

Section One: Reading Skills

After carefully reading the text below, choose the correct alternatives in accordance with the text's contents.

Bank cheques have been known to bounce. But disintegrate? Several banks, including at least two in Illinois and one in Tennessee have **unwittingly** accepted cheques coated with a chemical that made them begin to deteriorate within hours after being deposited. In a few days they were little more than confetti. One or more unidentified scam artists have passed at least fourteen such cheques, cheating the banks out of some seventy thousand dollars.

In one case a customer, apparently using a fictitious name, opened an account at Chicago's Northern Trust Bank and later deposited a \$ 4,000 cheque drawn on an out-of-state bank. The customer couldn't **withdraw** the funds immediately because Northern Trust, like most banks, puts a hold on such a deposit for several days to see if the cheque will be returned for lack of funds. When the culprit came back in nine days the cheque had not been returned, so the bank allowed a \$ 4,000 withdrawal to be made. In this case, though the cheque had not been returned because it had appeared disintegrated in transit. By the time the bank officials figured out what had happened, the trick-cheque passer was nowhere to be found, and Northern Trust was out of \$4.000. If the police know what chemical is being used to coat the cheques, they are not saying, probably for fear of inspiring copycat cheque cashers. Says Chicago Police Captain James Zurawski, who is investigating the case: "It's like something out of a James Bond film".

01. The special substance referred to in the text has the property of

- a) covering the cheque with a protective coat.
- b) eliminating the possibility of tampering with the cheque.
- c) reducing the cheque into tiny bits.
- d) erasing the handwriting on the cheque.
- e) enabling one to remove any possible errors.

02. The customer who deposited the cheque

- a) really wanted to open an account in his own name.
- b) was a well-known member of the artistic community.
- c) intended to disintegrate the cheque when he was in transit.
- d) was assured that it would bounce.
- e) intended to defraud the bank.

03. Many a bank puts a hold on out-of-state cheque

- a) because all of them are invariably returned for lack of funds.
- b) so that they may be withdrawn at once when being deposited.
- c) allow the police enough time to check their authenticity.
- d) until they receive a confirmation that the cheques are valid.
- e) so as to safeguard the withdrawer's integrity.

04. Which alternative is synonymous with "unwittingly" (bold type and underlined)?

- a) unknowingly
- b) unblushingly
- c) understandably
- d) unbelievably
- e) uneasily

05. Which alternative is a Portuguese equivalent of "withdraw" (bold type and underlined)?

- a) desenhá com
- b) sacar
- c) retirada
- d) depositar
- e) reembolso

Two: Language Control

Indicate the alternative which would correctly complete each of the following sentences.

06. "..... do banks put an out-of-state cheque on hold, sir ?"
"For several days."

- a) How far
- b) How long
- c) How frequent
- d) How much
- e) How high

07. The cheque of the customer had not been returned,

- a) hadn't it
- b) does it
- c) hasn't it
- d) did it
- e) had it

08. The driver asked the policeman to the nearest hospital.

- a) how would it
- b) if farther was it
- c) how quickly was it
- d) where would it be
- e) how far it was.

09. He shivered like a man who is cold.

- a) in
- b) very
- c) in a
- d) with
- e) like

10. The waiter was that we didn't feel like complaining.

- a) so a nice man
- b) such nice man
- c) so nice man
- d) such a nice man
- e) such nice a man

11. My cousin felt annoyed with when she saw what had happened.

- a) themselves
- b) herself
- c) oneself
- d) himself
- e) yourself

12. Not only tired but very hungry as well.

- a) he is
- b) he has been
- c) was he
- d) will be he
- e) he did

13. They since early this morning let them have a rest.

- a) work
- b) would work
- c) have been worked
- d) are working
- e) have been working

14. She's as you think she is.

- a) cleverer
- b) less foolish
- c) not stupid
- d) more of a fool
- e) not so absent-minded

15. A football team is made eleven players.

- a) of
- b) into
- c) within
- d) up of
- e) against

16. He refrained commenting on the economic crisis.

- a) to
- b) from
- c) about
- d) within
- e) at

17. I was very happy him that he'd won the prize.

- a) to tell
- b) tell
- c) told
- d) have told
- e) were telling

18. I knew he his driving test if he hard enough.

- a) can pass / had a try
- b) would pass / tried
- c) passed / would try
- d) could not pass / will try
- e) will pass / had not tried

19. We saw Mrs. Jones two occasions last week.

- a) at
- b) in
- c) by
- d) from
- e) on

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20. I don't believe you'll have difficulty in obtaining a license soon.

- a) a great deal b) much c) many
d) a lot e) a few

21. They there three years ago.

- a) must go b) ought to go
c) might have gone d) have gone
e) should be going

22. You are for me.

- a) enough clever b) too much cleverer
c) far too clever d) very much cleverer
e) too far clever

23. Is there food left for tomorrow?

- a) any b) plenty c) a few d) many e) fewer

24. My flat is comfortable than my parent's.

- a) much more b) as c) too much
d) very e) far too

25. Which of the sentences below cannot be changed into the passive voice?

- a) The customer could not withdraw the money immediately.
b) One or more scam artists have at least fourteen cheques.
c) The \$ 4,000 cheque had apparently appeared.
d) A woman opened an account at that bank.
e) Several banks have already accepted cheques coated with a chemical.



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