busy to _____.
 - a. sit down.
 - b. work.
 - c. buy a house.
 - d. rent a house.

3. Brian _____.
 - a. has bought a house.
 - b. has rented an apartment.
 - c. is living with other people.
 - d. has stopped buying something.

4. According to Brian, housing prices in Montreal are _____.
 - a. too low.
 - b. too high.
 - c. the reason he moved to Montreal.
 - d. not too high.

5. Brian is _____.
 - a. confident that he will stay in Montreal for many years.
 - b. completely uncertain as to how long he will be in Montreal.

- c. planning to stay in Montreal for less than three years.
- d. planning to leave Montreal in less than three years.

6. Brenda is busy _____.

- a. working.
- b. with the children.
- c. moving to Montreal.
- d. moving out.

7. Leonard has worked with _____.

- a. Brian only.
- b. Matthew only.
- c. Matthew and Carole only.
- d. Brian, Matthew, and Carole.

8. Old Napoli _____.

- a. is a restaurant.
- b. has gone out of business.
- c. makes good spaghetti and pizza.
- d. is closed today.

Part 3 Directions: Read the response to the above letter. Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the above letter when necessary.

Hello Brian:

Nice to hear from you! I'm not surprised that you haven't had time to **(9. see Brenda / get a house / find temporary accommodations / work)**. We've always known you to be pretty industrious!

One thing I am surprised at, **(10. though / but / something / be honest)**, is your news about the restaurant. I've never had **(11. some / that / such / very)** great Italian food. I have no idea why they might have closed.

Well, Matthew and I wish you and the family all the best in Montreal. I'm sure you'll enjoy it just **(12. more / same / as much as / as great as)** we did.

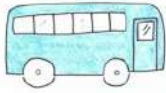
Cheers,

Matthew

CELPIP Reading Module 10: Reading to Apply a Diagram

“A Trip to Banff”

Part 1 Directions: Read the following e-mail with the attached diagram. Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the diagram when necessary.

		
Bus: Cheapest form of transportation	Motorcycle: Fastest form of transportation	Taxi: Can carry up to 4 passengers
Slowest form of transportation	Can only carry two people maximum	Most expensive form of transportation

Subject: Upcoming Trip to Banff

To: Colleen Workman

From: Sid

Hello Colleen:

I am so excited about our upcoming trip to Banff! I know that you have never been there, so I am sure that it will be a **(1. normal / special / unusual / trip)** experience for you. I have come up with some alternatives regarding **(2. Banff trip / transport / drive / moving)** for you to have a look at.

I kind of wish we could rent a car. Unfortunately, since the car rental companies have **(3. minimum / strictly / specify / good)** age restrictions, we don't qualify. That should be okay though, because there are other options that should **(4. be / transport / work / play)** for us.

One possibility is to take the bus. There are several bus **(5. transports / companies / tourists / business)** that go from Calgary to Banff several times a day. As you can see from the chart, that would be the cheapest option. **(6. Luckily / However / On the one hand / Opposite)**, it is also the slowest option.

We could also take my motorcycle, but then if we wanted to take anyone else along on the trip, that would be impossible. Too bad, because we would be there in **(7. fast / soon / quickly / no)** time.

The third option I've given in the chart would be to take a taxi. Although it would probably end up costing a lot, we could invite **(8. one / two / three / no)** more people and split the cost.

Think about it and get back to me, okay?

Sid

Part 2 Directions: Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the e-mail and to the diagram when necessary.

9. Sid and Colleen are _____.

- a. planned a trip.
- b. planning something.
- c. planning a travel to Banff.
- d. choosing transportations.

10. The motorcycle _____.

- a. belongs to Sid and Colleen.
- b. maximizes two people.
- c. is one of the countless options that Sid presents to Colleen.
- d. has passenger limitations.

11. There would be _____.

- a. multiple choices regarding bus schedules.
- b. many bus businesses.
- c. some slow bus options.
- d. many bus from Calgary to Banff.

12. The taxi cost would be _____.

- a. too high.
- b. offset by other people contributing.
- c. paid by other passengers.
- d. inviting more people on the trip.

CELPiP Reading Module 11: Reading for Information

“Buying a House”

Section 1 Directions: Read the following information article.

A. Buying a house is one of the most important decisions people will make in their lifetimes. One of the most important things to do before buying a house is to do your homework. Too many people get into the market without really knowing what to look for. It is easy to make mistakes, to the point of even buying the wrong house, if you do not know what you are doing. By following a few simple steps prior to making this major purchasing decision, you will make the house hunting process that much easier.

B. One of the first steps to take before purchasing a new home is to talk to people who have experience buying and selling houses. That could include friends, neighbours, relatives, and even blogs on various real estate websites. Those people may have ideas that can save you time and headaches. Ask them about their experiences, and what kinds of things you should be looking out for when buying your first home. There is a lot to be said for using another person’s experiences to make your own experiences more pleasant. Taking such a basic but important step is key to making a good purchase.

C. Another step to take prior to purchasing a house is to make a list of criteria that you are looking for in a house. For instance, what kind of building would you like to live in? Would you like to live in an older or a newer one? Would you like to have every room on one floor, or would you rather have a two-story house? What kind of neighbourhood would suit you? How many bedrooms do you want? Such considerations will enable you to make a better buying decision. It cannot be emphasized enough that, by asking and answering such questions, you will be much happier with the purchase of your home.

D. Another step that you should take is to visit various houses for sale, so that you can get an idea of what is available at what price. A realtor would certainly make such visits easier, because they are good at narrowing down the selection of houses for you; however, these days more and more people are opting to bypass the traditional realtor method, and are going house hunting on their own. This allows home buyers to save thousands of dollars

on commissions. Multiple listing websites allow even laymen to research the listings that are available in any given area. Open houses are an excellent way for home sellers to display their homes, as well as for prospective buyers to get a close look at a home they may be interested in purchasing.

E. (Not mentioned)

Section 2 Directions: Decide which paragraph (A, B, C, or D) contains the information in each of the following statements. If the information is not discussed in any of the paragraphs, choose “E”.

1. These professionals are there to help you.

A B C D E

2. Consider what will make you happy.

A B C D E

3. Get experienced friends.

A B C D E

4. Always try to bargain.

A B C D E

5. Take a course on buying a house.

A B C D E

6. You should hire a realtor.

A B C D E

7. Acquaintances could assist you.

A B C D E

8. Making a wise decision includes considering the number of rooms.

A B C D E

9. It is easy to buy the wrong house if you know what you are doing.

A B C D E

10. You should use an easy guideline if you want to make something simpler.

A B C D E

11. More people are looking for a house by themselves.

A B C D E

12. Considering the age of a house can contribute to a better decision.

A B C D E

CELPiP Reading Module 12: Reading for Viewpoints

“Our New Website”

Section 1 Directions: Read the following text from an Internet website homepage.

Welcome to www.silvergobi.com, home of some of the world's most exotic silver jewelry! We bring you the finest silver jewelry from around the world, including such faraway places as Bali, Thailand, and India. We import only the best quality, so that you, our customer, will be more than satisfied with your purchase. Your satisfaction with our products is guaranteed by our no-questions-asked return policy.

Thank you for visiting our new and improved website. We have just updated it, in order to give you a better experience navigating the various pages. Following are some key changes that we have made to our website, partially based on visitor feedback. Such feedback is vital to our company, as such input helps us to grow and improve. It helps us to provide you with a better shopping experience. We really appreciate and value comments from all our visitors. Your opinions are valued!

Some of our website shoppers were of the opinion that our website lacked visual appeal. As a result, we have made some changes to the visual aspect of our site. We have modified the homepage, so that there is not as much information on it as before. Instead of putting so much on one page, we have provided links for our site visitors. Now, you will notice a cleaner, visually more appealing homepage, with links to other pages and topics. The links are located at the bottom right of the homepage.

Another modification to our website is fonts and font sizes. Again, several visitors indicated that legibility was lacking, so we decided to stop using a cursive font. We are now limiting the fonts to non-cursive, and font size will be a minimum of 12 points. This will make the information on our web pages easier to read. Having a larger font size will definitely contribute towards better readability for all our visitors. You will now notice that all descriptions, as well as the prices, will be much easier to read.

Once again, we would like to thank all the visitors to our site who gave us their constructive feedback. It was invaluable in allowing us to make much needed improvements. We hope that the changes will allow site visitors to

have a better site navigation experience. Our goal is to always welcome our visitors to our website with a comfortable, enjoyable experience. As always, we continue to welcome your comments, even on our new and improved website. We will always endeavour to improve ourselves for the benefit of you, our valuable customers.

Section 2 Directions: Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the text when necessary.

1. The website _____.
 - a. was changed recently.
 - b. is being updated for a better navigation experience.
 - c. is visited by many experienced navigators.
 - d. is navigated with various pages.

2. Visitors to the website _____.
 - a. played the only part in the changes.
 - b. can give partial feedback.
 - c. gave their opinions.
 - d. want some key changes to be made to the website.

3. On the new homepage, _____.
 - a. there was very little information.
 - b. there is more information than before.
 - c. there are plans to modify something.
 - d. you can click on something.

4. The fonts and sizes were changed because _____.
 - a. they were legible.
 - b. they were not easy to read.
 - c. there was a lack of reading.
 - d. the legibility was too high.

5. The fonts _____.
 - a. were too limited.
 - b. will have cursive limits.
 - c. are not smaller than before.

d. will be minimal in size.

6. The links _____.

a. are in the right location.

b. are under the homepage.

c. are near the bottom right of the homepage.

d. contribute to a better experience.

7. The changes to the website _____.

a. have yet to be made.

b. are being made.

c. have made updates.

d. have been made.

8. According to the text, the company does its utmost to _____.

a. sell silver jewelry.

b. improve the customers.

c. improve itself.

d. endeavour itself.

Section 3 Directions: Read someone's comment about the above text. Answer the questions by choosing the best word or phrase to complete the sentence, referring to the above text when necessary.

I am quite happy with the modifications that you have made to your website. I have been **(9. purchase / purchased / bought / buying)** jewelry from your website for the past three years. I can tell you that I have been completely satisfied with my purchases. And your return **(10. law / regulate / policy / rules)** is exceptional. You even cover the shipping and handling on returns!

(11. Regard / Regarding / Talking of / In term of) your new website, I am quite happy as I mentioned. However, the font size still seems to be a bit **(12. big / small / readable / legible)** for my eyes. Then again, it might just be me. I might need a new pair of reading glasses.

Answer Key: Reading

Module 1: 1) c 2) d 3) c 4) b 5) a 6) b 7) c 8) c 9) various 10) Oh well 11) open to it 12) make it happen

Module 2: 1) Off 2) To that end 3) nature 4) contribution 5) notice 6) fall 7) ultimate 8) its 9) c 10) a 11) d 12) a

Module 3: 1) B 2) E 3) E 4) A 5) D 6) E 7) E 8) B 9) D 10) E 11) E 12) B

Module 4: 1) b 2) c 3) c 4) a 5) c 6) a 7) d 8) b 9) differ 10) were to take 11) caution 12) paramount

Module 5: 1) a 2) d 3) b 4) c 5) c 6) b 7) d 8) b 9) often 10) facility 11) heartburn 12) dietitian

Module 6: 1) important 2) use 3) emotional 4) symbol 5) possibility 6) little 7) place 8) proposals 9) b 10) b 11) d 12) d

Module 7: 1) C 2) A 3) D 4) E 5) D 6) E 7) E 8) E 9) A 10) E 11) E 12) D

Module 8: 1) c 2) c 3) d 4) b 5) b 6) c 7) d 8) c 9) On top of that 10) had saved 11) my way up 12) my name

Module 9: 1) b 2) c 3) c 4) d 5) a 6) b 7) d 8) b 9) get a house 10) though 11) such 12) as much as

Module 10: 1) special 2) transport 3) minimum 4) work 5) companies 6) however 7) no 8) two 9) b 10) d 11) a 12) b

Module 11: 1) D 2) C 3) E 4) E 5) E 6) E 7) B 8) C 9) E 10) A 11) D 12) C

Module 12: 1) a 2) c 3) d 4) b 5) c 6) d 7) d 8) c 9) buying 10) policy 11) Regarding 12) small

Explanatory Answers: Reading

Module 1:

- 1) c: Paragraph 1 says that “summer has ended” and “winter is approaching”, so it must be fall.
- 2) d: Paragraph 2 says that kids 0 to 12 are invited, which means some children (but not children from 13 to 17). “Elementary” is not the correct answer because correct vocabulary would be “elementary school students” or “elementary school-aged children”, not “elementary children”.
- 3) c: Paragraph 2 says that “All mall merchants will be participating”, which means the same as “no stores are excluded”.
- 4) b: Paragraph 2 says that “candies are limited”, which means that there will possibly not (= maybe not) be enough candies.
- 5) a: Paragraph 3 advises (“should”) buying tickets beforehand, and not at the door.
- 6) b: Paragraph 3 discusses “hall capacity”, which is decided by regulations (“hallway” means “corridor”, not “room”, so “hallway” is the wrong answer).
- 7) c: Paragraph 4 says that “the ceremony will not be held at the usual (place) this year, due to park renovations”, so we can assume that when the renovations are completed, the ceremony will move back to the original place (next year).
- 8) c: Paragraph 5 asks people to “arrive with your presents no later than (=by) 5 p.m.”
- 9) various: Ian Morrisette is looking forward to the “various” (= several different kinds) of events.
- 10) Oh well: This expression is used to show acceptance of a situation that we cannot change, and it can be followed by a comma.
- 11) open to it: To be “open to” something means that we are receptive to it.
- 12) make it happen: When Ian says that he will “make it happen”, he means that he will take care of buying additional candy for the children.

Module 2:

- 1) off: The phrasal verb “start off” is used in this sentence to express the idea of starting the year positively.
- 2) To that end: This phrase means “In order to do that”. The answer “For those reasons” is wrong, because “I have decided to clarify” is only one reason.
- 3) nature: In this sentence, “nature” means “character” or “characteristic”.
- 4) contribution: Stanley (the writer) is expressing that each staff member gives (=contributes) something valuable to the company.
- 5) notice: Correct choices are “You’ll notice”, “You’ll see”, and “You can see”, but not “You’ll can see”.
- 6) fall: We can use the phrasal verb “fall under” to express something inside a category (e.g. an apple falls under the category of fruit; “Reading” falls under “Language Skills”).
- 7) ultimate: In this sentence, Stanley has “ultimate” (=“final” or “highest”) responsibility for the employees, because he is the president of the company.
- 8) its: In this sentence, “its” is the possessive adjective that refers to the e-mail.
- 9) c: The beginning of the e-mail says “To: All Team Members”, which means “all employees” (=the workers) in this case. “All hierarchies” and “All teams” are wrong answers, because there is only one hierarchy, and only one team.
- 10) a: In this e-mail, Stanley says that “each staff member makes a valuable contribution.”
- 11) d: Near the end of his e-mail, Stanley says to his staff, “...please never hesitate to approach me directly with any questions or concerns...”
- 12) a: Stanley is writing this e-mail to his employees because he wants to show them the hierarchy within the company.

Module 3:

- 1) B: Paragraph B refers to “gently rolling smaller mountains” (=hills).
- 2) E: The sentence “The land in the Arctic provides some flourish” has no logical meaning, and has a very different meaning from the sentence in Paragraph B “...the Arctic tundra...provides little opportunity for plant life to flourish”, which means that it is difficult for plants to grow in the Arctic.
- 3) E: Paragraph D starts with “Canada is one of the world’s most industrialized countries.” “One of” does not mean “the most”.
- 4) A: Paragraph A says that “The biggest reason for that is the climate”, which presents a “most important factor”.
- 5) D: In Paragraph D, “wheat” is an example of an agricultural product.
- 6) E: The “number of inhabitants”, or specific population figure, is not given anywhere in the reading.
- 7) E: In Paragraph C, 3 examples of languages besides English and French are given, but 3 is not a “very large number”.
- 8) B: Near the end of Paragraph B, “severe winters” is mentioned.
- 9) D: The second sentence of Paragraph D says that Canada “has transitioned to a prosperous nation in a relatively short time.”
- 10) E: Compare the differences in word order between the Paragraph B sentence “The Rockies rise high in the sky”, and the Question 10 sentence “The Rockies rise in the high sky.” Because of the different word order, the meaning of the sentence is also different.
- 11) E: Paragraph B says that the Maritimes have “some” of the world’s most beautiful beaches, not “most”.
- 12) B: The second sentence of Paragraph B mentions the “forests” and “beaches” on “the coast” in “the westernmost part of Canada”.

Module 4:

- 1) b: In the second sentence of the introduction, the writer says that “There are good arguments for both sides, granted,...”, which means “I admit that there are good points for both sides.”
- 2) c: The last sentence of the introduction discusses “economics” (which means “money” here) as a reason why renting a house is better than buying.
- 3) c: Paragraph 2 discusses Vancouver and Toronto as being more expensive cities for buying a house.
- 4) b: Paragraph 2 says “In cities such as Vancouver and Toronto, that price skyrockets to around \$1,000,000; coming up with that amount of money is impossible for many people hoping to own their own home in those cities.”
- 5) c: Paragraph 2 says that “...\$400,000...is a low estimate.”
- 6) a: Paragraph 3 says that “First-time homeowners are often surprised at how many expenses they incur...” (=they are not used to such expenses).
- 7) d: The last sentence of Paragraph 3 says that renters only pay the rent and utility bills (and no other expenses like homeowners).
- 8) b: The first sentence of Paragraph 4 says that “...owning a home means having to maintain it.”
- 9) differ: To “differ with” someone means that you disagree with them.
- 10) were to take: This grammar point is called the 2nd Conditional, where we use the past tense (“were”) of a verb (“be”) after “If” to express a situation that is impossible, or almost impossible.
- 11) caution: The expression “use extreme caution” is used to mean “be very careful”.
- 12) paramount: “Paramount importance” means “extreme importance” or “highest importance”.

Module 5:

- 1) a: praise = compliment
- 2) d: “painful” would also be correct, but that answer choice is not available.
- 3) b: In the first sentence of Paragraph 3, Mick says that his previous hospital experiences “had never been all too positive”, which means that they had been bad. Also, in the third sentence of Paragraph 3, he says that “this time it was completely different”, so the previous experiences must have been much worse.
- 4) c: In Paragraph 3, a “battery of tests” means “various tests”.
- 5) c: “figured” means “guessed”, “thought”, or “concluded”.
- 6) b: When you are “reassured”, you stop being worried about something. At the end of Paragraph 3, Mick says “I knew that I was going to be okay.”
- 7) d: In Paragraph 4, Mick says that he takes the doctor’s advice of staying away from (=avoiding) certain foods.
- 8) In the last paragraph, Mick says that the doctor has “restored” his faith in the health care system, which means that his faith has “returned”.
- 9) often: “not often” means “usually not”. “not usual” or “unusual” would also be correct if they were among the answer choices.
- 10) facility: “hospital” (in the singular) would also be correct if it were among the answer choices.
- 11) heartburn: this is a condition we sometimes feel after eating, where we feel a burning sensation in our chest area. This topic is discussed in Mick’s letter to the doctor, in Paragraph 4.
- 12) dietitian: a dietitian is a nutrition expert who can be found in many hospitals.

Module 6:

- 1) important: “essential” would also be a correct answer choice if it were spelled correctly.
- 2) use: In this e-mail, Bruce is discussing the idea of “using” a symbol to represent their organization.
- 3) emotional: grammatically, “emotional” is the only answer choice that will fit between “strongest” and “reaction”.
- 4) symbol: In this e-mail, an animal is an example of a “symbol”.
- 5) possibility: In this sentence, “possibility” means “choice” or “option”.
- 6) little: the word “little” fits grammatically in the expression “a little too soft” or “a little too gentle”.
- 7) place: humans inhabit (=live in) a place.
- 8) proposals: “proposals” means “ideas”
- 9) b: Bruce is writing this e-mail in order to “present some alternatives to Martha”, which means to give Martha various choices.
- 10) b: In Paragraph 2 of his e-mail, Bruce says that the flower option “might be a little too soft or gentle of an approach”, but he does not say anything negative about the other options, so we can say that he seems to favour the flower option the least.

Module 7:

- 1) C: The last sentence of Paragraph C says that making sure that the fire is completely out will help to prevent forest fires.
- 2) A: Paragraph A presents 3 (=several) camping options: in national parks, in provincial parks, and at privately-owned campgrounds.
- 3) D: Paragraph D discusses “noisy, rude...people”, which causes a disturbance for others.
- 4) E: There is no information on first aid (=giving someone basic medical help in an emergency) in this reading.
- 5) D: Paragraph D says that “...you should think about the campers around you...”
- 6) E: There is no information in this reading about what to do if you cannot have a campfire.
- 7) E: In Paragraph C, there is information about avoiding causing fires, but that is not the same meaning as “we should avoid natural forces”
- 8) E: The first sentence of Paragraph C says that “Fires are one of the most destructive forces”, but not “the most destructive force.”
- 9) A: In Paragraph A, “national and provincial parks” means that the federal and provincial governments administer (=take care of) those parks.
- 10) E: The second sentence of Paragraph C says that fires can be caused naturally, or that humans can cause them.
- 11) E: Grammatically, the verb “put” must be in the past tense in this sentence. There is no information in this reading that someone extinguished a fire in the past.
- 12) D: The last sentence of Paragraph D reminds the reader that by keeping the points that are mentioned earlier (=aforementioned) in the reading, you will enjoy camping.

Module 8:

- 1) c: In the last sentence of his introduction, the writer supports getting a (university) degree after high school.
- 2) c: In the third sentence of his introduction, the writer says that it can be stressful to “weigh the pros and cons” (=consider the advantages and disadvantages) of going to university.
- 3) d: In Paragraph 2, the writer says that “a decade (=10 years) of post-secondary studies is not uncommon for anyone...specializing in one area of medicine.”
- 4) b: At the end of Paragraph 3, the writer says that “...the rewards (of a university degree) in terms of status and salary are undeniable” (=we cannot argue with the idea that a university degree gives us prestige and monetary benefits).
- 5) d: The first sentence of Paragraph C says that “...a university degree increases our intelligence.”
- 6) c: In Paragraph 3, the writer discusses “knowledgeable professors”.
- 7) d: In the last sentence of Paragraph 3, the writer says that “it would be impossible to learn even half of what one could learn at university anywhere else.” That means, according to him, we can learn more than twice as much at university as at other places.
- 8) c: In his conclusion, the writer mentions the success of university graduates, indicating that they have a higher level of success than others.
- 9) On top of that: This expression means “In addition” (not “In additionally”). The writer of this comment uses this expression to show that, not only did she not waste money on expensive university tuition fees, but she also started earning money right away after high school.
- 10) had saved: Grammatically, we use the past perfect here to show that, in the past, after she had worked for 10 years, the result (after those 10 years) was that she had saved a million dollars.
- 11) my way up: When you work your way up, you start from a low level and reach a high level, after much time and effort.
- 12) my name: When we have money to our name, that is the (usually large) amount of money that we own.

Module 9:

- 1) b: According to Brian's letter, he is in Montreal, and Brenda is in Halifax.
- 2) c: "too busy to~" means that we have no time for something (e.g. "I'm too busy to play" means that I cannot play, because I am too busy).
- 3) c: In Paragraph 2 of his letter, Brian says that he is "staying with friends".
- 4) d: In Paragraph 2 of his letter, Brian says that the real estate prices (=house prices) in Montreal are "pretty reasonable" (=not too high).
- 5) a: In the last sentence of Paragraph 2, Brian says that he "...expect(s) to be staying (in Montreal) for at least five years."
- 6) b: In Paragraph 3 of his letter, Brian says that Brenda is "busy...taking care of the family."
- 7) d: In Paragraph 4, Brian says that he is working with Leonard now. In the next sentence he says "...when (Leonard) worked with both of you..."
- 8) b: In Paragraph 4, "...it has closed for some reason" means that it has gone out of business. Therefore, it is not a restaurant anymore, and it does not make good spaghetti and pizza anymore.
- 9) get a house: Paragraph 2 of Brian's letter indicate that he has not had time to get a house.
- 10) though (=but): In Matthew's response to Brian's letter, Matthew is not surprised that Brian has not had time to get a house, but he *is* surprised that Old Napoli has gone out of business.
- 11) such: Grammatically, "such" is the only word that will fit in this sentence.
- 12) as much as" Grammatically, "as much as" is the only expression that will fit in this sentence.

Module 10:

- 1) special: Sid knows that Colleen has never been to Banff, so he thinks it will be “a special trip” for her.
- 2) transport: The purpose of Sid’s e-mail is to present some alternatives (=different choices) regarding transport to Colleen.
- 3) minimum: “Minimum age restrictions” means that you must be a certain minimum age to rent a car. Sid and Colleen are too young to rent a car.
- 4) work: “Other options...should work” means that there are other transportation choices available for Sid and Colleen’s trip to Banff.
- 5) companies: In terms of vocabulary, “companies” is the only word that fits logically in this sentence.
- 6) however (=but): Sid first says that the bus is the cheapest option, *but* that it is also the slowest option.
- 7) no: if something happens in “no time”, it happens very quickly. They would get to Banff very quickly if they went by motorcycle.
- 8) two: Since a taxi could carry up to 4 passengers, Sid and Colleen would be able to take 2 more people with them.
- 9) b: “planning a travel” is incorrect English. “planning a trip” would be correct.
- 10) d: According to the diagram, the motorcycle “can only carry two people maximum” (=“passenger limitations”).
- 11) a: In his e-mail, Sid says that “There are several bus companies that go from Calgary to Banff several times a day”, which means that there are multiple options regarding bus schedules.
- 12) b: Regarding the taxi option, Sid says that they could invite three more people and split the cost (=“The taxi cost could be offset by other people contributing”).

Module 11:

- 1) D: Paragraph D discusses the concept of realtors (=real estate agents), who are professional home sales people.
- 2) C: Paragraph C says that you should consider what you would like (=what will make you happy) in terms of home characteristics.
- 3) E: The sentence “Get experienced friends” has the strange meaning of “Make new friends who have experience in something”, which is very different from the idea in Paragraph that advises talking to people (e.g. friends) who have experience buying and selling houses.
- 4) E: There is no information in the reading that says you should always try to bargain.
- 5) E: Paragraph A mentions doing your homework before buying a house, which means doing some research before buying a house, but it does not refer to taking a course.
- 6) E: Paragraph D says that realtors can make the process of home buying easier, but it does not say that you “should” hire a realtor.
- 7) B: Paragraph B discusses the various kinds of people that can help you, including neighbours, who are an example of “acquaintances” (people that you are familiar with, but maybe not as close as family or friends).
- 8) C: Paragraph C mentions that a consideration such as number of bedrooms will allow you to make a better (=wiser) buying decision.
- 9) E: Paragraph A says that you could buy “the wrong house, if you do not know what you are doing.” The Question 9 sentence is very similar, but it has omitted (=deleted) the word “not”.
- 10) A: The last sentence of Paragraph A says that “By following a few simple steps,...you will make the house hunting process that much easier”, which has the same meaning as “You should use an easy guideline if you want to make something simpler.”
- 11) D: Paragraph D mentions that more people are going house hunting on their own.
- 12) C: Paragraph C says that you can make a better buying decision if you ask a question such as “Would you like to live in an older or a newer (house)?”

Module 12:

- 1) a: The second sentence of Paragraph 2 says that “We have just updated (the website)”, which means that it was just changed recently.
- 2) c: The third sentence of Paragraph 2 says that some changes were made “...partially based on visitor feedback”, which means that the visitors have already given their feedback.
- 3) d: Paragraph 3 discusses links (which is something you can click on).
- 4) b: Paragraph 4 says that fonts and font sizes were changed because “legibility was lacking”, (=not easy to read). It also mentions that the minimum font size will now be 12 points, indicating that the previous font size was too small (=not easy to read).
- 5) c: Paragraph 4 says that “font size will be a minimum of 12 points”, which means that the font size will be bigger than before (=not smaller than before).
- 6) d: Paragraph 3 says that visitors will notice “a cleaner, more visually appealing homepage” (thanks to the newly-added links).
- 7) d: Paragraph 2 says that the website has been updated, so the changes have already been made.
- 8) c: The last sentence of the last paragraph says that “we will always endeavor to improve ourselves.”
- 9) buying: Grammatically, “I have been buying jewelry” is correct. “I have been purchasing jewelry” would also be correct, but “purchasing is not an answer choice.
- 10) policy: A “return policy” is a return “rule” (but not “rules”).
- 11) Regarding: “Regarding” has the meaning of “about”.
- 12) small: The writer of this comment is saying that the writing still seems small for her eyes.

CELPiP Writing Module 1

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Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

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- Congratulations on the wedding
- Apologies that you cannot go to the wedding
- The reason that you cannot go to the wedding
- A suggestion about when you can see each other after the wedding

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your city wants to improve the traffic situation in the city. They want to know your opinion. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Widen the roads: The roads are very narrow now. There are traffic jams every day.

Option 2: Improve the public transit system: Now there are only buses. The city is thinking of building a train system. That would be very expensive.

CELPIP Writing Module 2

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

You have registered to attend a work-related conference in another city. You are going to write an e-mail to the organizers of the conference. Your e-mail must include the following points:

- Your enthusiasm for attending the conference, and the reason you are attending
- Some questions regarding hotel accommodations, and sightseeing opportunities in the city
- Some questions regarding the conference organizers' cancellation policy

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your company wants to change the working hours. They want to know your opinion. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Start work at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 4:30 p.m.: The workers would be able to sleep in. They would also be stuck in traffic jams every day.

Option 2: Start work at 6:30 a.m. and finish at 2:30 p.m.: The workers would have to wake up very early every day. They would have more time to run errands.

CELP Writing Module 3

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

You want to ask your friend to go on a trip with you. Your e-mail must include the following points:

- Where you want to go
- What you can do there
- When you want to go there
- When your friend needs to respond to your e-mail

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your province wants to improve the education system. They want to know your opinion. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Make more public schools: Most students in Canada attend public schools.

Option 2: Make more private schools: There are not as many private schools as public schools.

CELPiP Writing Module 4

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

Your co-worker is moving to another city. Your letter must include the following points:

- Congratulations on the move
- Your feelings about the move
- Why you think your co-worker will be happy in the new city
- A suggestion about visiting your co-worker in the new city in the future

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your community hall wants to make a new sports centre. They want to know your opinion. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Make a new arena for hockey and skating: Canadians can enjoy those sports outside in winter; an indoor arena would allow them to play such sports year round.

Option 2: Make a gym for basketball and indoor soccer: Most Canadians cannot enjoy those sports outdoors in winter; an indoor gym would give them that opportunity.

CELPIP Writing Module 5

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

You want to have a meeting with your child's teacher about your child's progress in school. Your letter must include the following points:

- A self-introduction
- Some praise for the teacher
- A request to meet with the teacher, and the reason for wanting to meet
- A possible date and time for the meeting

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your community association wants to build a swimming pool. The association wants your opinion. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Build an indoor pool: An indoor pool is much more expensive. It can be enjoyed year round.

Option 2: Build an outdoor pool: An outdoor pool cannot be enjoyed in winter, or in other seasons when the weather is bad.

CELP Writing Module 6

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

Your co-worker wants you to go camping with him/her, but you have never been camping before, so you are worried about accepting the invitation. Your letter must include the following points:

- Appreciation for the invitation
- Your concern about going camping
- A request for more details about the camping trip
- What you will do when you receive the details

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your multicultural club is having a special celebration. The club wants the members' opinions on what kind of food to serve. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Have a formal dinner: This would be much more expensive. People would sit down more, and would talk mainly to the people at their table.

Option 2: Light snacks only: This option is much cheaper. People would be standing much of the time, talking to many different people.

CELPiP Writing Module 7

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

You have been asked by your boss to attend a meeting, but you cannot go. Your e-mail must include the following points:

- Apologies that you cannot attend the meeting
- The reason that you cannot attend
- A suggestion about how you can compensate for being absent from the meeting

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your city council wants to develop some land in your area. They want the residents' opinions on what to build. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Build a park: This would be a much cheaper option. The city already has many parks.

Option 2: Build a museum: This would be very expensive. The city already has one museum.

CELPiP Writing Module 8

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

Your friend has asked if he can borrow your car, but you cannot lend it to him. Your e-mail must include the following points:

- Apologies that you cannot lend the car to him
- The reason that you cannot lend the car
- A suggestion about where he can get a car

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your company is going to move to a new location. They want the workers' opinions on the new location. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Move to a downtown location: It is a very convenient location for workers and clients. The rent is very high downtown. There are traffic and parking problems every day.

Option 2: Move 20 kilometres outside the city: It is quite a long drive for most workers and clients. There are no traffic or parking problems. The rent is very reasonable.

CELPIP Writing Module 9

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

You want to invite your friend to have dinner with you at a restaurant. Your e-mail must include the following points:

- An invitation to the restaurant
- The date/time/and place of the dinner
- A description of the restaurant
- A request for your friend to bring a guest if they want

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your community association is going to have a New Year's Eve party. They want the residents' opinions on what time to have the party. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.: This would allow parents to bring their young children to the event. Tickets would be more expensive because dinner would be served.

Option 2: 11:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.: This would be for adults only. Tickets would be cheaper, because there would only be snacks. Guests could continue enjoying the party after the midnight countdown.

CELPiP Writing Module 10

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

You are very satisfied with some of the services you are receiving from your city. Write an e-mail to your city hall. Your e-mail must include the following points:

- Praise for the services that you are satisfied with
- Specific reasons for why you are satisfied with the services
- Encouragement for the city to continuing doing a great job

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your city is going to build a new facility for the residents of the city. They want the residents' opinions on which facility to build. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: a new recycling centre: There is already one recycling centre on the other side of the city. The amount of recycling is growing every year.

Option 2: a new nature park: There are already many parks in the city, but no nature parks yet.

CELPIP Writing Module 11

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

You registered and paid for a university course, but you need to cancel your registration. Your e-mail must include the following points:

- The reason you are writing the e-mail
- A description of the course that you registered and paid for
- The reason you need to cancel your registration
- A request for a refund

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your city wants to build a new road in your community. They want the residents' opinions on what kind of road to build. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: A road with two vehicle lanes: There are traffic jams on the existing road every day, sometimes even on weekends.

Option 2: A road with one vehicle lane and one bicycle lane: The number of bicycle riders is increasing every year.

CELPIP Writing Module 12

There are two tasks in the Writing Test. You have 53 minutes to complete both.

Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

Your friend, who lives in another city, wants to visit you. Your e-mail must include the following points:

- Your feelings about your friend visiting you
- A question from you about when your friend will be arriving, and how long he or she will be staying
- What kinds of activities you and friend can do during the visit

Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your employer would like to decide on a fixed set of days off for the employees. He wants the employees' opinions on this topic. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Friday and Saturday off: With this choice, many employees will not get exactly the same days off as their spouses and children. Employees would be able to go to the dentist, doctor, and do banking much more easily.

Option 2: Saturday and Sunday off: With this choice, most employees would enjoy weekends with their families. They would probably not be able to do many errands, because a lot of services are closed Saturdays and Sundays.

Sample Writing Responses

Module 1 Task 1: Write an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

You have been invited to a wedding, but you cannot go. Your e-mail must include the following points:

- Congratulations on the wedding
- Apologies that you cannot go to the wedding
- The reason that you cannot go to the wedding
- A suggestion about when you can see each other after the wedding

Basic Response (153 words):

Dear Sandra:

How are you? I hope everything is fine with you. Thank you so much for your wedding invitation. I am so happy for you and George. Congratulations! You are a really nice couple.

I really want to go to your wedding, but I cannot. I am so sorry. I feel so bad. I know it is an important day for you.

I cannot go to your wedding because of work. I have a big meeting on the same day as your wedding. If I don't go to the meeting, I could lose my job. It is a very important meeting for me. I hope you understand.

Maybe we can get together after the wedding. I will phone you a few weeks after your wedding. Maybe we can have dinner together. You can tell me about your wedding.

Thank you for understanding. I hope you have a wonderful wedding.

Your friend,

Teresa

Advanced Response (200 words):

Dear Sandra:

How have you been? I hope you've been keeping well. Thanks for your wedding invitation, which I just received. I am so excited for both you and George. Congratulations! You make a great couple.

I would love to be able to make it to your wedding, but I'm afraid I can't. My apologies. I feel terrible. I know what an important day it is for you. I really wish that I could make it.

I won't be able to go to your wedding because of work. There's a big meeting that I have to attend, which just happens to be on the same day as your wedding. If I don't go to the meeting, I could lose my job. That's how important it is for me to be there. I really hope you understand.

Maybe we can get together sometime after the wedding. I will phone you a couple of weeks after your wedding. Maybe we can have dinner at a nice place or something. It will give us a chance to catch up and talk about your fantastic wedding.

Thanks again for understanding, Sandra. I want to wish you and George a wonderful wedding.

Your friend,

Teresa

Module 1 Task 2: Answer a Survey Question (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your city wants to improve the traffic situation in the city. They want to know your opinion. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Widen the roads: The roads are very narrow now. There are traffic jams every day.

Option 2: Improve the public transit system: Now there are only buses. The city is thinking of building a train system. That would be very expensive.

Basic Response (153 words):

My name is Juan Garcia. I have lived in this city for about two years. I would like to give my opinion on improving the traffic situation.

I like option 1. I think it is a very good idea. We need to widen the roads. Now, the roads are too narrow. Every day, there are traffic jams. It is a big problem for drivers. If the city widens the roads, there will not be so many traffic jams. The roads will be much wider than now. Everyone will be happy if we can get some wider roads in this city.

Idea 2 is not so good. I think it is too expensive. It probably costs almost \$1 billion dollars to build a train system for this city. We do not have enough money for that.

It is much better to build wider roads in our city. Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Advanced Response (200 words):

My name is Juan Garcia. I have been a resident of this great city for the past two years or so. I wish to share with you my opinion on improving the traffic situation in our city.

I believe that option 1 is the better choice. It is, in my opinion, the logical option. We definitely need to do something about the roads in our city. They are just too narrow now. There are major traffic jams every single day of the week. It causes huge headaches for drivers. If the city decided to widen the roads, there would not be nearly so many traffic jams. The roads would be nice and wide. They would accommodate much more traffic. Everyone would be happy if we could get some wider roads in this city.

Idea 2, on the other hand, is not so good. It is way too expensive. A train system would probably cost close to \$1 billion dollars to build. The city, and I mean the taxpayers, cannot afford that.

Therefore, it makes much more sense to me to widen the roads in our city. Thank you for giving me a chance to voice my opinion on this issue.

Module 2 Task 1: Writing an E-mail (27 minutes/150-200 words)

You want to stay at a hotel. Your e-mail must include the following points:

- The purpose of your visit
- Why you want to stay at that specific hotel
- What kind of room you want
- When you are arriving/how long you are staying

Basic Response (157 words):

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am going to visit Montreal for a vacation. I would like to stay at your hotel.

I would like to stay at your hotel because it is so beautiful. I saw pictures of your hotel on the Internet. It looks very nice. Also, your hotel is in downtown Montreal. That means I can walk. I do not need to take the bus or a taxi.

I would like a double room. If possible, I would like a room with a nice view. And I would like a quiet room. Also, I would like a room on the first or the second floor. If you have a room like that, I would like to reserve it.

I am going to Montreal on October 5. I am going to stay for two nights. So I will check in on October 5, and I will check out on October 7.

Thank you for your assistance.

Mohinder Singh

Advanced Response (200 words):

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am sending you this e-mail for a possible booking request. I will be visiting Montreal for a brief vacation, and I would like to stay at your hotel during my visit.

I am interested in staying at your hotel, partly because it looks so beautiful. I saw some amazing pictures of your hotel on the Internet. It looks incredible. I would also like to stay at your hotel as it is located in downtown Montreal. That convenient location means that I should be able to get around on foot. I would not need to take public transit if I stayed at your hotel.

I would like to book a double room, and if possible, one with a nice view. I would also like to request a quiet room. Finally, a room on the first or the second floor would be great. If you have any such room like that, I would like to book it.

I am arriving in Montreal on October 5, and I will be staying for two nights; basically, I will check in on October 5, and check out on October 7.

Thank you in advance for arranging this for me.

Regards,

Mohinder Singh

Module 2 Task 2: Responding to Survey Questions (26 minutes/150-200 words)

Your company wants to change the working hours. They want to know your opinion. Which choice do you prefer? Explain why you prefer that choice. Also explain the problems with the other choice.

Option 1: Start work at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 4:30 p.m.: The workers would be able to sleep in. They would also be stuck in traffic jams every day.

Option 2: Start work at 6:30 a.m. and finish at 2:30 p.m.: The workers would have to wake up very early every day. They would have more time to run errands.

Basic Response (150 words):

My name is Laurent St. Vincent. I have worked for this company for two years. I want to give my opinion on the working hours. I think option 1 is good.

If we start later, it will be very good for us. We can get enough sleep every day. We will have more energy. We will not be tired. We will work much harder. It will be very good for the company. I think the company and all the workers will be very happy with this schedule.

Option 2 is not a good idea. If we start at 6:30 every morning, we will not get enough sleep. We will be tired at work every day. We will not have so much energy. I really think that option 2 is not a good idea.

Thank you for this chance to give you my opinion. I hope you will choose option 1.

Advanced Response (181 words):

My name is Laurent St. Vincent. I have been working in the sales department of this company for the past two years. I wish to present my opinion regarding the company's working hour proposals.

In my opinion, it would be better to go with option 1. The most important reason has to do with sleep. By allowing the workers to sleep in a little every day, we will have so much more energy during the day. We will be able to apply that energy to our work. We will be able to contribute maximum productivity, and that will benefit the company as a result.

Conversely, if we go with option 2, we will have a deficiency of sleep on a continuous basis. That will result in a lowered energy level, and less productivity from all the workers. Going with option 2 would hurt not only the workers, but the company as well.

I appreciate having been given the opportunity to voice my opinion, as well as my concern. I trust that your final decision will be one that benefits us all.