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https／／www．100test．com／kao＿ti2020／164／2021＿2022＿PET SLevel5 c88＿164279．htm 1 It æemed asif the report about everyone having cometo open an account had been accurate after all．Edwina could se the big man leaning back expansively，still holding hisdollar bills Hisvoice cut acrossthe noise of other conversations and she heard him proclaim，＂l＇min no hurry．There＇ssomethingl＇d likeyou to explain．＇Two other deskswerequickly manned by other clerks W ith equal speed，long wide lines of people formed in front of them． N ormally，threemembersof staff were ample to handle new account business，but obviously were inadequate now．Edwina could ঙe Tottenhoe on the far side of the bank and called him on the intercom．She instructed，＂Usemore desksfor new accountsand take all the staff you can spare to man them．＂2Tottenhoegrumbled in reply，＂You realize we can＇t possibly processall these people today，and however many we do will tie usup completely．＂＂I＇vean idea，＂Edwina said，＂that＇swhat someone hasin mind．Just hurry the processing all you can．＂3First，an application form called for detailsof residence，employment，social security，and family matters． A specimen signature was obtained．Then proof of identity was needed．A fter that，the new accountsclerk would take all documents to an officer of the bank for approval and initialing．Finally，asavings passoook wasmade out or atemporary checkbook issued．T herefore the most new accountsthat any bank employee could open in an hour were five，so the threeclerkspresently working might handle a
total of ninety in one businessday, if they kept going at top speed, which wasunlikely. 4 Still the noise within the bank increased. It had become an uproar. A further problem wasthat the growing mass of arrivalsin the central public area of the bank waspreventing accessto tellers' countersby other customers. Edwina could see afew of them outside, regarding the milling scene with consternation. W hile she watched, several gave up and walked away.Inside the bank some of the newcomerswere engaging tellersin conversation and the tellers, having nothing else to do becauæe of the mele, chatted back. Two assistant managershad gone to the central floor area and were trying to regulate the flood of people so asto clear some space at counters They were having small success 5 She decided it wastime for her own intervention. Edwinaleft the platform and arailed- off staff area and, with difficulty, made her way through the milling crowd to the main front door. A. Yet she knew however much they hurried it would still taketen to fifteen minutesto open any single new account. It alwaysdid. The paperwork required that time. B. But still no hosility wasevident. Everyone in the now jam- packed bank who wasspoken to by membersof the staff answered politely and with a smile. It semed, Edwinathought, asif all who were here had been briefed to be on best behavior. C. A security guard directed him, "O ver there for new accounts" Theguard pointed to adesk where aclerk ?ayoung girl ?sat waiting. She appeared nervous. The big man walked toward her, smiled reassuringly, and sat down. Immediately a press of othersmoved into aragged line behind him, waiting for their turn. D. Even leaning cloæe to the intercom, it was
hard to hear above the noise．E．Even tripling the present complement of clerkswould permit very few morethan two hundred and fifty accountsto be opened in aday，yet already，in the first few minutes of business，the bank wascrammed with at least four hundred people，with still moreflooding in，and the lineoutside， which Edwina rose to check，appeared aslong asever．F．O bviously someone had alerted the pressin advance，which explained the presence of theTV cameracrew outside．Edwinawondered who had done it．Part CAnswer questions1－10by referring to the comments on 3different carsin the following magazine article．N ote：A nswer each question by choosing A，B or C and mark it on ANSW ER SHEET 1 100T est下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www．100test．com

