Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. The receipt linked two hijackers from different flights to the same physical document on the same day, proving coordination between cells. Its value was connective, not monetary — small records establish relationships that large transfers cannot.

2. Certainty came from convergence: hundreds of independent records — receipts, transfers, manifests, camera footage — all pointing to the same reconstruction. No single item proved the case; their agreement did, which is the core logic of forensic corroboration.

Multiple Choice

1. A
2. C
3. B

Matching

1-E, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B, 5-C

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) PENTTBOM, 2) 500,000, 3) Atta

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Each source had limits — DNA proved presence but not planning, transfers proved funding but not identity, documents could be forged. Overlapping strands checked each other, producing a reconstruction no single-source challenge could break.

Q2: Financial tracing exposed the plot's structure — facilitators, paymasters, and cells — and banking laws were rewritten to detect such flows in advance. Money leaves mandatory records, making it one of the few plot elements terrorists cannot easily hide.

Q3: Answers will vary. Strong responses note the hijackers lived quietly yet left receipts, camera images, enrollment files, and wire records that reconstructed the plot almost hourly — suggesting large plots leave sprawling evidence trails, though detection before an attack requires assembling fragments in time.