What's My Financial I.Q.? What do I know and practice? 1. I can write a check to pay a bill. 2. I balance my checkbook regularly. 3. I can balance my monthly checking account statement from the bank each month. 4. I pay my bills when they are due. 5. I have credit accounts in my name. 6. My credit card(s) is/are at a competitive interest rate. \Box \Box 7. I have a list of all my credit card numbers and whom to contact in case they are 8. I check my credit card statements against my receipts on a monthly basis. \Box 9. I pay the entire balance on my credit card bill each month. \Box 10. I obtain copies of my credit report annually to check its accuracy. 11. I have a good credit rating. 12. I know how much money I spend each month/year to live and can account for my spending. \Box \Box П 13. I have a monthly spending plan. 14. I have a savings account in my own name. 15. I plan ahead for large expenses such as insurance premiums, holiday shopping, and appliance replacement. 16. My monthly credit card payments are less than 20 percent of my take-home pay. 17. I save a minimum of 10 percent of my income. 18. My home and valuables are adequately insured. 19. I have a written, photographic, and/or video-taped record of my household goods. 20. I have an emergency fund of six months of income easily available in a savings account, money market, or CD. 21. I know what Social Security or other benefits will be available to me at 62 and 65. 22. I can locate my family records: marriage, birth, divorce, and death. 23. I can locate the certificates and records of my stocks and bonds. 24. I know where my safe deposit box is located and where the key is kept. 25. I have a record of the important papers I keep in my safe deposit box and know where this record is located. 26. I can locate my insurance policies: disability, life, health, property, and automobile. 27. I know the kinds and amounts of disability, life, health, and auto insurance protection I have and am comfortable with my coverage.

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