



Novocaine Wins Opening Day Battle Over 'Mickey 17'

Description

Movie theaters have been quiet lately, with 2025 shaping up to be a slow year for the film industry. This weekend, despite the release of two new movies - "Novocaine" and "Black Bag" - it looks like box office numbers will be lower than usual. The last time this happened was back in February 2024.

"Novocaine" seems to be leading the pack, with "Black Bag" and last week's "Mickey 17" not far behind. "Novocaine" is an action-comedy about a banker turned vigilante who can't feel pain. The movie is expected to make around \$8.5 million in its opening weekend.

On the other hand, "Black Bag" is a spy thriller directed by Steven Soderbergh, with a star-studded cast including Cate Blanchett and Michael Fassbender. The movie cost \$50 million to make and is hoping to do well internationally.

Meanwhile, "Mickey 17" is expected to drop to second place this weekend, with disappointing earnings compared to its production budget. Other movies like "Captain America: Brave New World" and "The Day the Earth Blew Up: A Looney Tunes Movie" are also vying for a spot in the top five at the box office.

Overall, the film industry is facing challenges, with some movies struggling to make a profit in theaters.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Vigilante** /ˌvɪdʒ.ɪˈlænti/ (noun): A person who takes law enforcement into their own hands.
2. **Thriller** /ˈθrɪlər/ (noun): A novel play or movie with an exciting plot typically involving crime or espionage.
3. **Profit** /ˈprɒfɪt/ (noun): Financial gain especially the difference between the amount earned and the amount spent.
4. **Production** /prəˈdʌkʃən/ (noun): The process of making or manufacturing something.
5. **Expectations** /ˌɛkspekˈteɪʃənz/ (noun): Strong beliefs that something will happen or be the case in the future.
6. **Disappointing** /ˌdɪs.əˈpɔɪn.tɪŋ/ (adjective): Failing to fulfill someone's hopes or expectations.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What genre does the movie



- Option: Action-Comedy
- Option: Spy Thriller
- Option: Romantic Drama
- Option: Horror

2. Who is the director of the movie

- Option: Steven Soderbergh
- Option: Christopher Nolan
- Option: Quentin Tarantino
- Option: Martin Scorsese

3. Which movie is anticipated to lead the box office in its opening weekend?

- Option: Novocaine
- Option: Black Bag
- Option: Mickey 17
- Option: Captain America: Brave New World

4. What is the production budget of the movie

- Option: \$20 million
- Option: \$50 million
- Option: \$100 million
- Option: \$200 million

5. Which movie is expected to drop to second place this weekend?

- Option: Mickey 17
- Option: Novocaine
- Option: Black Bag
- Option: Captain America: Brave New World

6. In which year did the last box office decline similar to 2025 occur?

- Option: 2022
- Option: 2023
- Option: 2024
- Option: 2026

True-False

7. The movie



8. The movie
9. The film
10. There are no other movies competing for a spot in the top five at the box office.
11. The movie
12. The challenges faced by the film industry are leading to increased profitability for most movies.

Gap-Fill

15. The last time box office numbers were lower than usual was in February _____.
16. The chairman of Tata Group from 1990 to _____ was Ratan Naval Tata.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Action-Comedy 2. Steven Soderbergh 3. Novocaine 4. \$50 million 5. Mickey 17 6. 2024
True-False: 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False
Gap-Fill: 15. 2024 16. 2012

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term refers to a condition where the immune system mistakenly attacks the body?
Option: Hospitalized
Option: Autoimmune
Option: Colonoscopy
Option: Resilience
2. Which term typically refers to the process of creating goods or services?
Option: Visuals
Option: Profit
Option: Production
Option: Anxiety
3. Which word is used to describe a state of being or the circumstances in which someone or something



exists?

- Option: Superpower
- Option: Expectations
- Option: Vigilante
- Option: Condition

4. Which term is used to describe a mental health condition characterized by obsessive thoughts and compulsive behaviors?

- Option: Manifest
- Option: Obsessive-compulsive disorder
- Option: Anxiety
- Option: Diverse

5. Which term relates to having knowledge or perception of a situation or fact?

- Option: Romance
- Option: Awareness
- Option: Profit
- Option: Achievements

6. Which word is often used to describe what is believed will happen in the future?

- Option: Profit
- Option: Expectations
- Option: Disappointing
- Option: Credence

7. Which term means to show something clearly or to display a quality or feeling?

- Option: Thriller
- Option: Manifest
- Option: Merchandise
- Option: Sustainable

8. Which term is often related to love relationships or idealistic notions of affection?

- Option: Intrusive
- Option: Resilience
- Option: Romance
- Option: Prestigious

9. Which term describes a feeling of worry nervousness or unease about something with an uncertain outcome?

- Option: Condition
- Option: Anxiety
- Option: Strategy



Option: Disappointing

10. Which term is often used to describe something that requires a lot of effort attention or resources?

Option: Demands

Option: Thriller

Option: Superpower

Option: Credence

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ is the ability to recover from setbacks adapt well to change and keep going in the face of adversity.

12. A _____ is a novel play or movie with an exciting plot that typically involves suspense and danger.

13. _____ is the financial gain that is obtained from operating a business or engaging in a transaction.

14. _____ are the successes or accomplishments that someone achieves through skill and effort.

15. _____ refers to goods available for purchase or sale especially those related to a specific event or brand.

16. A _____ is a plan of action designed to achieve a long-term goal or overall aim.

17. _____ practices are those that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

18. A _____ group includes a wide range of different things or people.

19. A _____ award honor or position is one that is respected and admired because it is



seen as being associated with excellence or success.

20. _____ refers to the ability of an organism or fluid to move or contract.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. A procedure that allows a doctor to view the inside of the large intestine (colon).
22. A person who takes the law into their own hands especially without legal authority.
23. Failing to fulfill someone's hopes expectations or needs.
24. An extraordinary or supernatural ability typically possessed by a fictional character.
25. Graphic or pictorial representations that aid in understanding or decoration.
26. Belief in or acceptance of something as true especially without proof.
27. To display or show a quality or feeling.
28. The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
29. Goods available for sale especially those associated with a specific event or brand.
30. A plan of action designed to achieve a major or overall aim.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Autoimmune 2. Production 3. Condition 4. Obsessive-compulsive disorder 5. Awareness 6. Expectations 7. Manifest 8. Romance 9. Anxiety 10. Demands

Gap-Fill: 11. Resilience 12. Thriller 13. Profit 14. Achievements 15. Merchandise 16. Strategy 17. Sustainable 18. Diverse 19. Prestigious 20. Motility

Matching sentence: 1. Colonoscopy 2. Vigilante 3. Disappointing 4. Superpower 5. Visuals 6. Credence 7. Manifest 8. Resilience 9. Merchandise 10. Strategy

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