Forensic Science Notes Guide  
Unit 10: Questioned Documents

**Vocabulary:**
- questioned document
- typescript
- FISH
- forgery
- exemplar
- counterfeit

1. What is “FISH?”

2. Describe what to look for in each of the following 12 handwriting traits?
   a. line quality
   b. spacing
   c. size consistency
   d. continuous
   e. connecting letters
f. letters complete

g. cursive and printed letters

h. pen pressure

i. slant

j. line habits

k. fancy curls or loops

l. letter characteristics

3. Give an example of an altered document “addition.” How can infrared luminescence help to reveal an addition?
4. How is an erasure different from an obliteration?

5. List and describe each of the 3 types of forgery.
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 

6. Describe at least 2 methods a bank might use to prevent check forgery.

7. What country is the leading manufacturer of counterfeit US currency? What do they use it for?
8. Describe at least 2 features on US currency that help discourage counterfeiting?

9. How does a counterfeit-detecting pen work? What colors will it show on a real and fake bill?