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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Ircelpip CELPIP listening book!

We, in the Ircelpip institution, made this book to help you improve your listening score in the CELPIP listening test.

The best way to improve your score is to PRACTICE!

In this book, we try to provide the exact material you need to get familiar with CELPIP listening part.

So, you will see a lot of questions with different difficulty levels and get useful suggestions for each of them to get the best score.

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Test Format

Task	Topic	Questions
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Time Duration:
47-55 Minutes

Listening Practices

We in the Ircelpip institute designed and gathered these listening practices to help you prepare for the CELPIP test.

Each of the listening conversations and practices were chosen from standard sources. We think these listening practices will be very similar to the ones on the CELPIP test.

The listening part of CELPIP test includes 6 different parts and in this book there are 10 sample practices for each part. All practices are ordered by different difficulty levels from easy to hard.

There will be some difficult words in this book that you have never seen before. Don't worry! We'll teach you what the words mean in each part. These words will expand your vocabulary knowledge which will help you get a better score on the real test.

Task one

In task one; you are going to hear a conversation between two or three people about a problem.

In this book, you can listen to the whole recording and then read the questions and choose the best answer, but in **the real exam, you will hear a conversation in 3 sections**. You will hear each section **only once**. After each section, you will hear two or three questions and you will hear them only once.

Remember! The questions are given **verbally** and you need to read and choose the best answers.

Each question is allotted 30 seconds.

In the real exam, you will be given a pen and paper to take notes and a headset to listen to the recording.

It's a good idea to do the same and have notes and mind the time!

Exercise NO.1 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.1. Then choose the best answer.

1) The man finally makes a reservation for March ____.

- a) March 21st
- b) March 20th
- c) March 22nd
- d) March 23rd

2) How many people are going to stay with him?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) no one
- d) 3

3) What is so great about the suit?

- a) It's expensive
- b) The tax is low.
- c) It has a view of the city.
- d) It will be available in 2 days.

4) What kind of room does the man prefer?

- a) either one is okay
- b) a smoking room
- c) a non-smoking room
- d) none

5) Why doesn't he want to reserve the suite?

- a) It doesn't have a nice view.
- b) It's too expensive.
- c) It doesn't come with a sauna bath.
- d) It doesn't come with a balcony.

6) The room costs _____ plus tax.

- a) 88 dollars
- b) 80 dollars
- c) 96 dollars
- d) 18 dollars

7) The hotel is fully booked on _____ .

- a) March 21st
- b) March 20th
- c) March 22nd
- d) March 23rd

8) How do you spell the man's name?

- a) Maexner
- b) Mexner
- c) Maxner
- d) Mexneer

Vocabulary

- **book** (*verb*): reserve
 - Let's book a room at a cheap hotel in the city.
- **suite** (*noun*): a group of connected rooms at a hotel
 - I decided to reserve a suite for our honeymoon.
- **kitchenette** (*noun*): a very small kitchen
 - My first apartment was very small and only had a kitchenette.

Tips

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In conversations like this, date and numbers are very important. So it's a good idea to have quick notes while you listen to the conversation. Remember, you only have 30 seconds to answer each question.

Answers

1) b) March 20th

2) b) 2

3) c) It has a view of the city.

4) c) a non-smoking room

5) b) It's too expensive.

6) b) 80 dollars

7) c) March 22nd

8) a) Maexner

Exercise NO.2 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.2. Then choose the best answer.

1) Why does the man need some help?

- a) Because he is confused.
- b) Because he can't find his family.
- c) Because he lost his wallet.
- d) Because he doesn't know where the platform is.

2) Where does the man want to go?

- a) to the natural history museum
- b) to the art museum
- c) to the science museum
- d) to home

3) Which machine can't the man work with?

- a) ATM
- b) Vending machine
- c) Ticket machine
- d) none

4) How much is the train ride?

- a) a dollar forty
- b) a dollar fifty
- c) a dollar fifteen
- d) a dollar fifty-five

5) Where should the man get on the train?

- a) platform number 4
- b) platform number 5
- c) platform number 3
- d) platform number 2

6) How often do the trains come?

- a) about every six minutes
- b) about every five minutes
- c) about every seven minutes
- d) about every four minutes

7) Where should the man get off the train?

- a) at the Seventh Street Station
- b) at the State Street Station
- c) at the Star Palace Station
- d) at the Three Star station

8) How does the woman help the man?

- a) by showing him how to work with the machine
- b) by giving him a dollar to buy a ticket
- c) by going with him on the train
- d) by telling him the time

Vocabulary

- **nah:** informal for no
 - Nah. I don't want to go, but thanks for asking.
- **not make heads or tails of** (*idiom*): not be able to understand something at all
 - I can't make heads or tails of this train map.
- **platform** (*noun*): the place next to the railroad tracks where you wait for a train
 - Please meet me on the platform 15 minutes before the train is scheduled to leave.
- **get something** (*verb*): understand something
 - Most of the time, she doesn't get what the teacher says.
- **no problem:** used after someone thanks you for your help, similar to "You're welcome"
 - A: Thanks for helping me buy a train ticket.
 - B: No problem.
- **"catch a train"** = get on a train

"I'm planning on catching the train at 3:10, so I don't want to be late."
- **"hold up traffic"** = slow traffic

"The train tends to hold up traffic when it crosses this busy road in the morning."

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Answers

- 1) a) Because he is confused
- 2) c) to the science museum
- 3) c) Ticket machine
- 4) c) a non-smoking room
- 5) a) platform number 4
- 6) a) about every six minutes
- 7) b) at the State Street Station
- 8) a) by showing him how to work with the machine

Exercise NO.3 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.3. Then choose the best answer.

1) What does the boy want to do at the beginning of the conversation?

- a) play video games
- b) watch TV
- c) make his bed
- d) go play outside

2) What is their rule?

- a) No running
- b) No playing games after dinner
- c) No playing before doing homework
- d) No video games

3) What is one thing the boy is NOT assigned to do around the house?

- a) wash the walls
- b) vacuum the floors
- c) clean the garage
- d) dust everything

4) What does the boy have to do in his bedroom?

- a) pick up his dirty clothes
- b) put away his books
- c) polish the table
- d) make his bed

5) Which boards should the boy clean?

- a) whiteboards
- b) baseboards
- c) skateboards
- d) none

6) What is the father going to do while the boy is doing his household chores?

- a) wash the car
- b) paint the house
- c) work in the yard
- d) do his homework

7) Who is going to pull the weeds?

- a) father
- b) son
- c) both of them together
- d) none of them

8) The father and his son will go _____ after the boy finishes his work.

- a) out to eat
- b) to a movie
- c) to a ball game
- d) to sleep

Vocabulary

- **scrub** (*verb*): clean thoroughly by rubbing hard
 - You'll need to scrub really hard to remove that stain from the table
- **dust** (*verb*): to remove small pieces of dirt
 - Please dust all the furniture in the front room.
- **baseboards** (*noun*): a piece of wood or molding attached along the bottom of a wall where it touches the floor; also called "skirting board" in Britain and Australia
 - We need to remove the baseboards to put down new tile on the floor.
- **sweep** (*verb*): to clean a floor by using a broom or brush to collect dirt
 - Be sure to sweep the floor before you mop it.
- **rake** (*verb*): to gather with a garden tool with a row of plastic or metal teeth at the head
 - I spent all yesterday raking the leaves in my backyard.

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Answers

1) d) go play outside

2) c) No playing before doing homework

3) c) clean the garage

4) d) make his bed

5) b) baseboards

6) c) work in the yard

7) a) father

8) a) out to eat

Exercise NO.4 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.4. Then choose the best answer.

- 1) Why does the man enter the beauty salon?
 - a) He wants something fancy.
 - b) He needs to wash his hair.
 - c) He wants to trim his hair a little.
 - d) He wants a special hair style.

- 2) A _____ is not included in the special price at the beauty salon.
 - a) a massage
 - b) hair wash
 - c) a clean shave
 - d) a manicure

- 3) Why does the man not want the full service at first?
 - a) He is in a hurry.
 - b) It's too expensive.
 - c) He likes his hair the way it is.
 - d) He thinks it's not professional.

- 4) What does the customer do for a living?
 - a) He's an attorney.
 - b) He's employed as a town planner.
 - c) He works in the health care industry.
 - d) He is an interviewer.

5) The beautician accidentally _____.

- a) cuts the man's ear
- b) gets shampoo in the man's eyes
- c) dyes the man's hair green
- d) tear his shirt

6) The customer can't complain to the manager because he is _____.

- a) out to lunch
- b) taking time off from work
- c) dealing with another customer
- d) busy

7) The customer went to this beauty salon to improve his appearance for _____.

- a) a business convention
- b) a social event
- c) a job interview
- d) a vacation

8) How do you describe the beautician?

- a) Unprofessional and calm
- b) Professional with ten years job experience
- c) Nervous and embarrassed
- d) Disappointed and angry

Vocabulary

- **trim** (*verb*): cut just a little off
 - He got his hair trimmed yesterday at a beauty salon.
- **fancy** (*adjective*): not plain, elaborate
 - She has a real fancy perm.
- **massage** (*noun*): the action of rubbing parts of the body to help with relaxation (also a verb)
 - Some beauty salons give you a shoulder massage after they cut your hair.
- **Huh?** (*interjection*): What?, showing slight surprise
 - Huh? Did you say \$50 for a simple hair cut?
- **adjustments** (*noun*): small changes or modifications
 - Please wait a minute. I need to make a few adjustments to the equipment before we begin.
- **lean back** (also lean forward) (*verb*): to move the body backwards and down, recline
 - Don't lean back too far in your chair, or you'll tip it over.
- **voila** (*interjection*): an expression to indicate satisfied completion
 - Finally, you should bake the cake for 20 minutes, and voila, you've made your first cake.
- **butcher** (*verb*): to kill, and in this case, to cut without care
 - My brother tried to cut his own hair with school scissors and without a mirror, and he really butchered it badly.
- **in charge** (*adjective*): in control
 - She is in charge of the new project.
- **decent** (*adjective*): nice, acceptable, proper
 - The students did a decent job on the class presentation.

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Answers

1) c) He wants to trim his hair a little.

2) d) a manicure

3) a) He is in a hurry.

4) a) He's an attorney.

5) a) platform number 4

6) b) taking time off from work

7) c) a job interview

8) a) Unprofessional and calm

Exercise NO.5 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.5. Then choose the best answer.

1) How long does the man need a car?

- a) 2 days
- b) 3 weeks
- c) 3 days
- d) 2 weeks

2) Why did the man settle on renting the full-size car?

- a) It had more features than the other vehicles.
- b) It was roomy enough for him.
- c) It was more economical than the minivan.
- d) It has a CD player.

3) The man was concerned that _____.

- a) the vehicle would consume a lot of gas
- b) he couldn't add an additional driver
- c) the car is limited to a few miles a day
- d) the car is not comfortable.

4) How much does it cost to install a car seat?

- a) one dollar a day
- b) one dollar a week
- c) 3 dollars
- d) 3 dollar a day

5) How would you describe his rental car?

- a) It was a little larger than he expected.
- b) The car doesn't look very attractive.
- c) The engine has problems and runs poorly.
- d) The car looks tiny.

6) The car protection plan will not cover the vehicle if _____.

- a) the driver crashes it
- b) it is stolen from a parking lot
- c) the car is damaged in a storm
- d) the car is hit by another car

7) Which one of these sentences is describing the car?

- a) a full-sized car without insurance for three days
- b) a full-size car with a car seat for three days
- c) an economy car with insurance for two days
- d) a full-size car with a car seat for two days

8) In closing, we can infer that _____.

- a) the company will compensate you for travel delays
- b) you should call the police when your car has problems
- c) getting assistance might require time and patience
- d) it takes 3 days to have assistance in an emergency

Vocabulary

- **eat up** (*phrasal verb*): use or consume a lot of something like fuel or electricity
 - My parents sold their truck because it ate up so much gas that it was no longer affordable to drive.
- **gouge** (*verb*): make people pay a lot for something
 - During natural disasters, some stores tend to gouge consumers by charging high prices for everyday goods.
- **lemon** (*noun*): a poor-quality car that is useless
 - My brother knows nothing about cars, and he bought a used car, but it turned out to be a real lemon because it broke down only two hours after he bought it.
- **like a dream** (*verb*): very well
 - The minivan runs like a dream; it handles smoothly, and you feel like you are driving a luxury car.
- **incidental** (*adjective*): unplanned or unexpected
 - You should budget enough money for maintaining your car because there are often incidental expenses you don't anticipate, like repairing a cracked windshield or fixing a flat tire.
- **boulder** (*noun*): a large rock
 - The road was closed for two hours because road crews had to remove several large boulders that tumbled into the road as a result of a major rock slide.
- **hassle** (*noun*): trouble, difficulty, or bother
 - It was such a hassle to drive my dad's truck because there was always something wrong with it.
- **out-of-the-way** (*adjective*): far away from people or cities that is not traveled much
 - I really enjoy driving to out-of-the-way places because I can get away from large crowds.

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Answers

- 1) c) 3 days.
- 2) b) It was roomy enough for him.
- 3) a) the vehicle would consume a lot of gas
- 4) a) one dollar a day
- 5) The car doesn't look very attractive.
- 6) b) it is stolen from a parking lot
- 7) b) a full-size car with a car seat for three days
- 8) c) getting assistance might require time and patience

Exercise NO.6 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.6. Then choose the best answer.

1) What does the man order at fist?

- a) a large pepperoni pizza with mushrooms and green peppers
- b) a large pepperoni pizza with mushrooms and black olives
- c) a half-and-half pizza with mushrooms and green peppers
- d) a half-and-half pizza with mushrooms and green peppers

2) Which topping is NOT mentioned as one available from this pizza shop?

- a) mushrooms
- b) Italian chicken
- c) bacon
- d) tomato

3) Why do they have a pizza with Shrimp, clams, and squid?

- a) because the manager likes the taste of them
- b) because customers offered them.
- c) because the manager thinks it can be a hit
- d) because it's a seafood restaurant

4) The man finally orders a pizza with pepperoni and mushrooms on one side and _____ on the other.

- a) green peppers and Italian sausage
- b) black olives and pineapple
- c) bacon and ham
- d) ham, mushrooms

5) The man orders _____ with his pizza.

- a) a salad and orange juice
- b) bread sticks and a beverage
- c) a drink and chicken sticks
- d) apple juice and a salad

6) What is the total of his order?

- a) \$15.99
- b) \$15.19
- c) \$15.90
- d))\$50.90

7) What is the man's address?

- a) 1340 South 16 East
- b) 1314 South 16 East
- c) 3040 South 60 East
- d) 1314 South 19 East

8) The employee repeats everything correctly except _____ .

- a) the man's address
- b) the pizza topping
- c) the man's name
- d) the man's telephone number

Vocabulary

- **pepperoni** (*noun*): a pork and beef sausage, sliced thinly for pizza
 - My students ordered a pepperoni pizza for lunch.
- **be a hit** (*verb*): be popular
 - Ordering pizza for the party was a hit.
- **care for** (*verb*): have a preference or liking for something
 - Would you care for anything else today?
- **acquired taste** (*expression*): a taste that takes time to get used to
 - Some people say that learning to like sushi is an acquired taste.
- **beverage** (*noun*): drink
 - What kinds of beverages do you want to serve at the party?
- **throw in** (*verb*): add
 - That pizza shop always throws in a free drink with every order.
- **coupon** (*noun*): a certificate used to receive money off on purchases
 - Let's use the pizza coupon that came in the mail.
- **make something out** (*idiom*): understand or figure out
 - I couldn't make out what the customer ordered because of the poor telephone connection.

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Answers

- 1) a) a large pepperoni pizza with mushrooms and green peppers**
- 2) b) Italian chicken**
- 3) c) because the manager thinks it can be a hit**
- 4) a) green peppers and Italian sausage**
- 5) b) bread sticks and a beverage**
- 6) b) \$15.19**
- 7) a) 1340 South 16 East**
- 8) d) the man's telephone number**

Exercise NO.7 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.7. Then choose the best answer.

1) The company where the woman works is going to _____.

- a) fire workers
- b) close stores
- c) cut salaries
- d) sell books

2) Why does the woman get angry of her husband?

- a) He doesn't like books.
- b) He interrupts her.
- c) He judges her.
- d) He thinks she doesn't work well.

3) The woman _____ to help her husband learn the art of listening.

- a) watched a TV program
- b) picked up a book
- c) found a few Web sites
- d) took some classes

4) How much did she pay with his credit card?

- a) 35 dollars
- b) 30 dollars
- c) 13 dollars
- d) 350 dollars

5) The first skill of listening that the woman points out is to ____.

- a) not cut in on a conversation
- b) watch a person's body language
- c) make meaningful comments
- d) always agree

6) The second point is to ____.

- a) bring up similar concerns
- b) smile and nod politely
- c) put aside distractions
- d) not cut in on a conversation

7) According to the final point, some people who are experiencing issues in their lives don't want others to ____ their problems.

- a) debate
- b) solve
- c) share
- d) show

8) This couple is going to ____ to improve their relationship.

- a) go on a trip in a couple of days
- b) attend marital counseling
- c) attend workshops
- d) discuss the information in the book

Vocabulary

- **lay off** (*verb*): fire, let someone go from a company
 - The company often lays off people after the Christmas season because business slows down.
- **employees** (*noun*): workers
 - Our store laid off three employees because they didn't listen to and follow company policy on several issues.
- **contain** (*verb*): include, have
 - Why doesn't this job agreement contain more information on paid vacations?
- **interrupt** (*verb*): break or stop the action of something
 - Problems in relationships happen when one person interrupts another.
- **hold your tongue** (*verb*): be quiet, a polite way to tell someone to shut up
 - I couldn't hold my tongue when Ashley lied about our relationship.
- **witty** (*adjective*): funny, clever, intelligent
 - My brother thinks he is really witty, but he only listen to his own ideas and no one else.
- **tsk** (*interjection*): a feeling of impatience or disapproval
 - Tsk. I can't believe you don't treat your wife better.
- **empathy** (*verb*): the ability to understand a person's feelings
 - People can develop greater empathy for others when they listen without trying to give advice.
- **"be all ears"** = very willing and interested in listening
 - "Listen. Tell me about the problem. I'm all ears."*
- **"fall on deaf ears"** = having your ideas ignored by others
 - "I always share my feelings with my coworkers, but my ideas always fall on deaf ears."*

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Answers

- 1) a) fire workers**
- 2) b) He interrupts her..**
- 3) b) picked up a book**
- 4) a) 35 dollars**
- 5) a) not cut in on a conversation**
- 6) c) put aside distractions**
- 7) b) solve**
- 8) d) discuss the information in the book**

Exercise NO.8 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.8. Then choose the best answer.

1) Why does Henry buy some flowers?

- a) for his wife's birthday
- b) for his friend
- c) for their anniversary
- d) for apologizing

2) Henry is going to pick up his wife at the _____.

- a) bus station
- b) airport
- c) train station
- d) port

3) Henry was _____ on Friday night when the problems started.

- a) having a barbecue
- b) playing basketball
- c) watching a game on TV
- d) going horseback riding

4) The vase broke with one of his friends _____.

- a) bumped into it
- b) hit it with a ball
- c) dropped it
- d) threw it

5) Why was the vase so important to his wife?

- a) it was given to her by her grandmother
- b) it was too expensive
- c) she bought it for her anniversary
- d) it was made of Chinese gold

6) The book manuscript was ruined when ____.

- a) it burned in a fire
- b) the family dog chewed it up
- c) someone accidentally threw it away
- d) her computer crashed

7) Why did her computer crash?

- a) she was writing the script
- b) his friends were playing basketball
- c) they made a fire near it
- d) he was playing a computer game

8) His wife's reaction will probably be ____.

- a) anger
- b) surprise
- c) disappointment
- d) greed

Vocabulary

- **mishaps** (*noun*): accidents
 - There were a few unfortunate mishaps while we were on vacation.
- **horsing around** (*phrasal verb*): playing around or wasting time
 - Hey! Stop horsing around and get to work.
- **to pull something over someone's eyes** (*idiom*): to deceive or hide the truth
 - Don't even try pulling something over my eyes. I'll be watching you very carefully.
- **be in hot water** (*idiom*): be in bad trouble
 - Oh no, you broke the window! You're going to be in hot water when mom gets back from the store.
- **digging yourself out of something** (*idiom*): trying to explain or justify the causes of a situation
 - There's no way you're going to be able to dig yourself out of this one. It was your fault, so just admit it.
- **"a going over"** = an often fast cleaning
 - "The house needs a good going over before our guests arrive."*
- **"elbow grease"** = hard work
 - "Put a little elbow grease into cleaning that bathtub."*

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Answers

1) d) for apologizing

2) b) airport

3) c) watching a game on TV

4) a) bumped into it

5) a) it was given to her by her grandmother

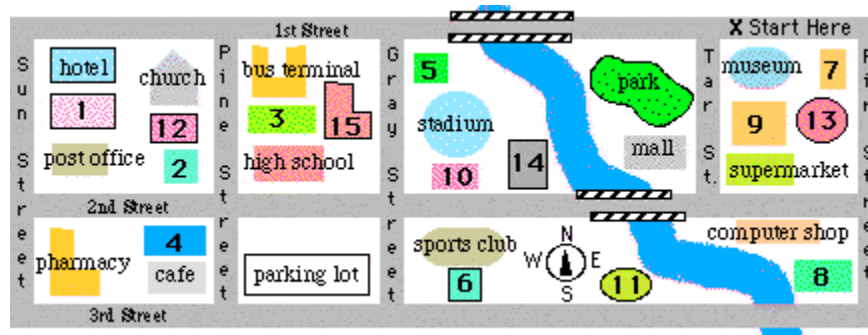
6) a) it burned in a fire

7) d) he was playing a computer game

8) a) anger

Exercise NO.9 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.9. Look at the map. Then choose the best answer.



1) When is Steve going out with Jennifer?

- a) Sunday
- b) Friday
- c) Saturday
- d) Monday

2) Where is the movie theater?

- a) the first building on the right
- b) the second building of the left
- c) next to a florist
- d) next to a church

3) Where is the restaurant located?

- a) 11
- b) 6
- c) 8
- d) 14

4) What kind of restaurant is Pink Flamingo?

- a) Italian
- b) Spanish
- c) American
- d) Chinese

5) What time does the restaurant close on Sundays?

- a) 11:00 p.m.
- b) 10:30 p.m.
- c) 12:00 a.m.
- d) 11:30 p.m.

6) Which place sounds familiar to him?

- a) the florist
- b) the river
- c) the movie theater
- d) the restaurant

7) Where is the florist?

- a) 5
- b) 10
- c) 6
- d) 15

8) Why does he want to go to a florist?

- a) to buy some flowers for his mom
- b) to get a plant for her garden
- c) to buy some for his girl friend's birthday
- d) to order some flowers for their anniversary

Tips

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Answers

1) a) Sunday

2) d) next to a church

3) a) 11

4) b) Spanish

5) c) 12:00 a.m

6) d) the restaurant

7) b) 10

8) c) to buy some for his girl friend's birthday

Exercise NO.10 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.10. Then choose the best answer.

1) Sharon and Phil have been married for _____ months.

- a) two
- b) six
- c) four
- d) five

2) What is one reason why Phil wants to break up and divorce Sharon?

- a) Sharon complains about Phil's bathroom habits.
- b) Sharon places work over her relationship with Phil.
- c) Sharon buys and wears very expensive clothing.
- d) Sharon drinks non-fat milk.

3) What does Sharon do in her free time?

- a) She studies English.
- b) She wears sunscreen.
- c) She checks his wallet.
- d) She does something romantic.

4) One thing that bothers Sharon is that Phil _____.

- a) gets together with his old girlfriend regularly
- b) carries a picture of his old girlfriend
- c) brings up old memories of his old girlfriend
- d) invites his girl friend to his home

5) What does Tonya think about Phil's reasons?

- a) They're reasonable
- b) They're surprising
- c) They're unbelievable
- d) They're petty

6) Tonya, Phil's sister, thinks that he is really ____.

- a) proud
- b) pampered
- c) weird
- d) careless

7) What will happen when they have children?

- a) They will stop fighting
- b) They will have divorce lawyers
- c) They will get sick
- d) They will have financial problems

8) Tonya suggests that Phil ____.

- a) consult with a divorce lawyer
- b) avoid hanging out too much with friends.
- c) get some marriage counseling
- d) talk to his wife

Vocabulary

- **gloomy** (*adjective*): sad or depressed
 - I've noticed a very gloomy atmosphere in their family recently.
- **call it quits** (*phrasal verb*): give up or end
 - After having gone through marriage counseling, Karl and Susan decided to call it quits.
- **bliss** (*noun*): happiness
 - Marriage is filled with a combination of bliss and trials.
- **duh** (*exclamation*): used to expression that something is stupid or obvious
 - A: This advanced grammar class is so difficult. >> B: Well, duh. It's an advanced class for a good reason.
- **petty** (*adjective*): simplistic, unimportant
 - My parents often get into petty arguments about dumb things.
- **down the road** (*prepositional phrase*): in the future
 - Their relationship is going to be in serious trouble down the road unless they work to resolve their differences. He should stop taking such a belligerent (hostile or aggressive) attitude toward things.

Tips

In task 1 of the CELPIP Listening Test, a common face-to-face interaction between strangers is presented. In each conversation, 2 people try to solve a problem. So the most important parts to find out are the problem and the solution of the problem.

Answers

- 1) a) two
- 2) a) Sharon complains about Phil's bathroom habits.
- 3) a) She studies English
- 4) b) carries a picture of his old girlfriend
- 5) d) They're petty
- 6) c) weird
- 7) d) They will have financial problems
- 8) c) get some marriage counseling

Task two

In task two; you are going to hear a conversation between two people about daily life, like catching up as they haven't seen each other recently or ...

In this book, you can listen to the recording and then read the questions, take your time, make some notes and choose the best answer, but in **the real exam, you will hear a conversation followed by five question only once.**

Remember! The questions are given **verbally** and you need to read and choose the best answers.

Each question is allotted a few seconds.

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Exercise NO.11 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.11. Then choose the best answer.

1) What does the man want to do tonight?

- a) He wants to rent a movie.
- b) He wants to go to the movies.
- c) He wants to have a birthday party.
- d) He wants to make a movie.

2) What does the woman think about action movies?

- a) They're boring.
- b) They're violent.
- c) They're boring.
- d) They're too scary.

3) According to the woman's idea comedies are _____.

- a) crazy
- b) exciting
- c) enjoyable
- d) frustrating

4) Which sentence is correct?

- a) She likes horror movies, but she doesn't like comedies.
- b) She thinks horror movies are fun to watch.
- c) She likes action movies and foreign movies.
- d) She is not a fan of horror movies.

5) Which sentence is not correct?

- a) He wants to get a horror movie for his party.
- b) He wants to know what kind of movies she likes.
- c) He is going to the video store to find a good movie.
- d) He has a party tonight.

Vocabulary

- **have in mind** (*verb*): to think about
 - What activities do you have in mind for tomorrow's picnic?
- **crazy about** (*phrasal verb*): to like something very much
 - Carla is crazy about rock music.

Tips

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Answers

- 1) a) He wants to rent a movie.
- 2) b) They're violent.
- 3)c) enjoyable
- 4) d) She is not a fan of horror movies.
- 5) a) He wants to get a horror movie for his party.

Exercise NO.12 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.12. Then choose the best answer.

1) What is the boy's name?

- a) Matthew
- b) Michael
- c) Mitchell
- d) Mike

2) How old is the boy turning in the conversation?

- a) nine
- b) six
- c) eight
- d) seven

3) What does he want to do first?

- a) eat cake and ice cream
- b) open presents
- c) play outdoor games
- d) invite his friends

4) In the game, you have to _____.

a) touch another person

b) catch a ball

c) hide from others

d) throw a ball

5) Who is coming to the party?

a) friends, cousins, and grandparents

b) grandparents, cousins, and uncles

c) aunts, grandparents, and cousins

d) friends, cousins, parents

Vocabulary

- **make a wish** (*idiom*): wish for something
 - Please make a wish before we eat the cake.
- **freeze** (*verb*): become cold to the point of changing water to ice
 - It was so cold out last night that I thought I was going to freeze to death.
- **tag** (*verb*): touch a player, usually as part of a game
 - I tried to get away during the game at the park, but she tagged me on the back, so I was it.

"**turn**" = become a year older

"Our youngest daughter is going to turn 16 this week, and we're all excited to celebrate her special day."

"**mooch off of someone**" = expect someone to pay your expenses

"Hey, now that you've turned 25, don't you think it's time to stop mooching off of mom and dad?"

Tips

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Answers

1) b) Michael

2) d) seven.

3) a) eat cake and ice cream

4) a) touch another person.

5)c) aunts, grandparents, and cousins

Exercise NO.13 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.13. Then choose the best answer.

1) What do the little boy and the girl NOT ask for Christmas?

- a) a toy train
- b) a radio receiver
- c) a play car
- d) dolls

2) What does the girl want for Christmas?

- a) Barbie playhouse
- b) marbles
- c) dolls
- d) a toy train

3) What food do the children want to make for Santa's reindeer?

- a) apples, oranges, and cookies
- b) hot chocolate, oranges, and corn
- c) cookies, apples, and carrots
- d) oranges, cookies, sandwiches

4) What time are they going to bed?

- a) 8:00 p.m.
- b) 7:00 p.m.
- c) 9:00 p.m.
- d) 10:00 p.m.

5) How is Santa going to enter the house?

- a) through the back door
- b) through the front door
- c) through a basement window
- d) down the chimney

Vocabulary

"**nose around**" = look for something private or hidden

"The kids sometimes nose around the house for Christmas gifts."

"**umpteenth** (also, umpteenth)" = a great number of

"I have umpteenth presents to buy before Christmas Eve."

- **walkie-talkies** (*noun*): small portable radio receiver-transmitters used for communicating with others
 - We always take walkie-talkies when we go hiking in case of emergencies.
- **barbie** (*noun*): the name of a brand doll
 - My daughter wants a barbie doll house for Christmas.
- **fragile** (*adjective*): easily broken or damaged, delicate
 - Handle this vase with care. It's very fragile.
- **chimney** (*noun*): the place in a house where smoke from a fire goes up and out of the roof
 - You should clean out the chimney before we use it this winter.
- **Rudolph** (*pronoun*): the name of Santa's reindeer with the shiny red nose
 - According to the story, Santa needed Rudolph to guide his sleigh on one stormy, Christmas Eve.

Tips

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Answers

1) a) a toy train

2) c) dolls

3) a) apples, oranges, and cookies

4) b) 7:00 p.m.

5) d) down the chimney

Exercise NO.14 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.14. Then choose the best answer.

1) What does the salesperson try to sell the man first?

- a) a bracelet
- b) a ring
- c) a necklace
- d) a carpet

2) Why is the man not interested in that item?

- a) It was made of cheap materials.
- b) It was the wrong style.
- c) It was not beautiful.
- d) It was too expensive.

3) The man doesn't want to buy his wife the watch because _____.

- a) it doesn't look attractive
- b) she already has one
- c) it looks cheap
- d) it isn't a name brand model

4) The shirt costs _____

- a) \$25
- b) \$30
- c) \$35
- d) \$350

5) The man can't go to another souvenir shop because _____.

- a) they are all now closed
- b) he doesn't have enough time
- c) they are located too far away
- d) it's the only shop available in this area

Vocabulary

- **souvenir**(*noun*): an item that reminds you of a particular place that you visit
- I bought several souvenirs during my trip for family and friends.
- **be sourced** (*verb*): be found or obtained from a particular location
- This fish is sourced from the sea near our house.
- **tailor** (*noun*): a person who makes or fits clothes for a living
- Do you know a tailor who can make a nice business suit?
- **come on** (*expression*): an expression to express disbelief or surprise
- Come on. Stop telling these wild stories and tell me the truth.
- **pay/charge someone an arm and a leg** (*verb*): pay a lot of money for something
- I paid an arm and a leg for this car. It was so expensive. - That company is going to charge me an arm and a leg to buy their products.
- **carry on** (*verb*): speak in an excited or uncontrollable way
- My father carried on and on last night about his speeding ticket. He said it wasn't fair..
- **novelty** (*adjective*): new and interesting
- We bought several novelty gifts for our family while we were on vacation.
- **done** (*adjective*): show an activity has finished or has been completed
- I'm done with this car. It doesn't run at all.
- **"talk shop"** = only talk about one's business or profession
"He's boring to be around because he only talks shop his job."
- **"a steal"** = something that is so cheap that it feels like you are stealing it
"This dress was a steal. It only cost \$5."

Tips

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Answers

1) c) a necklace

2) d) It was too expensive.

3) b) she already has one

s4) b) \$30

5) a) they are all now closed

Exercise NO.15 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.15. Then choose the best answer.

1) What thing caused a mess in the dryer?

- a) a pen
- b) colored paper
- c) chewing gum
- d) some tissue

2) What clothing did the woman have in the dryer?

- a) shorts
- b) sweaters
- c) jeans
- d) pants

3) Who does the man need to call?

- a) a repair company
- b) his office
- c) his friends
- d) his family and friends

4) The man is going to get new clothes for his wife _____.

- a) at a store
- b) at home
- c) from his sister
- d) at a dry cleaner

5) What happens at the end of the conversation?

- a) The man apologizes for his mistake.
- b) The woman is angry and leaves the house.
- c) The couple argues about the situation.
- d) The woman makes a call.

Vocabulary

- **un** (*verb*): put something in the dryer, also use or operate
 - I'm going to run some towels through the dryer. Do you have anything you want to put in?
 - Do you know how to run this copy machine? I can't figure it out.
- **mess** (*noun*): a very dirty or disorganized condition

Oh, no! Your bedroom is such a mess. Pick up all the dirty clothes and put them next to the washer.
- **rough** (*adjective*): difficult
 - We had a rough night and didn't sleep much because the baby was sick.
- **logo** (*noun*): a symbol for a company that goes on its products
 - The company decided to change their logo to give it a new look.
- **stain** (*noun*): a mark on clothing or another surface that is difficult to get out
 - I've washed this shirt three times in the washer, and the stain still won't come out.
- **fault** (*noun*): mistake or responsibility for a problem
 - I don't know whose fault it is, but someone mixed my white shirts with the pink towels, and now all of my shirts are pink.
- **get back** (*verb*): return to a place
 - Dad will throw the clothes in the washer when he gets back from work.
- **appreciate** (*verb*): be thankful for
 - I appreciate your help in washing and drying my clothes this morning. I couldn't have done it without you.

Tips

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Answers

1) a) a pen

2) a) shorts

3) c) his friends

4) a) at a store

5) a) The man apologizes for his mistake.

Exercise NO.16 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.16. Then choose the best answer.

1) What is the boy's name?

- a) Kegan
- b) Logan
- c) Odin
- d) Larry

2) The man wants to feed his grandson some _____.

- a) milkshake
- b) chocolate cake
- c) cookies
- d) chocolate pancake

3) The boy, Logan, should only be eating rice and _____.

- a) soup
- b) fruit
- c) vegetables
- d) bread

4) The boy has the food all over his _____.

a) face

b) hands

c) clothes

d) toys

5) The grandfather says he is talking to his grandson about _____.

a) movies

b) politics

c) toys

d) polices

Vocabulary

- **yum or yummy** (*adjective*): delicious
 - These cookies are yummy. Try one!
- **be supposed to** (*verb*): be intended for; be expected; be allowed to
 - The baby is supposed to take a nap at noon.
 - We are supposed to leave by noon, so please hurry.
- **yuck or yucky** (*adjective*): feeling disgust or dislike
 - Oh, yuck! This food is terrible.
- **hurt** (*verb*): cause someone to feel physical or emotional pain
 - I really hurt when our baby is sick.
- **turmoil** (*noun*): a state of disorder, unrest, or confusion
 - Our family is in turmoil right now because of our parent's divorce and the death of our sister.
- **"be someone's baby"** = be a very special possession, goal, or project.

"Hey, don't touch the car. That's my brother's baby, and it is very protective of it."
- **"sleep like a baby"** = sleep deeply and soundly

"Mark worked 16 hours yesterday, so he's going to sleep like a baby tonight."

Tips

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Answers

1) b) Logan

2) a) milkshake

3) d) bread

4) a) face

5) b) politics

Exercise NO.17 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.17. Then choose the best answer.

1) What did the boy like best about the zoo?

- a) penguins
- b) porcupines
- c) polar bears
- d) parrots

2) What did the elephant do at the zoo?

- a) The elephant sprayed water at the children.
- b) The elephant tossed dirt at the people.
- c) The elephant kicked dirty food in their direction
- d) The elephant drank water with its trunk.

3) What can we infer about the bird show?

- a) They couldn't see the birds from where they were sitting.
- b) One of the birds performed exactly as expected.
- c) A bird didn't mind the trainer very well.
- d) The birds were sitting around all the time.

4) Where did the boy see the butterflies?

a) flying around the zoo

b) in a wire building near the bird show

c) around some plants and flowers

d) inside a glass enclosure

5) What does the father tell the boy before he sleeps?

a) Be careful about bed bugs.

b) Don't let cats come in.

c) Sing a song about animals in the zoo.

d) Give him a kiss.

Vocabulary

- **porcupines** (*noun*): a land animal with long, sharp needles used to protect itself
 - You don't want to touch the porcupines unless you want to get hurt.
- **trunk** (*noun*): the long nose or snout of an elephant
 - The elephant used its trunk to move that big tree.
- **naughty** (*adjective*): badly behaved
 - The monkeys were really naughty and stole my hat right off my head.

Tips

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Answers

1) b) porcupines

2) b) The elephant tossed dirt at the people.

3) c) A bird didn't mind the trainer very well.

4) d) inside a glass enclosure

5) a) Be careful about bed bugs.

Exercise NO.18 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.18. Then choose the best answer.

1) Where did Doug and Diane first meet?

- a) at a party
- b) at a restaurant
- c) at school
- d) at an office gathering

2) How did he know where she lived?

- a) He followed her home.
- b) He found her online.
- c) He asked a friend for directions.
- d) She gave him her address.

3) Where does Doug invite her to go with him on Thursday?

- a) to a restaurant
- b) to a movie
- c) to a dance
- d) to a game

4) Diane tells Doug that she can't go with him on Thursday because she ____.

- a) has another date
- b) has to work
- c) needs to study
- d) has a family emergency

5) At the end of the conversation, Doug wants leave quietly because he ____.

- a) is embarrassed about not getting a date.
- b) is late to get to the football game.
- c) is in a hurry to go to work.
- d) crashed into Diane's brother.

Vocabulary

- **whip something up** (*verb*): prepare quickly
 - Let's whip something up for tonight's party. A few games and some snacks should be fine.
- **lineman** (*noun*): a player in the front line of a team

One of the lineman from their team is very big, but quick, on the field

Tips

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Answers

1) a) at a party

2) c) He asked a friend for directions.

3) b) to a movie

4) b) has to work

5) d) crashed into Diane's brother.

Exercise NO.19 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.19. Then choose the best answer.

1) The customer doesn't buy the recommended sandwich because ____.

- a) it's too expensive for him right now
- b) He doesn't want a big burger
- c) He's worried about the effect on his body
- d) He's not sure about its taste

2) The combo meal doesn't include ____.

- a) a dessert
- b) an order of fries
- c) a sandwich
- d) a drink

3) How does the specialty drink get its name?

- a) It is prepared in the kitchen sink.
- b) It contains a wide range of ingredients.
- c) It comes in a very large cup.
- d) Its ingredients grow everywhere

4) The man is surprised with the price of his meal because ____.

- a) he feels a drink should be included
- b) he thinks the meal is way overpriced
- c) he was charged for two sandwiches instead of one
- d) He thinks it's not that good.

5) At the end, the customer ____.

- a) orders nothing
- b) goes somewhere else to eat
- c) decides to come again later
- d) orders something from the menu

Vocabulary

- **deluxe** (*adjective*): of higher quality than similar products
 - She ordered a deluxe shake from the menu.
- **to go**: takeout
 - We ordered the food to go because we didn't have time to sit down and eat.
- **down something** (*verb*): eat quickly
 - No one could believe that the woman downed fifteen hotdogs in twelve minutes.
- **grow on someone** (*verb*): develop a liking for someone or something over time
 - Eating raw fish is something that will grow on you if you eat it enough.
- **not agree with someone** (*verb*): become sick from something you eat
 - Boy, I feel really sick. That soup didn't agree with me at all, and I feel like I'm going to throw up.
- **hearty eater** (*noun*): someone who enjoys eating a lot
 - That baby is a real hearty eater and eats constantly.
- **"fill up on"** = become full

"Hey, don't fill up on potato chips before lunch. You still need to eat your vegetables."
- **"whip up"** = quickly prepare

"Could you whip up a simple salad for the barbecue?"

Tips

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Answers

1) c) He's worried about the effect on his body

2) a) a dessert.

3) b) It contains a wide range of ingredients.

4) b) he thinks the meal is way overpriced

5) d) orders something from the menu

Exercise NO.20 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.20. Then choose the best answer.

1) The man is impressed by the girl because she _____.

- a) arrives promptly at the designated time
- b) carries her own business cards
- c) comes prepared to cook for the kids
- d) looks professional.

2) How often has Kelly babysat for Mr. Adams in the past?

- a) every other day
- b) one or two times
- c) on a regular basis
- d) never

3) The girl should charge more money because she _____.

- a) purchases groceries for meals
- b) does some housework
- c) helps kids with homework
- d) is also a doctor

4) The girl has special _____ training to become a babysitter.

a) educational

b) medical

c) emotional

d) experience

5) Her rate increases need to cover _____ expenses.

a) hobby

b) investment

c) recreational

d) her family

Vocabulary

- **entrepreneurial** (*adjective*); also **entrepreneur** (*noun*): a description of a person who decides to take certain risks to start their own business for profit or gain
 - To become a successful entrepreneur, you need a good business model, money, and connections.
- **affordable** (*adjective*): a fair price, reasonable
 - I wish that buying a home was more affordable.
- **market** (*noun*): the business environment where goods and services are traded, bought, or sold
 - Many businesses in this area are experiencing decreases in the market for new orders.
- **tuition** (*noun*): money paid for education
 - I had to take out a loan to pay for college tuition.
- **you're pulling my leg** (*idiom*): try to persuade or convince someone to believe something that is not true
 - He was just pulling your leg when he said he was getting married.
- **CPR** (*noun*) or **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation**: a medical procedure used to restart the heart and breathing again in emergency situations
 - Although the man suffered a serious accident, emergency personnel were able to revive him using CPR
- **"look in on"** = check on the safety of someone, especially if they are sick
 - "*You probably should look in on the baby every hour during the night to see how she is sleeping.*"
- **"be grouchy"** = be in a mad mood, especially if someone is tired or sick
 - "*Our daughter might be a little grouchy if she doesn't get enough sleep.*"

Tips

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Answers

1) b) carries her own business cards

2) d) never

3) b) does some housework

4) b) medical

5) c) recreational

Task three

In task three; you are going to hear a longer conversation followed by 6 questions.

In this task, the conversation is about something like a person interviewing someone and the person is giving some information about a particular subject.

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Exercise NO.21 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.21. Then choose the best answer.

1) Bill is going to _____ tomorrow.

- a) a party
- b) a game
- c) a dance
- d) a hospital

2) Hank has to work late because he needs to _____.

- a) write a report
- b) attend a meeting
- c) close the office
- d) make some work plans

3) Hank is going to visit Lisa because _____.

- a) he has to return something
- b) he is going to take her to Bill's house
- c) she is sick in bed
- d) she has to work late

4) How long is Hank going to stay with Lisa?

- a) about an hour
- b) about an hour and a half
- c) about half an hour
- d) about 2 hours

5) Hank is going to get snacks at _____.

- a) his work
- b) Lisa's house
- c) the store
- d) his house

6) Hank will probably finish his work by _____.

- a) 7:00 p.m.
- b) 8:00 p.m.
- c) 9:00 p.m.
- d) 6:00 p.m.

Vocabulary

- **wrap up** (*phrasal verb*): to finish
 - We need to wrap up this project by the end of the day.
- **drop by** (*phrasal verb*): to visit
 - Please drop by my place on your way home from work.
- **swing by** (*phrasal verb*): drop by, stop by
 - I need to swing by the store and pick up some food for dinner.
- **call someone up** = telephone someone

"Hey, call me up if you want to get together."

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Answers

1) b) a game

2) a) write a report

3) c) she is sick in bed

4) a) about an hour

5) d) his house

6) b) 8:00 p.m.

Exercise NO.22 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.22. Then choose the best answer.

1) What is the man's name?

- a) The man's name is Ronald.
- b) The man goes by Russel.
- c) His name is Robert.
- d) His name is Raymond

2) The man was born in _____.

- a) Canada
- b) California
- c) Texas
- d) New York

3) He _____ for a living.

- a) sells animals
- b) teaches English
- c) runs a restaurant
- d) hunts

4) The man _____.

- a) has an older brother and younger sister
- b) has two brothers and three dogs
- c) lives with his sisters and mother
- d) has two brothers and two sisters

5) What is the man's telephone number?

- a) It's 789-1315.
- b) You can reach him at 789-1350
- c) His number is 789-3050.
- d) It's 879- 3015

6) What's so stupid?

- a) his message
- b) his diet
- c) reading poetry
- d) his goodbye

Vocabulary

- **originally** (*adverb*): in the beginning
- I originally wanted to study computer science, but I switched to engineering.
- **graduate** (*verb*): finish or complete
- My sister is going to graduate in December, and I want to graduate in the spring.
- **exotic** (*adjective*): unusual and interesting often used when talking about different places and countries
- Some students are from very exotic cultures.
- **carry** (*verb*): have something for sale
- Excuse me. Do you carry iPads or iPhones?
- **hobby** (*noun*): an activity people like to do for fun or pleasure in their free time
- His favorite hobby is playing tennis, but he isn't very good at it.
- **strange** (*adjective*): unusual or different
- That man is a little strange, but he is very kind.
- **keep in touch** = stay in contact or communications with someone
"Using popular social media Web sites is one way to keep in touch with family and friends."
- **"reach someone"** = be able to contact or talk with someone
"If you want to talk, you can reach me by phone, by email, through FaceBook."

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Answers

- 1) a) The man's name is Ronald
- 2) a) Canada
- 3) a) sells animal
- 4) b) has two brothers and three dogs
- 5) a) It's 789-1315.
- 6) d) his goodbye

Exercise NO.23 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.23. Then choose the best answer.

1) Where does this news program take place?

- a) at a local school
- b) in a city market place
- c) at a shopping center
- d) on the street

2) How does the young girl, Elizabeth, celebrate this holiday with her family?

- a) They go out to eat at a restaurant.
- b) They visit close relatives.
- c) They go to see a movie.
- d) They stay at home.

3) What do Johnny and his family eat on this day?

- a) ham
- b) chicken
- c) fish
- d) turkey

4) Steven feels that Christmas is a time when people ____.

- a) think of others without waiting for a gift in return
- b) give gifts during an elaborate dinner
- c) exchange gifts with friends, family, and teachers
- d) show their love to each other

5) The final girl says that the best thing about Christmas is ____.

- a) sleeping late every day
- b) receiving presents from classmates
- c) having a vacation from school
- d) doing homework at home

6) Which sentence is not correct?

- a) the reporter is from channel 7.
- b) secret giving is one of the traditions.
- c) turkey is a special food for Christmas
- d) The children love homework.

Vocabulary

- **sledding** (*noun*): the activity or sport of ridding on a sled, usually in snow
 - I took the kids sledding yesterday down a real fun hill, and we had a great time.
- **particular** (*adjective*): special or specific
 - Our family doesn't do anything particular on Christmas morning besides opening up gifts.
- **sneak** (*verb*): to advance or approach without being seen
 - My son often tries to sneak into the kitchen and take a cookie when no one is watching.
- **hide** (*verb*): to prevent from being seen or discovered
 - Parents often hide their children's Christmas presents to keep them a secret.
- **generous** (*adjective*): willing to give or share freely
 - People are often very generous around the holiday season and donate.
- "see eye to eye" = agree on this, have the same opinion

"Even though we come from different countries, we see eye to eye on many different issues."
- "stick out like a sore thumb" = very visible because something is different

"If we don't follow the traditions, language, and body language of the culture, our actions might stick out like a sore thumb."

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Answers

- 1) c) at a shopping center
- 2) b) They visit close relatives.
- 3) d) turkey
- 4) a) think of others without waiting for a gift in return
- 5) c) having a vacation from school
- 6) d) The children love homework.

Exercise NO.24 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.24. Then choose the best answer.

a) What kinds of music does this radio station play?

a) rhythm and blues

b) latin

c) heavy metal

d) rock

2) What is the disk jockey's first name?

a) Harvey

b) Harold

c) Harry

d) Hamilton

3) Listeners can win _____ by saying the name of the song.

a) concert tickets

b) money

c) digital music downloads

d) their favorite CD

4) The man's phone number is _____.

a) 693-3019

b) 693-1390

c) 693-1319

d) 963-3019

5) To win, listeners must know the name of the song and _____ it was recorded.

a) how many times

b) where

c) when

d) how long

6) What time is the program?

a) around 5:00 a.m.

b) around 11:00 a.m.

c) around 5:00 p.m.

d) around 11:00 p.m.

Vocabulary

- **soothe** (*verb*): to relax or calm
 - You should try listening to classical music to soothe your nerves. It works for me.
- **sunup** (*noun*): sunrise or the point where the sun comes up in the morning
 - We'll leave tomorrow before sunup, so please be ready.
- **identify** (*verb*): to name
 - Greg can identify the names of almost all the constellations in the sky.
- **tune** (*noun*): usually, a song or musical number
 - This radio station plays some really good *tunes*

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Answers

1) a) rhythm and blues

2) c) Harry

3) a) concert tickets

4) a) 693-3019

5) c) when

6) d) around 11:00 p.m.

Exercise NO.25 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.25. Then choose the best answer.

1) What is the number of this flight?

- a) 18
- b) 80
- c) 81
- d) 19

2) How long is the flight?

- a) 2 hours, 40 minutes
- b) 2 hours, 14 minutes
- c) 2 hours, 4 minutes
- d) 2 hours, 44 minutes

3) What is the local time in Seattle?

- a) 12:15 PM
- b) 11:45 PM
- c) 10:12 AM
- d) 11:15 PM

4) What is the current weather in Seattle?

- a) partly cloudy
- b) sunny
- c) rainy
- d) snowy

5) At what gate will the plane arrive?

- a) 3
- b) 30
- c) 13
- d) 33

6) What does the pilot want the passengers to do at the end?

- a) Sleep well
- b) stand up and leave their seats
- c) thank the crew
- d) enjoy the flight

Vocabulary

- **bound** (*adjective*): going to or heading for
 - The plane is bound for London with stops in Atlanta and New York City.
- **feet** (*noun*): 12 inches or 0.3 meters
 - The flight attendant was only few feet a way when I got her attention.
- **announce** (*verb*): give information
 - We need to wait at the gate until they announce our flight.
- **connecting flight** (*noun*): when you arrive at the airport, your next plane is there to get on so you can continue your trip
 - We didn't arrive in time to catch our connecting flight.
- **crew** (*noun*): all of the people who work together on a ship, train, or plane
 - The plane's crew were very friendly and helpful.
- **destination** (*noun*): the place you are going to
 - What is your final destination on this trip?
- **altitude** (*noun*): height
 - This plane flies at an altitude of 31,000 feet..
- **approach** (*noun, also a verb*): nearing or coming to
 - It started to snow very heavily as the airplane started its approach to the airport.
 - The plane is approaching the airport.

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Answers

1) a) 18

2) b) 2 hours, 14 minutes

3) b) 11:45 PM

4) b) sunny

5) c) 13

6) d) enjoy the flight

Exercise NO.26 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.26. Then choose the best answer.

1) How many minutes before show time does the box office open?

- a) 35 minutes
- b) 45 minutes
- c) 25 minutes
- d) 55 minutes

2) The movie, Friends Forever, is rated _____.

- a) R
- b) G
- c) PG
- d) none

3) For a sixteen-year-old, how much does a ticket cost for the 4:15 p.m. showing of Go for the Gold.

- a) \$2.00
- b) \$4.50
- c) \$6.00
- d) \$6.50

4) All tickets are \$2.00 on _____.

- a) Thursdays
- b) Tuesdays
- c) Wednesdays
- d) Mondays

5) The movie theater is located downtown at 1313 South ____ East.

- a) 216
- b) 260
- c) 206
- d) 261

6) What's the benefit of purchasing tickets online?

- a) It's cheaper.
- b) It's safer.
- c) You can choose your seat.
- d) It's faster.

Vocabulary

- **finest** (*adjective*): best, superior quality
 - This is the finest theater you will find in all of the city.
- **PG 13** (*adjective*): parental guidance strongly suggested for children under 13. Some material might be inappropriate for these children
 - The movie is rated PG 13 for violence.
- **run time** (*noun*): the length of time a movie plays
 - Why don't you call the theater and ask about the run time of the movie, so I know when to pick you up after it's over.
- **R** (*adjective*): restricted, no one under 17 without a parent or guardian
 - We don't allow our kids to watch R-rated movies because they often contain strong language.
- **G** (*adjective*): general audience
 - This movie is entertaining for all ages, and it's rated G.
- **valid** (*adjective*): applicable, relevant, current
 - These movie coupons are valid until the end of the month.
- **patrons** (*noun*): customers or attendees
 - Patrons are not permitted to bring their own drink and food into the movie theater.
- **senior** (*noun*): an older person
 - Senior citizens receive discounts on movie tickets.
- **buck** (*noun*): informal for dollar
 - Some popcorn and a drink only cost a few bucks at that movie theater.
- **purchase** (*verb*): buy
 - Let's purchase the movie tickets online so we don't have to wait in line at the theater.
- **kitty-corner** (*adjective*): slanted diagonally across two corners of a street intersection
 - The movie theater is kitty-corner the post office on First Street.

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Answers

1) b) 45 minutes

2) b) G

3) b) \$4.50

4) b) Tuesdays

5) b) 260

6) d) It's faster.

Exercise NO.27 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.27. Then choose the best answer.

1) The announcer highlights the _____ of Utah.

- a) the historic significance
- b) the beauty and grandeur
- c) the safety and comfort
- d) the prices

2) The tour lasts _____ days.

- a) 6
- b) 5
- c) 4
- d) 3

3) One activity mentioned in the video is _____.

- a) hiking
- b) whitewater rafting
- c) horseback riding
- d) rafting

4) The tour does not include _____.

- a) entrance fees
- b) outdoor equipment
- c) transportation in Utah
- d) none

5) Reservations must be made _____ days in advance.

- a) 13
- b) 3
- c) 30
- d) 33

6) Which sentence is not correct?

- a) Transportation from your point of origin is not included
- b) On the first day of your tour, people will visit the capital of historic Salt Lake City.
- c) The tour includes 2 meals a day.
- d) There are four-day outdoor packages of the state for the adventurous.

Vocabulary

- **majestic** (*adjective*): powerful and beautiful creating a feeling of great respect
 - My Japanese students were very moved by the majestic view at Dead Horse Point National Park in Southern Utah.
- **serene** (*adjective*): calm and peaceful
 - The serene expressions on the students' faces told me they enjoyed the trip.
- **scenic** (*adjective*): having natural beauty
 - The drive home was very scenic, so we stopped several times along the way to take pictures.
- **fabulous** (*adjective*): extremely pleasing or wonderful
 - The hotel was fabulous. It has very nice furnishings, and the view was wonderful.
- **remote** (*adjective*): far away in distance
 - We had to drive to a very remote area to see the waterfall.
- **ruins** (*noun*): old buildings or structures in extremely bad condition, much which may have already fallen down
 - It's a three-hour scenic hike to the Indian ruins from the trailhead.
- **preserve** (*verb*): to maintain or protect in safe condition
 - The national park service has been trying to preserve the old trail to the Indian ruins.
- **gear** (*noun*): equipment
 - We rented some camping gear for the backpacking trip.
- **lodging** (*noun*): places like hotels or inns to stay and sleep
 - That travel guide has a lot of information on lodging in that area.
- **trek** (*noun*): a long walk, often through the mountains
 - They estimate that the trek will take about a week.

Tips

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Answers

1) b) the beauty and grandeur

2) c) 4

3) a) hiking

4) a) entrance fees

5) a) 13

6) d) There are four-day outdoor packages of the state for the adventurous.

Exercise NO.28 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.28. Then choose the best answer.

- 1) The woman wants to get married _____.
 - a) at a reception hall
 - b) at a local church
 - c) at some scenic place
 - d) at a beautiful garden

- 2) Sarah doesn't want to get married where Ron's parents live because _____.
 - a) It's way too small
 - b) there is too much traffic in the area
 - c) they don't have enough chairs and tables
 - d) It's far away.

- 3) Sarah wants _____ to prepare the refreshments at the reception.
 - a) her parents and family
 - b) a food service company
 - c) her close friends
 - d) her husband's family

- 4) Ron wants to _____ on their honeymoon.
 - a) drive through the mountains
 - b) go on an exciting cruise
 - c) visit some art museums
 - d) travel to Rome

5) Ron likes the idea of _____ during their honeymoon.

a) spending romantic nights at a hotel

b) staying with his brother

c) relaxing at an exciting resort

d) spending time with his own family

6) Sarah gets angry about _____ at the end.

a) Ron's idea about the food

b) Ron's idea about the wedding

c) Ron's behavior

d) Ron's idea about honeymoon

Vocabulary

- **peaceful** (*adjective*): quiet, calm
 - The family played very peaceful music during the wedding ceremony and reception.
- **allergic** (*adjective*): having a medical condition that makes you sick after you touch, eat, or breathe something
 - The bride is very allergic to milk products, so they didn't serve ice cream during the reception.
 - Some of the guests might be allergic to peanuts, so let's not serve any during the reception.
- **break out** (*verb*): to suddenly begin to have a rash on your skin
 - Emily's son broke out in a very bad rash after he was stung by a bee in the back yard.
- **come up with** (*verb*): think of, create, or present an idea
 - My friends were going to have a wedding reception outside, but because the weather was going to be bad, they came up with the idea of having a friend's house nearby.
- **trashy** (*adjective*): in poor condition, dirty
 - Unfortunately, they lived for a short time in a real trashy apartment until they could afford something better.
- **catering service** (*noun*): a company that prepares and serves food for parties, weddings, and other activities
 - My parents hired a catering service to prepare the food for the wedding
- **love is death** = to have extremely strong feelings of love for someone
 - "I love my sister to death because she will do anything for you. She paid for my wedding dress and helped me send out all of the wedding invitations. Now, she is going to pay for the wedding photographer, too!"*
- **"fall head over heels in love"** = fall deeply in love with someone, sometimes suddenly
 - "Jorie fell head over heels in love with my brother the first time they met."*

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Answers

- 1) c) at some scenic place
- 2) a) It's way too small
- 3) b) a food service company
- 4) c) visit some art museums
- 5) b) staying with his brother
- 6) d) Ron's idea about honeymoon

Exercise NO.29 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.29. Then choose the best answer.

- 1) Rocky was _____ at the beginning of the conversation.
 - a) eating and drinking
 - b) sitting around at the party
 - c) dancing to the music
 - d) smoking

- 2) Rocky likes women who _____.
 - a) pursue their own careers
 - b) stimulate his intellect
 - c) serve him hand and foot
 - d) respect his family

- 3) In addition to eating, Rocky feels his household chores include _____.
 - a) washing the car and collecting the trash
 - b) watching television and taking out the garbage
 - c) fixing the appliances like the TV and throwing out the trash
 - d) sweeping the floor and hanging the clothes

- 4) Rocky's views on women _____.
 - a) reflect the views of earlier generations
 - b) are quite progressive for the times
 - c) were shaped by his own family life
 - d) are totally modern

5) What probably happens at the end of the conversation?

- a) He makes dinner for everyone.
- b) He returns home alone.
- c) He remains at the party.
- d) He takes his dog out for a walk

6) What kind of women does Ed NOT like?

- a) caring
- b) outgoing
- c) non-judgmental about people's differences
- d) selfish

Vocabulary

- **intellectual**(*adjective*): smart, highly educated
 - My brother didn't enjoy his date because the woman only talked about politics, science, and art. She was just too intellectual for his tastes.
- **fulfill**(*verb*): make happy or satisfy a need
 - This house fulfills our current needs of our growing family.
- **non-judgmental**(*adjective*): not judging or criticizing
 - Dad. I hope you will maintain a non-judgmental attitude when you meet my boyfriend. I has long hair and pierced nose, but he is warm and caring.
- **stick with**(*verb*): remain with someone or something, continue to do
 - Stick with me, and you won't get lost.
 - You need to stick with your studies to get good grades.

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Answers

- 1) b) sitting around at the party
- 2) c) serve him hand and foot
- 3) b) watching television and taking out the garbage
- 4) a) reflect the views of earlier generations
- 5) b) He returns home alone
- 6) d) self-centered

Exercise NO.30 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.30. Then choose the best answer.

1) How many players are on base when Mark Sosa comes to bat?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

2) Mark's batting record for the game is ____.

- a) a walk and two strike outs
- b) a triple and two walks
- c) a single and one strike out
- d) a walk and one strike out

3) It has been ____ games since he hit his last home run.

- a) 4
- b) 5
- c) 3
- d) 6

4) His batting average for the _____ has been 279.

- a) year
- b) week
- c) season
- d) month

5) What was the probable final score of the game based on the information given?

a) 12-10

b) 7-5

c) 9-8

d) 12-9

6) Who has just earned himself the title of Home Run King?

a) Molly

b) Mick

c) Mike

d) Mark

Vocabulary

- **down** (*adjective*): behind
 - Our team was down two runs until I hit a home run.
- **loaded** (*adjective*): full with a person on each base
 - The bases were loaded when our best hitter struck out.
- **rebound** (*verb*): come back and return to form
 - The pitcher has yet to rebound from his injury.
- **belt** (*noun and verb*): hit
 - The other team belted three balls out of the park
- **have what it takes**" = have the skills

"Greg has what it takes to be a great basketball player."
- **"burn yourself out"** = become physically or emotionally tired of something

"There is always a chance that athletes will burn themselves out unless they take time off away from the sport."

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Answers

1) c) 3

2) a) a walk and two strike outs

3) b) 5

4) d) month

5) c) 9-8

6) d) Mark

Task four

In task four, you are going to listen to a news item around 1.5 to 2 minutes. **Remember: You will hear it just once.**

Once the conversation is over, 5 questions appear with dropdown menus. Then you need to choose the most appropriate option, to complete the statement. Total of 3 minutes time is allocated to answer all the questions.

During the CELPIP Listening Test task four, remain focused as the questions become longer and more difficult, because you will need to take in more information for each question as you progress through the test.

Never leave a question blank and if you are not sure, then take a good guess.

Exercise NO.31 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.31. Then choose the best answer.

News Story One:

- 1) A giant crocodile attacked _____ .
- a) a man walking his dog along a river in Australia
 - b) a woman walking her dog along a river in America
 - c) a man walking along a river in Australia
 - d) a woman walking her dog along a river in Australia

News Story Two:

- 2) A woman was worried about _____ .
- a) missing her car in a tornado.
 - b) being trapped because of a fire in her house.
 - c) her cat swept away by the storm.
 - d) spending 1000 dollars to buy a cat.

News Story Three:

- 3) A man gets his hand stuck in a kitchen garbage disposal because _____ .
- a) he was trying to fish out his watch.
 - b) his wedding ring disappeared down the disposal
 - c) he was trying to take out his money
 - d) he was cleaning the sink.

News Story Four:

4) The Canadian family survived on _____ .

- a) 10 bananas, some ham and some cheese crackers.
- b) a banana, 10 cheese crackers and some water.
- c) some bananas, cheese and some bread.
- d) a banana, 10 cheese crackers, and a cooked ham

5) The family is finally rescued after _____ .

- a) the father hikes fifteen miles to get help.
- b) the firefighters found them.
- c) they ran out of food.
- d) the father hikes fifty miles to find help.

Vocabulary

- **reptile** (*noun*): group of cold-blooded animals including snakes and lizards
 - The zoo has an exciting reptile exhibit that will be open to the public at the end of the month.
- **feline** (*adjective*): relating to cats
 - The feline family includes household cats, lions, and tigers.
- **fish out** (*verb*): retrieve or get out
 - My wife threw away an important letter by mistake, so I had to fish it out of the garbage.
- **blizzard** (*noun*): heavy snow storm
 - It was impossible to travel in the blizzard because of the deep snow.
- **be/get stranded** (*verb*): be cut off or left behind
 - She got stranded at the airport due to poor weather conditions.
- **dip** (*verb*): drop or decrease
 - Temperatures are predicted to dip below freezing tonight.

Answers

- 1)** a) a man walking his dog along a river in Australia
- 2)** c) her cat swept away by the storm.
- 3)** b) his wedding ring disappeared down the disposal
- 4)** d) a banana, 10 cheese crackers, and a cooked ham
- 5)** a) the father hikes fifteen miles to get help.

Exercise NO.32 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.32. Then choose the best answer.

1) A _____ is being report in the news report.

- a) flood at a school
- b) fire at an apartment building
- c) bomb threat at a hospital
- d) a serious accident

2) This event occurred in the _____.

- a) late afternoon
- b) morning
- c) evening
- d) night

3) _____ was rescued.

- a) An elderly woman
- b) A baby
- c) A boy
- d) A woman

4) The dog helped rescue this person by _____.

- a) pulling the person to safety
- b) attracting people's attention by barking
- c) comforting the person until help came
- d) barking for help

5) Finally it is reported _____.

- a) a dog was killed.
- b) two women had been taken to the hospital.
- c) everyone is safe now except the baby.
- d) it looks like everyone will be fine.

Vocabulary

- **miraculous** (*adjective*): extraordinary, surprising, or unusual
 - It was miraculous that everyone escaped from the accident unharmed.
- **occur** (*verb*): take place or happen
 - Many miraculous events occur around the world every year.
- **break out** (*verb*): start suddenly
 - War broke out last week in several places in that area of the world.
- **witness** (*noun*): a person who sees something happen
 - Five witnesses saw the accident on the highway.
- **evacuate** (*verb*): move from a dangerous place to safety
 - People need to evacuate the city when a dangerous hurricane approaches the coastline.
- **panic** (*verb*): have a great feeling of fear or anxiety
 - Please don't panic. Everything will be okay if you stay calm.
- **"hit the road"** = leave or depart from a specific place

"Okay. It's time to hit the road. Everyone get in the car."

Answers

- 1) b) fire at an apartment building
- 2) b) morning
- 3) b) A baby
- 4) a) pulling the person to safety
- 5) d) it looks like everyone will be fine.

Exercise NO.33 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.33. Then choose the best answer.

1) _____ is causing the traffic delays.

- a) Road construction
- b) A small accident
- c) Inclement weather conditions
- d) A car crashed into a tree

2) These delays clear up _____.

- a) around 7200 South
- b) right after 3300 South
- c) near 9600 South
- d) near 9600 North

3) _____ caused the accident on Northbound I-15.

- a) A stalled vehicle
- b) Limited visibility
- c) Slick ice
- d) A landslide

4) _____ are predicted during the night and morning hours.

- a) heavy fog
- b) strong winds
- c) periodic sleet
- d) thunderstorms

5) _____ because of the extreme cold temperatures.

- a) Road closures are taking place
- b) Sudden avalanches are expected
- c) A group of animals has come into the valley
- 4) Some schools are closed

Vocabulary

- **heading** (*verb*): going or traveling toward
 - Let's head east to avoid the traffic.
- **commute** (*noun*): the trip back and forth between work and home
 - The commute to work this morning was really slow due to bad weather.
- **interchange** (*noun*): a crossing of highways allowing traffic to move from one to another
 - The downtown interchange is closed due to construction.
- **shift** (*verb*): to move in another direction
 - We ought to shift to the center lane to pass these slow-moving cars.
- **bottleneck** (*noun*): a slowdown in traffic caused by some form of obstruction like an accident
 - There is a huge bottleneck in traffic at the intersection of Center and State Street.
- **fender-bender** (*noun*): a small accident causing little damage
 - I got in a small fender-bender with a truck on my way home from work.
- **black ice** (*noun*): thin transparent ice often found on streets
 - I hit a patch of black ice and slid off the road into a ditch.
- **sporadic** (*adjective*): occurring periodically with no regular, predictable pattern
 - Buses usually are on time, but they are quite sporadic today because of the bad weather.
- **frigid** (*adjective*): extremely cold
 - Waiting for the bus in the frigid weather is very unpleasant.
- **herd** (*noun*): a group of animals
 - A herd of cattle crossed in front of my car.

Answers

- 1) a) Road construction
- 2) c) near 9600 South
- 3) b) Limited visibility
- 4) c) periodic sleet
- 5) c) A group of animals has come into the valley

Exercise NO.34 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.34. Then choose the best answer.

1) Friday's weather was _____.

- a) hot and partly cloudy
- b) fair and humid
- c) hot and rainy
- d) warm and dry

2) The high temperatures were ____ .

- a) 91 to 95 degrees.
- b) 96 to 99 degrees.
- c) 85 to 90 degrees.
- d) 80 to 90 degrees.

3) Saturday evening's forecast is predicting _____.

- a) heavy showers over the northern part
- b) light rain over the entire state
- c) some rain in parts of the state
- d) heavy showers in all parts of state

4) The skies should clear around ____.

- a) 6:00 p.m.
- b) 3:00 p.m.
- c) 10:00 a.m.
- d) 2:00 a. m

5) ____ will happen on Sunday evening.

- a) An earthquake
- b) A solar eclipse
- c) A meteor shower
- d) A lunar eclipse

Vocabulary

- **muggy** (*adjective*): warm and humid
 - We didn't like the muggy in that part of the country, so we moved here three years ago.
- **fair** (*adjective*): clear
 - We anticipate fair weather for tomorrow's barbecue.
- **taper off** (*verb*): slowly decrease
 - The snow should taper off by the early afternoon.
- **glimpse** (*noun*): a quick look
 - I only caught a glimpse of the newspaper this morning, but it looks like the weather will improve this weekend.
- **"feel under the weather"** = feel sick
 - "She has been feeling a little under the weather for about a week."*
- **"rain cats and dogs"** = rain heavily
 - "It rained cats and dogs all afternoon."*

Answers

1) b) fair and humid

2) a) 91 to 95 degrees

3) c) some rain in parts of the state

4) c) 10:00 a.m.

5) d) A lunar eclipse

Exercise NO.35 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.35. Then choose the best answer.

1) What news event is being reported?

- a) an alien spacecraft landing
- b) the impact of a meteorite
- c) a volcanic eruption
- d) a volcano

2) This event occurred about _____ kilometers south of Barrow, Alaska.

- a) 22
- b) 12
- c) 20
- d) 200

3) At the time of the incident, some witnesses reported ____.

- a) hearing a train-like sound
- b) observing a bright light
- c) seeing a falling round object
- d) hearing an airplane crashing into the ground

4) A similar event 65 million years ago led to the ____.

- a) evolution of the human race
- b) extinction of the dinosaurs
- c) development of plant life
- d) creating rivers and lakes

5) Astronomers have focused their work on ____.

- a) developing radar telescopes
- b) creating a path to connect to space
- c) discovering new life in space
- d) plotting the courses of asteroids

Vocabulary

- **blizzard** (*noun*): a severe snowstorm with a lot of wind
 - We couldn't reach our family's house because of the blizzard.
- **casualties** (*noun*): people who are injured or killed in military action or accidents
 - There were many casualties to due intense bombing in that region.
- **erosion** (*noun*): the process of wearing something down due to wind and rain
 - Erosion of the soil can become a real environmental problem.
- **vegetation** (*noun*): plants in general
 - Having vegetation in some areas can slow down the process of erosion.
- **"do without"** = lacking something essential

"If space travelers had to do without fresh water for very long, they wouldn't be able to survive."
- **"at the drop of a hat"** = immediately, willingness to do something without delay

"I'd travel to the moon at the drop of a hat if I had the chance."

Answers

- 1) b) the impact of a meteorite**
- 2) c) 20**
- 3) b) observing a bright light**
- 4) b) extinction of the dinosaurs**
- 5) d) plotting the courses of asteroids**

Exercise NO.36 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.36. Then choose the best answer.

1) An example of reconstructive surgery is _____.

- a) a child involved in an accident
- b) a woman wanting to reshape her stomach
- c) a man desiring to change his nose
- d) a woman wanting to change her eyes shape

2) A personal with a physical deformity might _____.

- a) have fewer educational opportunities
- b) not be able to find work
- c) lack self-worth
- d) not want to continue education

3) Volunteers also provide _____ in other countries.

- a) physical therapy
- b) fund-raising activities
- c) health care training
- d) health meetings

4) By providing services, volunteers often ____.

- a) develop a deeper understanding of others
- b) establish connections for future research
- c) give doctors and nurses valuable in-field training
- d) discourage other people

5) People can also help by ____.

- a) making financial contributions
- b) educating themselves
- c) adopting unwanted children
- d) giving each other suggestions

Vocabulary

- **evoke** (*verb*): bring up, call to mind
 - Seeing children in need of reconstructive surgery often evokes feelings of sympathy and concern.
- **alter** (*verb*): change
 - The woman thought she could alter her looks and personality by undergoing plastic surgery.
- **congenital** (*adjective*): present at birth
 - Some congenital defects can be corrected with reconstructive surgery.
- **disfigurements** (*noun, also a verb, "disfigure"*): a part of the body that has been damaged
 - The fire in the crash left her face and hands disfigured, and now she is seeking cosmetic surgery to repair the damage and give her more mobility to her fingers.
- **afford** (*verb*): have the financial means to do something
 - A great number of people around the world are in need of reconstructive surgery to improve their lives, but they can't afford the expense of such procedures.
- **self-sufficient** (*adjective*): able to provide for your own needs
 - Many health care workers in developing countries are still learning to become self-sufficient in terms of handling the medical needs of their people.
- **ostracize** (*verb*): expel or cast out from a group
 - The local community ostracized the young boy and his family because of his medical condition.
- **"have a face lift"** = a surgical procedure in which doctors tighten the skin on the face to remove wrinkles

"I'm sure that the actress had a facelift so would look younger than she really is."
- **"nose job"** = an operation to improve the appearance of one's nose

"He's considering a nose job because he says people always comment on his nose."

Answers

- 1) a) a child involved in an accident**
- 2) c) lack self-worth**
- 3) c) health care training**
- 4) a) develop a deeper understanding of others**
- 5) a) making financial contributions**

Exercise NO.37 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.37. Then choose the best answer.

1) The report, Stan Fielding, is ____ in the story.

- a) at a military facility
- b) in the downtown area
- c) in the suburbs
- d) in the fields around the town

2) The civil war has been going on for ____.

- a) almost one year
- b) a year and a half
- c) just over a year
- d) almost 3 years

3) The news report is taking place ____.

- a) in the late evening
- b) in the early afternoon
- c) in the early morning
- d) in the middle of the night

4) The rebels latest attack is focused on ____.

- a) military stockpiles of ammunition
- b) the current location of city leaders
- c) the main lines of transportation
- d) none

5) One major problem in the city is ____.

- a) air pollution
- b) limited communications
- c) lack of drinking water and food
- d) lack of medical sources

Vocabulary

- **unrest** (*noun*): dissatisfaction or anger against society or political parties
 - Political unrest has caused instability in that region of the world.
- **stationed** (*verb*): to be assigned to a particular place like in the military
 - My father was stationed in Germany for two years with the airforce.
- **outskirts** (*noun*): the outer area of a city
 - Often, the outskirts of the city are the most peaceful.
- **launch** (*verb*): start
 - The vice-president decided to launch his election campaign last week.
- **abandon** (*verb*): to stop or give up on something
 - The ruling government abandoned its decision to raise taxes further because of voter discontent.
- **quell** (*verb*): to put down or end
 - The military used force to quell social unrest.
- **bleak** (*adjective*): hopeless
 - The economy looks very bleak at this point with sky-high inflation and unemployment at 27 percent.
- **artillery** (*noun*): large guns, often on wheels, used by armies
 - Developing countries in that region are increasing their stockpiles of artillery as a way to demonstrate their military muscle.
- **strongholds** (*noun*): strongly defended places
 - The army attacked the enemy's strongholds just before dawn.
- **starvation** (*noun*): a state of extreme hunger which can lead to death
 - Thousands of people are on the verge of starvation in that country.
- **adequate** (*adjective*): enough
 - If adequate food supplies do not become available, many people will not survive the winter.
- **shelter** (*noun*): a place, like a house, that provides protection from danger or weather
 - We need to seek shelter before the storm.
- **epidemics** (*noun*): a sudden and widespread start of an infectious disease among many people
 - There has been an epidemic of malaria for the past three months.
- **linger on** (*verb*): continues slowly on
 - The conflict has lingered on for more than three years.

Answers

- 1) c) in the suburbs**
- 2) b) a year and a half**
- 3) d) in the middle of the night**
- 4) b) the current location of city leaders**
- 5) c) lack of drinking water and food**

Exercise NO.38 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.38. Then choose the best answer.

1) According to the presentation, it was believed that _____.

- a) the Shinto gods lived inside the bamboo
- b) the early inhabitants worship bamboo as their gods
- c) bamboo was the food of the Shinto gods
- d) the bamboo has been worshiped for many years

2) Bamboo is a very useful material because it _____.

- a) is very pliable and sturdy
- b) it is easy to cut and carve
- c) can be reused over and over again
- d) is very useful for health

3) The chashaku is used for _____.

- a) adding flavoring like sugar
- b) measuring the tea
- c) serving sweets to guests
- d) making the taste of the tea fresh

4) A chasen is a tool used to _____.

- a) mix the tea
- b) remove the foam from tea
- c) taste-test the tea
- d) measuring the tea

5) People use a mimikaki to _____.

- a) clean your ears
- b) check your hearing
- c) scratch your hair roots
- d) wax the ears

Vocabulary

- **artifact** (*noun*): a tool or other object used by people, particularly in the past
 - What kinds of artifacts did they discover yesterday in the cave?
- **portray** (*verb*): describe in a particular way
 - This movie doesn't portray the people of this culture in a positive light. That's too bad.
- **versatile** (*adjective*): having many uses
 - A smartphone is a very versatile piece of technology that can help you do many things.
- **frothy** (*adjective*): very bubbly
 - I really enjoy this frothy hot chocolate.

Answers

1) a) the Shinto gods lived inside the bamboo

2) a) is very pliable and sturdy

3) b) measuring the tea

4) a) mix the tea

5) a) clean your ears

Exercise NO.39 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.39. Then choose the best answer.

1) The man's book is called "Learning Languages _____."

- a) at Breakfast Time
- b) over Eggs and Toast
- c) with Ease
- d) in the morning

2) This conversation probably takes _____.

- a) in an auditorium
- b) in a classroom
- c) on TV
- d) in a meeting

3) One of the most important points of language learning is _____.

- a) attending a good language program
- b) exposing oneself to the target culture
- c) coming up with a study plan
- d) having a professional teacher or instructor

4) Dr. Adams suggests that students _____.

- a) interact with native speakers
- b) have online courses
- c) travel overseas
- d) have realistic learning goals

5) _____ would help Dr. Adams in his own study.

- a) Moving around while learning
- b) Listening and discussing ideas
- c) Reading books and magazines
- d) Listening to radio shows

Vocabulary

- **spark** (*verb*): to start or begin suddenly
 - His comments sparked a lot of controversy.
- **establish** (*verb*): to set up or create
 - The parents established a cancer fund in memory of their son who died.
- **imply** (*verb*): suggesting or leading someone to believe
 - I'm not implying that you shouldn't take the job. Just think about it a little more before accepting the position.
- **disenchanted** (*adjective*): disappointed or disillusioned with a feeling of not having been told the truth
 - He became disenchanted with life overseas and soon returned to his country.
- **elaborate** (*verb*): explain in more detail
 - Could you elaborate on your ideas on starting your company?
- **tactile** (*adjective*): the idea of touching
 - He is a very tactile learner and always benefits from hands-on activities like building things.
- **"ditch class"** = not to go to school when you should attend
 - "It is impossible to pass the class if you ditch school all the time."*
- **"learn the hard way"** = to learn about something through your mistakes and sometimes negative experiences
 - "He learned the hard way that you shouldn't ask certain questions in that culture."*

Answers

1) b) over Eggs and Toast

2) c) on TV

3) c) coming up with a study plan

4) d) have realistic learning goals

5) a) Moving around while learning

Exercise NO.40 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.40. Then choose the best answer.

1) How is the US Dream Team doing in the game?

- a) The Dream Team is way behind.
- b) The score is really close.
- c) They are leading in the game.
- d) They're winning.

2) The Dream Team is made up of ____.

- a) both professional and college members
- b) professional athletes
- c) college players
- d) armature players

3) The Dream Team's leading scorer ____.

- a) fouled out
- b) was injured in a fight
- c) was thrown out of the game
- d) hurt his leg badly

4) The Japanese center injured his _____.

- a) knee
- b) head
- c) ankle
- d) elbow

5) The Dream Team did poorly because they _____.

- a) had a massage from head to foot
- b) drank a special beverage
- c) hadn't had enough preparation
- d) feasted on uncooked fish

Vocabulary

- **thrilling** (*adjective*): exciting
- I watched a thrilling game on TV last night.
- **drumming** (*verb*): receive a beating, lose by a large margin
The team received a real drumming from the national basketball team
- **dig oneself out of a hole** (*verb*): get out of a difficult situation
- We couldn't dig ourselves out of a hole when we were way behind in the game.
- **heckle** (*verb*): bother and harass someone
- The fans for the other team tried to heckle our players for having fouled one of their players.
- **lunge** (*verb*): move suddenly toward something
The players ran into each other as they lunged for the loose ball.
- **sluggish** (*adjective*): moving slower than normal, poor performance
- He looked really sluggish during the first part of the game.
- **"dough"** = informal for money
"I need more dough to pay off my credit card bill."
- **"have money to burn"** = have a lot of money
"Sara's dad always gives her a big allowance, so she has money to burn."

Answers

1) a) The Dream Team is way behind.

2) b) professional athletes

3) c) was thrown out of the game

4) b) head

5) d) feasted on uncooked fish

Task five

In CELPIP listening task five you will listen to a 2-minute conversation clip between 2 or 3 people. Then 8 questions will appear. Choose the best way to answer each question.

Developing your note-taking skills will help you through the CELPIP Listening Test task five. **Remember: Speakers' names will appear on the screen.** When listening to more than one speaker who are engaging and exchanging information you need to keep track of what is going on. It is not practical to transcribe conversations word for word as you will fall behind and miss out on the rest of the content.

Use keywords, abbreviations, symbols, and always note who said what, but don't take your focus off the video!

Exercise NO.41 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.41. Then choose the best answer.

1) What is the woman's full name?

- a) It's Amanda Brown.
- b) The woman's name is Amber Bieber.
- c) Her name is Amanda Baker.
- d) It's Amanda Bryans

2) When was the last time they've seen each other?

- a) two weeks ago
- b) the last reunion
- c) long time ago
- d) last week

3) Where is the reunion going to be held?

- a) Meadow Country Club
- b) Mesa Country Club
- c) Mountain Country Club
- d) MG Club center

4) How much do two tickets cost for the reunion?

- a) The total comes to \$40.
- b) They cost \$20.
- c) The price is \$30.
- d) The total is \$35.

5) What does James think about the entertainment?

- a) He's a fan of dancing,
- b) He thinks dancing is okay but jazz band doesn't sound good.
- c) He thinks a live jazz performance sounds okay.
- d) He really likes dancing and listening to jazz.

6) What is James's memory of Sarah Rogers?

- a) She turned him down.
- b) They used to go out.
- c) She was sick all the time.
- d) She was a little awkward.

7) James feels uncomfortable going to the reunion because he _____.

- a) doesn't have anything nice to wear
- b) didn't have many friends
- c) he wasn't a good student
- d) thinks the tickets are too expensive.

8) Why hasn't James asked the girl out yet?

- a) He was really shy.
- b) He didn't want to.
- c) He thought it won't be fun
- d) He thought she lived really far.

Vocabulary

- **reunion** (*noun*): a get together of people who have been apart for a long time
 - We are going to hold the class reunion on September first.
- **organize** (*verb*): put together or plan an event
 - Ashley organized a very fun party last Friday.
- **be in charge of** (*verb*): have control, lead, or be responsible for something
 - Who was in charge of buying the food and drinks for the reunion?
- **fit in** (*verb*): feel a part of or belong to a group
 - Why didn't Amanda fit in during high school?
- **loner** (*noun*): a person who is often alone or likes to be alone
 - I was a loner back in high school, and I didn't have any friends.
- **turn someone down** (*noun*): reject or refuse someone
 - James asked many girls out on dates, but they all turned him down.
- **awkward** (*adjective*): uncomfortable or uneasy
 - Meeting new people is sometimes awkward if you don't know what to say and do.
- **guts** (*noun*): courage
 - I didn't have the guts to ask Jessica out on a date.
- **confirm** (*verb*): check
 - Have you confirmed the date of the reunion?

Answers

- 1) a) It's Amanda Brown.
- 2) c) long time ago
- 3) c) Mountain Country Club
- 4) a) The total comes to \$40.
- 5) c) He thinks a live jazz performance sounds okay.
- 6) a) She turned him down.
- 7) b) didn't have many friends
- 8) a) He was really shy.

Exercise NO.42 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.42. Then choose the best answer.

1) How long has Paul been waiting for this campout?

- a) three years
- b) three months
- c) three weeks
- d) three days

2) What are they planning on doing in the morning?

- a) fishing
- b) mountain biking
- c) hiking
- d) mountain climbing

3) What is Sara worried about?

- a) the weather
- b) the supplies
- c) the roads
- d) the landslide

4) According to the weather report, when is it going to start raining?

- a) in the afternoon
- b) in the morning
- c) at night
- d) at noon

5) What does Paul think about the weather reports?

- a) They're sometimes right
- b) They're almost always true
- c) They're never wrong
- d) They're never right

6) What did Paul forget to bring?

- a) umbrellas
- b) rain boots
- c) rain coats
- d) gloves

7) Sarah left the playing cards _____ the picnic table.

- a) on
- b) next to
- c) under
- d) far from

8) What do they finally decide to do?

- a) sleep at the campground
- b) stay at a hotel
- c) return home
- d) go shopping

Vocabulary

- **nonsense** (*noun*): untrue or incomprehensible statement or idea
- Stop talking nonsense and tell us exactly what happened.
- **spoil** (*verb*): ruin; frustrate; block; prevent
- I hope this bad weather doesn't spoil our picnic this afternoon.
- **porch** (*noun*): a small area just outside the front door of homes where you can sit and relax
- Let's go sit on the porch and enjoy the cool evening breeze.
- **head down** (*phrasal verb*): go down
- I'll head down to the store after dinner to pick up some milk.
- **make the best of it** (*idiom*): do what you can under the circumstances
- We've had to make the best of it ever since dad died last year.
- **"no spring chicken"** = no longer young
"I don't think he'll be able to hike to the summit because he's no spring chicken."
- **"play it safe"** = be careful and not take chances
"My knee still hurts, so I'm going to play it safe and not go jogging today."

Answers

1) c) three weeks

2) c) hiking

3) a) the weather

4) c) at night

5) d) They're never right

6) c) rain coats

7) b) next to

8) b) stay at a hotel

Exercise NO.43 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.43. Then choose the best answer.

1) Why does the man want to go shopping?

- a) He's going to go on a trip
- b) He's going to go to a wedding party
- c) He's going to have a nice date
- d) He wants to get married

2) What does the man plan to wear during the summer months?

- a) casual shoes
- b) a cool hat
- c) light pants
- d) coats

3) Why doesn't he pack the coats?

- a) The place he's going to is really hot in the winter
- b) Coats are expensive
- c) He doesn't like wearing coats
- d) He doesn't have room for them

4) What is one thing the man is NOT going to take for the winter season?

- a) a jacket
- b) a coat
- c) some sweaters
- d) a hat

5) What is the weather like in the spring?

- a) windy
- b) rainy
- c) cool
- d) snowy

6) When will the man need formal clothes?

- a) a business meeting
- b) a party
- c) a wedding
- d) going to work

7) What did the man wear to his high school graduation?

- a) jeans and tennis shoes
- b) a suit and dress shoes
- c) a casual shirt and tie
- d) a warm coat

8) Which sentence is NOT true?

- a) Jake wore an old pair of jeans for his high school graduation
- b) Ashley thinks jeans are good for formal occasions
- c) Jake will rent a tuxedo for formal occasions
- d) Jake needs a good pair of shoes for work

Vocabulary

- **rest** (*noun*): what is left over after everything else has been used, eaten, etc.
 - Wow. Your suitcase is already full of shirts and shoes. What are you going to do with the rest of your clothing?
- **room** (*noun*): space
 - Do you have any room in your backpack for a couple more books?
- **pack** (*verb*): fill a suitcase, box, or another container
 - You'd better start packing your bags tonight so we don't have to rush out the door tomorrow.
- **rain cats and dogs** (*idiom*): rain very hard
 - Last night, I was walking home from work when it began raining cats and dogs. Unfortunately, I didn't have my umbrella with me.
- **pick up** (*phrasal verb*): buy something
 - Could you pick up some white socks from the store on your way home from work?
- **formal occasion** (*noun*): an important event where people wear special clothing and behave politely
 - I sometimes rent a tuxedo for formal occasions. I don't want to buy one that I will only wear once every few years.
- **on the spur of the moment** (*idiom*): without planning or preparation
 - She always makes decisions on the spur of the moment, so you never know what she's planning.
- **slacks** (*noun*): good-quality pants
 - You don't have to wear a suit to the event, but you might want to wear a pair of nice slacks and a conservative tie.
- **make sense** (*idiom*): have a clear meaning or a sensible explanation
 - It makes sense to ask teachers to wear a nice shirt and tie to work.
- **be decked out** (*idiom*): dressed in formal clothes for special occasions
 - Everyone was shocked when my brother came to the barbecue decked out in a white tuxedo. Then, we realized he came to propose to his girlfriend.

Answers

- 1) a) He's going to go on a trip**
- 2) a) casual shoes**
- 3) d) He doesn't have room for them**
- 4) b) a coat**
- 5) b) rainy**
- 6) c) a wedding**
- 7) a) jeans and tennis shoes**
- 8) b) Ashley thinks jeans are good for formal occasions**

Exercise NO.44 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.44. Then choose the best answer.

- 1) The man has had a cough since _____.
 - a) this morning
 - b) last night
 - c) a long time ago
 - d) two minutes ago

- 2) The man smokes _____ packs of cigarettes a day.
 - a) one
 - b) two
 - c) three
 - d) one and a half

- 3) What was wrong with Jacob?
 - a) He was smoking last week.
 - b) He saw his father smoking.
 - c) He was caught stealing a week ago.
 - d) He found some cigarette in his father's closet

- 4) The man and woman are _____.
 - a) husband and wife
 - b) siblings
 - c) coworkers
 - d) friends

5) Where does the man probably smoke at home?

- a) in the bathroom
- b) in his bedroom
- c) on the porch
- d) in the kitchen

6) The woman knows the man's son, Jacob, is smoking because ____.

- a) she caught him smoking at school
- b) she discovered his habit at her house
- c) he confessed to her about his problem
- d) she saw him smoking on the porch

7) Based on the tone of the conversation, the man is _____ the woman's ideas.

- a) open to
- b) resistant to
- c) confused with
- d) ashamed of

8) According to the conversation, how do you describe the man?

- a) carrying
- b) envious
- c) careful
- d) irresponsible

Vocabulary

- **sound like** (*verb*): seem, appear
 - It sounds like Andrew has a serious problem with alcohol.
- **casual** (*adjective*): happening at certain times, not usual
 - My brother says he's just a casual drinker, but he often gets drunk at home.
- **butt out** (*verb*): not interfere or get involved in someone's personal matters
 - Why can't you just butt out of my personal life? I don't want your advice or help.
- **nag** (*verb*): annoy or complain about something by asking repeated questions
 - My sister always nags me about not cleaning my room.
- **trust** (*verb*): believe somewhat is honest
 - I don't trust my roommate because he doesn't tell the truth all of the time.
- **get caught** (*verb*): someone discovers that you are doing something
 - Ashley got caught drinking in the bathroom at school.
- **figure something out** (*verb*): begin to understand something
 - When is Bryan going to figure out that he can't smoke in front of his kids?
- **"go up in smoke"** = if a plan goes up in smoke, the it didn't work out and failed
"We wanted to go on a trip, but our plan went up in smoke when I lost my job."
- **"blow smoke"** = to trick, lie, or deceive people
"Brandon said he stopped using drugs, but he's just blowing smoke."

Answers

1) c) a long time ago

2) b) two

3) a) He was smoking last week.

4) b) siblings

5) c) on the porch

6) b) she discovered his habit at her house

7) b) resistant to

8) d) irresponsible

Exercise NO.45 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.45. Then choose the best answer.

1) The woman realizes that her brother is getting married ____.

- a) next month
- b) tomorrow
- c) in a week
- d) in 2 days

2) How did the woman realize the man is getting married?

- a) She saw Jasmine with the man
- b) She read it on Facebook
- c) He told the woman about it
- d) Jasmine told her

3) According to the conversation, what is his girlfriend like?

- a) very honest.
- b) a compassionate person.
- c) outgoing and friendly.
- d) stingy

4) Jasmine, the man's girlfriend, _____

- a) has bright green hair
- b) wears a lot of crazy clothes
- c) has interesting body art
- d) loves animals

5) According to the woman's idea, the man should be concerned about many things except _____.

- a) finances
- b) having children
- c) household chores
- d) honey moon

6) The man probably isn't ready for marriage because he _____.

- a) has been in many unsuccessful relationships
- b) is still financially dependent on his parents
- c) doesn't have a good paying job to support them
- d) doesn't understand women

7) According to the man, _____

- a) Jasmine will be in charge of the chores
- b) he is going to take care of the chores
- c) he and Jasmine will do the chores together
- d) they will have a schedule

8) According to the woman, when will the man finish this relationship, too?

- a) after they have a child
- b) after getting married
- c) when they go to prep class
- d) very soon

Vocabulary

- **sensitive** (*adjective*): understanding the feelings of others
 - My spouse is very sensitive to our children's needs, and I love her for that.
- **caring** (*adjective*): kind
 - If you have a caring attitude towards others, they will feel of your love for them.
- **prep** (*adjective*): short for preparation
 - Taking a marriage prep class can help you develop better communication skills with your family.
- **obviously** (*adverb*): in a way that is easy to see and understand
 - James obviously didn't listen to his wife's feelings because she is still very angry with him.
- **improve** (*verb*): make better
 - How did you improve your relationship with your kids over the years?
- **at this point**: at this time
 - Amanda and Brandon don't want to get married at this point, but they are talking about this in the future.
- **be set on something** (*verb*): be determined to do something
 - Why is Jessica set on marrying Andrew so quickly? They've only known each other for three weeks.
- **joint** (*adjective*): having something together
 - My parents have a joint savings account.
- **work out** (*verb*): find a solution or come to an agreement on something
 - Fortunately, they are getting counseling, and their marriage is working out
 - With time and patience, things work out in the end.

Answers

- 1) c) in a week**
- 2) b) She read it on Facebook**
- 3) c) outgoing and friendly.**
- 4) c) has interesting body art**
- 5) d) honey moon**
- 6) a) has been in many unsuccessful relationships**
- 7) a) Jasmine will be in charge of the chores**
- 8) d) very soon**

Exercise NO.46 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.46. Then choose the best answer.

- 1) The man wakes up at ____.
 - a) 1:00 p.m.
 - b) 2:00 p.m.
 - c) 12:00 p.m.
 - d) 2:30 p . m

- 2) Where does the man need to go today?
 - a) He should go to a family activity.
 - b) He has to go to work.
 - c) He needs to attend class.
 - d) He needs to go to a clinic.

- 3) The man's sister feels that he should get up at ____.
 - a) 6:15 a.m.
 - b) 6:30 a.m.
 - c) 6:45 a.m.
 - d) 9:30 a.m.

- 4) What is the benefit of waking up early?
 - a) He will feel fresh.
 - b) He can clean up more
 - c) He can exercise in the morning.
 - d) He will have a good breakfast

5) How long does the man usually sleep?

- a) around 8 hours
- b) around 4 hours
- c) about 10 hours
- d) about 7 hours

6) The woman tells her brother to go to bed at ____ every night.

- a) 9:00 p.m.
- b) 10:00 p.m.
- c) 9:30 p.m.
- d) 10:30

7) The woman has seen her brother fall asleep while he was ____.

- a) eating dinner
- b) watching TV
- c) driving
- d) exercising

8) Which sentence is NOT true?

- a) The man doesn't like sleeping his life away
- b) The woman thinks caffeine is a good substitute for sleeping
- c) The woman thinks the man is going to fail.
- d) The man fell asleep while listening to the woman.

Vocabulary

- **routine** (*noun*): a regular way of doing things
 - What your daily routine at work these days?
- **plenty of** (*quantifier*): a lot of
 - You should get plenty of sleep tonight because you have a final test at school tomorrow.
- **workout** (*noun or verb*): a time of physical exercise to improve your fitness and health
 - What kind of exercise do you do for your workout? (noun)
 - I'm going to workout with Maria and Jacob this morning. I think we're going to lift weights. (verb)
- **endurance** (*noun*): the power to do something hard for a long time
 - Do you think you have the endurance to run a marathon without much sleep?
- **unspeakable** (*adjective*): impossible to describe in words, very bad
 - I can't imagine the unspeakable pain the family felt when their dad died.
- **something doesn't count** (*verb*): something that is not accepted or allowed
 - You said you were going to make breakfast for me this morning, but a small piece of toast doesn't count.
- **caffeine** (*noun*): a substance that you sometimes find in coffee, tea, and soft drinks that makes you feel more awake
 - That drink contains a lot of caffeine, so it might keep you up tonight.
- **substitute** (*noun or verb*): something or someone that takes the place of something or someone else
 - I need to find a substitute to teach my class. I'm not feeling well. (noun)
 - The coach of the team decided to substitute me for Steve because I was injured (verb).
 - If you don't like strawberries in your ice cream, you can substitute them for blueberries or other fruit.

Answers

1) b) 2:00 p.m.

2) c) He needs to attend class.

3) b) 6:30 a.m.

4) c) He can exercise in the morning.

5) b) around 4 hours

6) a) 9:00 p.m.

7) c) driving

8) b) The woman thinks caffeine is a good substitute for sleeping

Exercise NO.47 : (Difficulty level: hard)

Listen to the recording NO.47. Then choose the best answer.

1) What is the relationship between the two men?

- a) friends
- b) brothers-in-law
- c) cousins
- d) neighbors

2) What time of day is it in the conversation?

- a) late evening
- b) midday
- c) midnight
- d) early morning

3) How does Paul feel about hunting?

- a) It is an opportunity to provide food for his family.
- b) He doesn't like killing animals.
- c) He prefers to hunt small game.
- d) He enjoys hunting.

4) The hunters expect to see the deer _____.

- a) on a hillside in some trees
- b) along a well-established trail
- c) near a water source
- d) close to them

5) Why should they remain quiet during the hunting?

- a) to enjoy the nature
- b) to take care of themselves
- c) not to scare away the animals
- d) to have more fun

6) Paul wants to go to the truck to _____.

- a) run away
- b) get a gun
- c) take the ammo
- d) get his backpack

7) At the end of the conversation, Dan threatens to

- a) leave Paul behind in the mountains
- b) call the police and get help
- c) shoot Paul for his actions
- d) scare away the deer

8) Which sentence is NOT wrong?

- a) Paul wants Dan to stop hunting.
- b) Paul likes eating meat.
- c) Dan thinks it's not a good idea to hunt together
- d) Dan wants Paul to shout.

Vocabulary

- **come down with something** (*idiom*): get sick
 - My wife came down with a bad cold and couldn't go on the trip.
- **out of sight** (*idiom*): not visible
 - Please try to stay out of sight when Mom gets here. I don't want her to know that you are here.
- **twist someone's arm** (*idiom*): strongly persuade someone to do something
 - I had to twist his arm to get him to tell the truth.
- **bag something** (*idiom*): catch or kill an animal
 - We were out hunting for three days and couldn't bag a single wild turkey.
- **ammo** (*noun*): bullets or shells that are fired from a gun
 - We ran out of ammo on the fourth day of the hunt.
- **bummer** (*noun*): disappointment
 - It was a real bummer that the weather was bad.
- **cut out something** (*idiom*): stop or end something
 - Be quiet. If you don't cut out the noise, we won't be able to sleep all night.
- **"shoot down"** = stop something
 - "He shot down my idea of ordering pizza because it was too expensive to order."*
- **"bark up the wrong tree"** = make an incorrect choice or arrive at an inaccurate conclusion
 - "I told you. I didn't take your book. You're really barking up the wrong tree."*

Answers

- 1) b) brothers-in-law**
- 2) d) early morning**
- 3) b) He doesn't like killing animals.**
- 4) c) near a water source**
- 5) c) not to scare away the animals**
- 6) c) take the ammo**
- 7) c) shoot Paul for his actions**
- 8) a) Paul wants Dan to stop hunting.**

Exercise NO.48 : (Difficulty level: hard)

Listen to the recording NO.48. Then choose the best answer.

1) The man (Andrew) and woman are ____.

- a) husband and wife
- b) close friends
- c) siblings
- d) neighbors

2) What did the woman think about the man the moment she saw him?

- a) He got a new haircut
- b) He's lost weight
- c) He's gained weight
- d) He wore a weird shirt

3) Andrew found out about his new diet ____.

- a) from a friend
- b) through unwanted mail
- c) on TV
- d) on radio

4) From the conversation, we can infer that Andrew ____.

- a) hasn't gone running yet
- b) has started a new exercise program
- c) just joined a fitness center
- d) has been running since Christmas

5) The problem with eating at night is that ____.

- a) your blood pressure increases because of the extra fat
- b) the body isn't active to use up the extra calories
- c) you feel hungrier in the morning hours
- d) throughout the day you feel like you need to eat more

6) The woman knows Andrew is a regular customer at McDonalds because ____.

- a) Andrew has hamburgers in the refrigerator
- b) he is a well-known customer at the restaurant
- c) the manager dropped off some food at his house
- d) she sees him at the restaurant everyday

7) What does Andrew think about ice cream?

- a) He doesn't like eating ice cream at all.
- b) Ice cream gives him enough energy.
- c) Ice cream is as good as fast food.
- d) Ice cream in his freezer is low-cal.

8) What is going to be hard for Andrew?

- a) Drinking water
- b) Exercising.
- c) Stop eating fast food
- d) Not eating ice-cream

Vocabulary

- **blunt** (*adjective*): direct
 - Ashley is always very blunt about her feelings towards other people.
- **fatso** (*noun*): fat or heavy (not polite)
 - Kids at school always used to call me fatso. It was a hard time in my life.
- **scam** (*verb; also noun*): to cheat or deceive someone
 - A few dishonest companies scam people into buying things they don't need.
- **portion** (*noun*): amount of food, serving
 - I sometimes overeat at this restaurant because their portions are very generous.
- **load up** (*verb*): fill
 - I know this is an all-you-can-eat restaurant, but you don't have to load up on all those fatty foods.
- **cut out** (*verb*): stop or remove
 - If you want to really lose weight, you need to cut out the cakes and cookies after every meal.
- **buddy** (*noun*): close friend
 - You and your buddy drink way to much soda with your meals.
- **tough** (*adjective*): difficult
 - It's sometimes tough not to overeat during the holidays.
- **cut back on something** (*verb*): reduce the amount of something
 - You should cut back on soda and drink water instead.

Answers

1) c) siblings

2) c) He's gained weight

3) b) through unwanted mail

4) a) hasn't gone running yet

5) b) the body isn't active to use up the extra calories

6) b) he is a well-known customer at the restaurant

7) d) Ice cream in his freezer is low-cal.

8) a) Drinking water

Exercise NO.49 : (Difficulty level: hard)

Listen to the recording NO.49. Then choose the best answer.

1) How are Stephanie and Brandon related?

- a) Brandon and Stephanie are dating.
- b) Stephanie is Brandon's sister.
- c) Brandon and Stephanie are colleagues.
- d) They're siblings.

2) Why did Stacy call Brandon?

- a) To say she's really happy for their wedding.
- b) To talk about her sister.
- c) To tell him to stop their marriage.
- d) To talk to him about his health.

3) The first sign of Stephanie's problem is that she has been ____.

- a) missing work
- b) buying expensive clothing
- c) sleeping in a lot
- d) looking pale

4) Stephanie said she needed money to ____.

- a) repair her vehicle
- b) cover medical expenses
- c) pay for school tuition
- d) buy a gift for her fiancé

5) It appears that Stephanie stole money from ____.

- a) her work
- b) her sister's car
- c) her boyfriend's apartment
- d) her colleagues

6) If Stephanie doesn't make changes in her life, she could ____..

- a) get in trouble with the police
- b) have serious financial problems
- c) lose her school scholarship
- d) lose her family

7) What did Brandon know about Stephanie?

- a) She has at least two cell phones.
- b) She started using drugs.
- c) She steals money.
- d) She used to use drugs.

8) How does Brandon want to deal with this problem?

- a) He wants to think more.
- b) He wants to confront her.
- c) He wants Stacy to talk to her.
- d) He wants to cancel the wedding.

Vocabulary

- **face the facts** (*verb*): come face to face with something difficult
 - Let's face the facts. Your brother has a real substance abuse problem.
- **figure** (*verb*): believe or conclude
 - I figure that that drug rehab is going to take a lot of time and money to be successful.
- **buck** (*noun*): informal for dollar
 - I'm not going to lend you a single buck to support your bad habit.
- **run** (*verb*): function or operate
 - This flashlight runs on AAA batteries.
- **confront** (*verb*): come face to face with something difficult
 - My parents confronted me about the drugs they found in the car.
- **escalate** (*verb*): grow bigger, intensify
 - Drug use has escalated in some schools across the nation.
- **blow up** (*verb*): suddenly get angry
 - My wife blew up when she found cigarettes in our daughter's bedroom.
- **"fall off the wagon"** = start drinking again after a period

"My sister went three months without drinking, and then she lost her job and fell off the wagon."
- **"do drugs"** = to use illegal drugs

"Unfortunately, Matthew's friends have been doing drugs for a long time."

Answers

1) a) Brandon and Stephanie are dating.

2) b) To talk about her sister.

3) a) missing work

4) a) repair her vehicle

5) b) her sister's car

6) a) get in trouble with the police

7) d) She used to use drugs.

8) a) He wants to think more.

Exercise NO.50 : (Difficulty level: hard)

Listen to the recording NO.50. Then choose the best answer.

1) Why did Randall visit Dave?

- a) To see how he's been doing these days.
- b) To ask him about his last roommate.
- c) To lend him some money.
- d) To visit his house and be his roommate.

2) Dave needs a roommate to pay for rent because _____.

- a) he was recently laid off from his job
- b) he is working fewer hours these days
- c) he quit his job to go back to school
- d) his last roommate stole some money from him

3) What is wrong with the carpet in the living room?

- a) It has a few tears here and there.
- b) It is soiled in several places.
- c) It is really worn out.
- d) It is really dingy.

4) What is good about the kitchen?

- a) new cupboards
- b) completely furnished
- c) shiny lamps
- d) brand new refrigerator

5) What has Dave done to fix temporarily the refrigerator door?

- a) He used some heavy-duty tape around the door.
- b) He applied some super glue to keep the hinges on tightly.
- c) He used a rope around it.
- d) He pushed a box against the door to keep it shut.

6) Which problem is true of the bathroom?

- a) The tile needs replacing.
- b) The sink is clogged.
- c) The window pane is cracked.
- d) The ceiling is falling down.

7) How much is the rent to share the house with Dave?

- a) 350 dollars
- b) 400 dollars
- c) 550 dollars
- d) 450 dollars

8) What does Randall probably do at the end of the conversation?

- a) He agrees to split the cost of rent.
- b) He decides to look for another place.
- c) He helps Dave fix up the house.
- d) He lends him some money to fix things.

Vocabulary

- **share** (*verb*): use together
 - My son didn't want to share his toys.
- **be strapped for cash** (*idiom*): have little money
 - I'd love to help you, but I'm strapped for cash this month.
- **furnished** (*adjective*): having furniture and appliances
 - I'm looking for a furnished apartment.
- **appliances** (*noun*): electronic devices often used in the kitchen including the stove, microwave, blender, dishwasher, and refrigerator
 - This store sells excellent appliances.
- **improvise** (*verb*): to use another way of doing something to accomplish your goal
 - I didn't have the right brushes to paint the living room, so I had to improvise.
- **window pane** (*noun*): the glass part of the window
 - The window pane in the bedroom needs replacing.
- **beat** (*verb*): be better than
 - I've looked around the best prices on paint, and this store beats any other place around.
- **"on the fritz"** = broken, not working
 - "We need to get the air conditioning repaired because it's been on the fritz for three weeks."*
- **"clean as a whistle"** = perfectly clean
 - "Wow! Your bedroom is clean as a whistle."*

Answers

- 1) d) To visit his house and be his roommate.
- 2) b) he is working fewer hours these days
- 3) b) It is soiled in several places.
- 4) b) completely furnished
- 5) d) He pushed a box against the door to keep it shut.
- 6) c) The window pane is cracked.
- 7) d) 450 dollars
- 8) b) He decides to look for another place.

Task Six

In CELPIP listening task six you will hear a clip once. It is about 2 – 3 minutes long. Then 6 questions will appear in 4 minutes. The audio file may contain a conversation between 2 or 3 people or one person's viewpoints about a specific subject.

While carefully listening to the conversations, determine the main issue between the speakers. Interpreting each speaker's view indicates how well you understand the conversation as a whole and the different viewpoints.

When you listen well and refer to notes, you will more likely be able to make accurate and thoughtful inferences.

Exercise NO.51 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.51. Then choose the best answer.

1) This presentation seems to be _____.

- a) a TV debate
- b) an informal discussion between friends
- c) an academic speech at school
- d) a friendly talk at school

2) How does the man describe the winter season?

- a) January receives about 30 inches in snow.
- b) Winter temperatures hover below freezing.
- c) Some winter activities are sledding and skiing.
- d) Winters are always warm.

3) In spring, people enjoy _____.

- a) flying kites
- b) fishing in the park
- c) hiking in the mountains
- d) skiing in mountains

4) What is the summer season like in this area?

- a) hot and dry
- b) mild and breezy
- c) warm and humid
- d) rainy and windy

5) People often _____ in the fall.

- a) have a fall picnic
- b) go and see the fall colors
- c) clean their houses
- d) fly kites

6) What is the main subject of the man's speech?

- a) Summer activities in Japan
- b) Nature of Japan
- c) The beauty of spring in Japan
- d) Different seasons in Japan

Vocabulary

- **occasionally** (*adverb*): from time to time, now and then, once in a while
 - We occasionally go on picnics during the spring and summer seasons.
- **sledding** (*noun*): the activity or sport of ridding on a sled, usually in snow
 - I took the kids sledding yesterday down a real fun hill, and we had a great time.
- **hover** (*verb*): remain somewhat steady
 - You should be prepared from cold weather this weekend because temperatures will hover around freezing.
- **stroll** (*verb*): take a leisurely walk
 - During the early spring, you often see couples strolling through the park.
- **soar** (*verb*): rise quickly
 - The weather forecast predicts that temperatures will soar in to the 100s by the middle of the week.
- **humidity** (*noun*): wetness in the air
 - Because I live in a dry climate, I'm not used to the humidity when I travel.
- **"fair-weather friend"** = someone who is only when things are going well
 - "He's just a fair-weather friend, so when things become difficult, don't expect him to be around to help you."*
- **"under the weather"** = sick
 - "My mom has been a little under the weather for the past few days."*

Answers

- 1) c) an academic speech at school
- 2) c) Some winter activities are sledding and skiing.
- 3) a) flying kites
- 4) a) hot and dry
- 5) b) go and see the fall colors
- 6) d) Different seasons in Japan

Exercise NO.52 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.52. Then choose the best answer.

1) The interview is about the little girl's _____.

- a) feeling on how people help each other
- b) feeling on how people save the planet Earth
- c) feeling on how people care about social problems
- d) feeling on how people save money

2) She says we should save water when _____.

- a) taking a bath
- b) washing cars
- c) cleaning clothes
- d) drinking water

3) The girl's second suggestion is about _____.

- a) disposing of trash properly
- b) having a family clean-up party
- c) separating different types of garbage
- d) littering around

4) By recycling paper, we can _____.

- a) cut down on waste
- b) save money
- c) protect the forests
- d) help pets

5) What does the girl do once a month?

- a) She cleans a neighborhood park.
- b) She collects newspapers.
- c) She visits a recycling center.
- d) She cleans up the kindergarten.

6) Which sentence is NOT right?

- a) We shouldn't waste paper because trees are being cut down to make the paper.
- b) Littering makes our planet dirty.
- c) By recycling paper, we save the forests where animals live.
- d) When she was in kindergarten, she used to waste the newspapers.

Vocabulary

- **litter** (*verb*): throw garbage on the ground

- Hey, don't litter. Be sure to put your garbage in the trash can.

- **suggestions** (*noun*): ideas about what someone should do

- Do you have suggestions on how we can recycle more?

- **"be way out in left field"** = be totally wrong

"Some people thought the scientist was way out in left field when he suggested that cooking oil could be recycled to power car engines. In the end, the scientist was right."

- **"scratch the surface"** = only begin to deal with a small part of the problem

"The government is only beginning to scratch the surface in dealing with serious environmental issues."

Answers

- 1) b) feeling on how people save the planet Earth
- 2) a) taking a bath
- 3) c) separating different types of garbage
- 4) c) protect the forests
- 5) b) She collects newspapers.
- 6) d) When she was in kindergarten, she used to waste the newspapers.

Exercise NO.53 : (Difficulty level: easy)

Listen to the recording NO.53. Then choose the best answer.

1) The girl _____ when she paints pictures of trees.

- a) uses different colors of paint
- b) climbs her grandfather's tree
- c) goes to the mountains
- d) swims in the lake

2) The girl is talking about the _____ of trees when she says, "Its a glass of cool water on a hot day."

- a) color
- b) feel
- c) shape
- d) smell

3) The girl enjoys _____ in her grandfather's tree.

- a) doing homework
- b) talking with friends
- c) eating apples
- d) taking pictures

4) Trees make life possible because they _____.

- a) produce oxygen
- b) provide food and shelter
- c) are an energy source
- d) make the nature more beautiful

5) The girl feels that trees _____.

- a) should be in every park
- b) will be her for a long time
- c) make her a better person
- d) make her family calm

6) Which sentence is NOT right?

- a) The maples go red in the fall.
- b) She likes to go to the nursery because she loves the smell of trees
- c) The oak and aspen go yellow in the spring.
- d) If we exterminate trees, the effects could be fatal.

Vocabulary

- **commodity** (*noun*): a product or useful thing
 - Having your own small greenhouse to grow vegetables is a very popular commodity in some places.
- **nursery** (*noun*): greenhouse, a place where plants are cultivated
 - I went to the nursery today to buy some fruit trees.
- **damp** (*noun*): a slight wetness
 - The grass was a little damp this morning.
- **soil** (*noun*): ground, dirt
 - We added some new soil to the garden to prepare for planting.
- **disturb** (*verb*): bother, upset
 - Be very careful where you walk so you do not disturb the ground cover and wild flowers.
- **munch** (*verb*): to eat and chew lightly
 - The kids like to munch on carrots and pretend they are rabbits.
- **evergreens** (*noun*): plants that do not lose their leaves and stay green throughout the year
 - We have several nice evergreens in our backyard.
- **exterminate** (*verb*): destroy, kill off
 - The farmers were determined to exterminate the crickets eating their crops.
- **lumber** (*noun*): wood from trees
 - So much lumber is being harvested that deforestation has resulted in many areas.
- **"money doesn't grow on trees"** = don't waste money because it isn't always easy to come by
 - "Watch how much you spend because money doesn't grow on trees."*
- **"have a green thumb"** = special ability at making plants grow well
 - "She has a real green thumb for growing beautiful decorative trees."*

Answers

- 1) a) uses different colors of paint
- 2) d) smell
- 3) c) eating apples
- 4) a) produce oxygen
- 5) c) make her a better person
- 6) c) The oak and aspen go yellow in the spring.

Exercise NO.54 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.53. Then choose the best answer.

1) About how many blood donations are needed every day in the United States?

- a) 24,000
- b) 14,000
- c) 44,000
- d) 40,000

2) Approximately _____ people donate blood every year.

- a) 92,000
- b) 9,200,000
- c) 920,000
- d) 9,000,000

3) According to the announcement, some people do not donate blood because ____.

- a) it isn't always convenient to schedule a time
- b) they are concerned about their privacy
- c) they are afraid of the process
- d) they're not aware of its importance

4) Which step for donating blood was NOT mentioned in the recording?

- a) signing up for a time
- b) eating food before you donate
- c) reviewing your medical history
- d) having some refreshments

5) You can donate blood every _____ days.

- a) 66
- b) 56
- c) 76
- d) 65

6) Which sentence is NOT right?

- a) By donating blood, you are able to save lives.
- b) Fortunately there isn't a great need for blood donations around the world
- c) Approximately 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood.
- d) The process of donating is relatively simple following a four-step process.

Vocabulary

- **means** (*noun*): way or method of doing something
 - What is the best means of helping other people in the community?
- **donate** (*verb*): give something freely
 - My father always donates money and items to the homeless shelter in our area.
- **eligible** (*adjective*): having the right to do something
 - Children who come from low-income families are eligible to receive free lunches at school.
- **register** (*verb*): sign up for something
 - How about registering to donate blood next month? It's a great way to serve the community.
- **consider** (*verb*): think about
 - I considered volunteering my time to help children learn how to read at the library, but our family moved before I had a chance.
- **"have bad blood between people"** = have bad or unfriendly feelings
 - "Oh, don't invite Sarah and Amber to the party. There is a lot of bad blood between them, and I don't want there to be problems."*
- **"be too rich for my blood"** = something that is too expensive for you
 - "I really like that car, but it is way too rich for my blood."*

Answers

1) d) 40,000

2) b) 9,200,000

3) c) they are afraid of the process

4) b) eating food before you donate

5) b) 56

6) b) Fortunately there isn't a great need for blood donations around the world

Exercise NO.55 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.55. Then choose the best answer.

1) This commercial discusses _____ loan financing.

- a) land
- b) business
- c) home
- d) work

2) You can lower your monthly mortgage payments by _____.

- a) creating a clear budget
- b) securing a loan at a lower rate
- c) reducing your expenditures
- d) creating a large amount of budget

3) Refinancing your loan can help you _____.

- a) take out other loans
- b) pay for other improvements
- c) reduce your long-term debt
- d) none

4) People can sometimes pay off their loans more quickly when _____.

- a) they earn more money
- b) home prices drop
- c) the financial market improves
- d) they earn less money

5) Refinancing a mortgage can also help in a financial crisis due to _____.

- a) natural disasters
- b) loss of employment
- c) economic slowdown
- d) social issues

6) After several years into your mortgage_____.

- a) people often lose a lot of money
- b) people usually earn less money
- c) people always need more money.
- d) people often earn more money.

Vocabulary

- **refinance** (*verb*): provide money again to take care of financial dealings
 - My father wants to refinance his home to save money in the long run.
- **mortgage** (*noun*): an agreement allowing you to borrow money from a bank to buy a house
 - I really want to pay off our mortgage within the next ten years.
- **funds** (*noun*): assets in the form of money
 - Raising sufficient funds for a down payment for a house sometimes takes time.
- **surplus** (*noun*): more than is needed
 - He is only a junior, so he has another year to graduate.
- **"get the ax"** = be fired

"Justin got the ax at work yesterday, and now he's really worried about paying his mortgage."
- **"be loaded"** = be rich, wealthy

"He's really loaded, so he can afford to make big house payments."

Answers

- 1) c) home
- 2) b) securing a loan at a lower rate
- 3) b) pay for other improvements
- 4) a) they earn more money
- 5) b) loss of employment
- 6) d) people often earn more money.

Exercise NO.56 : (Difficulty level: intermediate)

Listen to the recording NO.56. Then choose the best answer.

1) What sometimes affects our ability to have compassion for the homeless?

- a) few opportunities to volunteer
- b) little contact with people everyday
- c) poor understanding of the homeless
- d) not being aware of their existence

2) About _____ people are homeless in the United States.

- a) 500,000
- b) 400,000
- c) 450,000
- d) 550,000

3) About _____ percent of people who are homeless suffer from a mental health issue.

- a) 25
- b) 20
- c) 15
- d) 12

4) Even though 25% of the homeless have jobs, they _____.

- a) often have to travel a long way to their workplace
- b) don't feel like working
- c) sometimes can't find jobs that interest them
- d) don't earn enough money to pay for their expenses

5) Randall talks about a time when he and his wife _____.

- a) gave money to the poor
- b) bought dinner for a man
- c) volunteered at a homeless shelter
- d) were afraid to talk to a homeless man

6) Why did Randall tell the story?

- a) To show how great he was.
- b) To show how people can make a difference.
- c) To talk about his behavior with poor people.
- d) To show how kind poor people are.

Vocabulary

- **perception** (*noun*): the way you think about or understand someone or something
 - We need to change people's perceptions of the homeless to build better understanding.
- **traumatic** (*adjective*): causing someone to become emotionally upset, angry, or hurt
 - For many youth, living homeless on the streets can be a very traumatic experience.
- **stark** (*adjective*): a very plain, unpleasant, or difficult to accept
 - Many homeless face the stark reality of living without food and shelter for long periods of time.
- **domestic** (*adjective*): related to a person's home or family
 - Steve wasn't happy at all with his domestic life, so he left home to live on his own.
- **alleviate** (*verb*): reduce the pain or discomfort of something
 - What can citizens do to alleviate hunger and poverty?
- **desperate** (*adjective*): very sad or upset and having little hope
 - The holidays are very desperate times for many homeless because they sometimes have no family around to visit.
- **plight** (*noun*): a very bad or difficult situation
 - The city needs to do more to address the plight of the homeless in our community.
- **prejudice** (*noun*): an unfair feeling of dislike for a person or group because of race, religion, or sexual identity
 - Some people experience prejudice because of the color of their skin.
- **preconceived** (*adjective*): having an opinion or idea that you form beforehand
 - It is unfortunate that so many people hold a number of preconceived ideas that are just not true about the homeless.
- **intention** (*noun*): plan or goal
 - What is the city's intention on building a new homeless shelter in the downtown area? Many citizens want to understand the plans better.
- **anonymously** (*adverb*): something done by someone who is not named or identified
 - Our family would like to give some food and clothing anonymously.
- **"be short on cash"** = have very little money
 - "Many people are so short on cash that they become homeless and live on the streets."*
- **"be hard up"** = have little or no money
 - "I'm really hard up right now, and I don't have enough money to rent an apartment or live on my own."*

Answers

- 1) c) poor understanding of the homeless
- 2) a) 500,000
- 3) b) 20
- 4) d) don't earn enough money to pay for their expenses
- 5) b) bought dinner for a man
- 6) b) To show how people can make a difference.

Exercise NO.57 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.57. Then choose the best answer.

1) Dr. Howard Miller is a professor of _____.

- a) history
- b) psychology
- c) sociology
- d) geography

2) Dr. Miller's grandfather feared _____.

- a) the decline of his health
- b) the loss of his wife
- c) leaving his home of many years
- d) losing his contact with his family

3) Societies tend to value things that are _____.

- a) new
- b) creative
- c) expensive
- d) great

4) Dr. Miller wants to find meaningful purpose for _____ in the community.

- a) teachers and public officials
- b) the youth
- c) the elderly
- d) life

5) What is self-identity NOT related with in many societies?

- a) social status
- b) occupation
- c) material possessions
- d) age

6) According to Dr. Miller what is called “Golden years”?

- a) Final years of life
- b) Beginning years of life
- c) Middle of life
- d) none

Vocabulary

- **numerous** (*adjective*): many
 - There were numerous articles in the paper on that problem.
- **preface** (*verb*): to introduce or begin
 - The manager prefaced his presentation with the minutes from last meeting.
- **prospect** (*noun*): the anticipation that something might happen
 - His prospects aren't very good for getting a job because he lacks the needed skills.
- **traumatic** (*adjective*): very upsetting or difficult
 - Because of air pollution, we have seen some very traumatic changes in the environment..
- **limb** (*noun*): a part of the body, like an arm or leg
 - Many artificial limbs have been prepared for .
- **severed (off)** (*verb*): cut off completely
 - The two businesses severed off negotiations after they couldn't agree on any of the important issues.
- **lexicon** (*noun*): vocabulary
 - Expanding your lexicon in this technical field will help you a great deal.
- **to be elated** (*verb*): very happy or excited
 - They were elated to hear the good news.
- **discard** (*verb*): to throw away, to dispose of
 - The fish in this river are dying because local industries have been reckless in discarding their waste materials.
- **"touch and go"** = critical situation where something bad might happen
 - "It was touch and go for a few days after the accident, but I think my grandfather is going to be okay."*
- **"hand to mouth"** = with barely enough money to live and buy food
 - "Some seniors live hand to mouth every month because they lack a steady source of income."*

Answers

1) c) sociology

2) c) leaving his home of many years

3) a) new

4) c) the elderly

5) d) age

6) a) Final years of life

Exercise NO.58 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.58. Then choose the best answer.

1) Protecting the environment is a concern of politicians, government leaders, and _____.

- a) shopping centers
- b) citizens
- c) companies
- d) teachers

2) The three keys protecting the environment is informing the public, developing technology, and _____.

- a) growing a home garden
- b) conserving water every day
- c) increasing demand on recycled goods
- d) proper education

3) _____ can't be recycled very easily.

- a) Tin cans
- b) Egg cartons
- c) Fast food wrappers
- d) paper

4) Companies can be supported to recycle more if they are given _____.

- a) solar panels
- b) cheap land to grow
- c) government fund
- d) low-cost loans

5) One final problem is finding companies that _____.

- a) have enough employees trained in recycling
- b) are interested in using recycled goods
- c) have available ground to build factories
- d) have a good relation with governments

6) Which sentence is NOT right?

- a) The first step is to raise public awareness about the recycling process.
- b) Governmental agencies need to step up their support.
- c) Recycling is an important key to protect our planet.
- d) The energy saved from one recycled can provides enough power to operate a television for one hundred hours.

Vocabulary

- **manufacture** (*verb*): to make things in large numbers
- This company manufacturers some of the best laptop computers.
- **agenda** (*noun*): a list of things to be done
- There are several things we need to discuss on the agenda.
- **momentum** (*noun*): the force that grows stronger over time
- I hope the students maintain their momentum until the end of the semester.
- **essential** (*adjective*): very important
- A good understanding of grammar is essential to better communication.
- **pitch in** (*idiom*): to help someone or a cause
- I hope everyone can pitch in and clean the office after the party.
- **dispose of (something)** (*verb*): to throw something away
- Please dispose of your trash before you leave the classroom.
- **grasp (something)** (*verb*): to understand something difficult
- I couldn't grasp his decision to leave the company.
- **expend** (*verb*): to use or spend (time, effort, or energy)
- My brother expended too much time on fixing his car, and not enough effort on studying for his classes.
- **implement** (*verb*): to begin or carry out a plan
- When is the company going to implement their goals for the new year?
- **achieve** (*verb*): to reach something such as a goal
- How long do you think it will take your students to achieve their educational goals?
- **"zero in on"** = focus on or direct your attention to a particular issue
"I think we need to zero in on the main causes of water pollution and start solving them one at a time."
- **"leave no stone unturned"** = do everything possible to solve a problem
"Things might look bad, but leave no stone unturned in trying to find the answer to our company's economic problems."

Answers

1) b) citizens

2) c) increasing demand on recycled goods

3) c) Fast food wrappers

4) d) low-cost loans

5) b) are interested in using recycled goods

6) d) The energy saved from one recycled can provides enough power to operate a television for one hundred hours.

Exercise NO.59 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.59. Then choose the best answer.

1) The man felt _____ when he found out about his cancer.

- a) self-pity
- b) anger
- c) shock
- d) sadness

2) The man _____ after he learned of his illness.

- a) retired from his job
- b) researched cancer treatments
- c) underwent immediate surgery
- d) lost his hope completely

3) After several months with the disease, the man's main source of strength was his _____.

- a) his doctors' encouragement
- b) his family and friends
- c) information about his problem
- d) his belief in God

4) _____ was responsible for helping the man with his medications at home.

- a) His wife
- b) A hospice worker
- c) Family
- d) His friend

5) From this story, we can learn that _____.

- a) we can be strengthened by challenges
- b) families are the best support systems
- c) all people must prepare for death
- d) serious disease can be cured

6) What is NOT the man's purpose to say the story?

- a) To show the value of family and kindness
- b) To show the importance of believing in God
- c) To show how life experiences are crucial
- d) To say we can learn the important attributes in the lap of luxury

Vocabulary

- **diagnose** (*verb*): determine the nature of a problem
 - This test will diagnose whether she has the disease.
- **terminal** (*adjective*): ending in or approaching death
 - His wife has a terminal illness and isn't expect to live through the end of the week.
- **in spite of** (*preposition*): regardless of
 - Nathan was very cheerful in spite of his medical condition.
- **dire** (*adjective*): awful, fearful, nearly hopeless
 - The family found themselves in dire financial conditions after the loss of their father.
- **prognosis** (*noun*): a prediction of the course of a disease
 - With the development of new medications, the long-term prognosis for someone with that disease is good.
- **jovial** (*adjective*): merry, cheerful
 - My sister was still somewhat jovial in spite of her medical condition.
- **upbeat** (*adjective*): cheerful, positive
 - In spite of all my mother's emotionally challenges, she always tried to remain upbeat about life.
- **self-pity** (*noun*): a feeling of sorrow for personal sufferings
 - Although she was suffering from cancer, the woman felt there was little time for self-pity and devoted the rest of her life to service.
- **deceased** (*adjective*): dead
 - Both of my parents are deceased, and I only have one brother who is still living.
- **hospice** (*noun*): a program providing medical and emotional care for the terminally ill and their families
 - A local hospice came into our home to care for my grandfather while he was terminally ill.
- **benefactors** (*noun*): someone who helps other people
 - Many benefactors have contributed goods and money to the poor in our area.
- **ponder** (*verb*): reflect or think deeply on something, meditate
 - When you find yourself in dire circumstances, people often tend to ponder the purpose of life.
- **attributes** (*noun*): qualities or characteristics
 - There are so many attributes I admire in Mindy, my sister.
- **lap of luxury** (*noun*): a condition of wealth and comfort
 - Some people live in the lap of luxury while others live a relatively simple lifestyle from day to day.

Answers

- 1) c) shock**
- 2) b) researched cancer treatments**
- 3) d) his belief in God**
- 4) b) A hospice worker**
- 5) a) we can be strengthened by challenges**
- 6) d) To say we can learn the important attributes in the lap of luxury**

Exercise NO.60 : (Difficulty level: difficult)

Listen to the recording NO.60. Then choose the best answer.

1) In the candidate's first point, taxes will be used to _____.

- a) retain teachers
- b) improve existing schools
- c) add new playgrounds
- d) building new malls

2) The candidate's proposal for economic development is to _____.

- a) build a sports arena
- b) add more small businesses
- c) increase new housing
- d) add new playgrounds

3) The man's third point is the construction of _____.

- a) better facilities for senior citizens
- b) parks and other green areas
- c) a new transportation system
- d) new houses

4) The candidate says that he is the best person for the job because he ____.

- a) has had a long career as a politician
- b) has fought against big business interests
- c) understands the needs of the common man
- d) has the support of the government

5) What has the candidate's opponent cited about him?

- a) He is not concerned about the society.
- b) He is not a successful businessman.
- c) He is not in touch with people.
- d) He is not experienced.

6) What is the candidate's final goal if he will be elected?

- a) He's going to make sure make issues are fully addressed at the local and national level.
- b) He's going to improve the local internet for libraries.
- c) He's going to stop current leaders from killing the city.
- d) He's going to invest more tax in the public schools.

Vocabulary

- **crossroad(s)** (*noun*): a time in your life when important decisions must be made
 - The company has now reached a crossroad where it must make changes to guarantee its future.
- **ensure** (*verb*): guarantee or make sure something will happen
 - The government needs to make changes in the welfare system now to ensure that it will be around for generations to come.
- **retain** (*verb*): keep something
 - The president decided to retain some of his staff after the elections.
- **renovate** (*verb*): repair or rebuild something to make it look new again
 - The city has decided to renovate the downtown library to save money instead of building a new one.
- **rechannel** (*verb*): redirect something like money for another purpose
 - The mayor wants to rechannel additional tax revenue away from park construction to pay for rising education expenses.
- **revenue** (*noun*): money that an organization receives, usually from the sales of goods and services
 - If the company doesn't generate enough revenue during the holiday season, it will be in serious financial trouble.
- **incumbent** (*noun*): the current elected political official in office
 - Many incumbents were voted out of office due to their political records.
- **neglect** (*verb*): not take care of or pay attention to something
 - Many residents feel that local government leaders neglected the needs of the poor in our city.
- **revitalization** (*noun*): the process of bringing back something to strength or prosperity
 - The city has attempted to develop plans for the revitalization of the downtown area.
- **outlying** (*adjective*): far from the center or middle of a city
 - A new transportation plan needs to be consider to meet the needs of those living in outlying areas of the city.
- **light rail** (*noun, also used as an adjective*): an electric train designed for passengers only
 - The country has a wonderful light rail system throughout the capital.
- **stance** (*noun*): opinion or position
 - Before I vote, I always make an effort to understand the candidates' stance on various issues.
- **cite** (*verb*): mention or state
 - The political challenger cited his opponent's poor voting record on a number of government matters.
- **address** (*verb*): take care or deal with particular issues
 - The president needs to address the needs of homeless children around the country.

Answers

- 1) a) retain teachers
- 2) c) increase new housing
- 3) c) a new transportation system
- 4) c) understands the needs of the common man
- 5) d) He is not experienced.
- 6) a) He's going to make sure make issues are fully addressed at the local and national level.

Closing Comments

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