Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Bin Laden had abandoned phones and internet, so there was no electronic trail to intercept. The reading shows the winning thread was human — a courier's alias assembled from interrogation fragments over years — and Dana's patient cataloging is exactly that method: small details filed until they converge.
2. Multiple senior prisoners independently downplaying one man formed a pattern of deflection, suggesting he was worth protecting. Intelligence work, as the compound analysis also shows, often builds probability from indirect signs — high walls, burned trash, coordinated denials — rather than direct proof.

Multiple Choice

1. B
2. D
3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) PENTTBOM, 2) Pakistan, 3) imagination

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Money leaves footprints that cannot misremember or lie: every transfer names accounts and links people. Tracing the plot's $400,000-$500,000 cost — including leftover funds wired back to a coordinator — mapped the network's facilitators and reshaped counterterrorism around financial intelligence.
Q2: Legal and cultural barriers kept intelligence agencies and criminal investigators from sharing information. The CIA's knowledge of two future hijackers reached the FBI too slowly, the Phoenix memo went unread, and Minneapolis agents could not search Moussaoui's laptop — pieces existed, but the wall kept them scattered.

Q3: Answers will vary. Strong responses note the decisive thread was a small human detail — a courier's alias — assembled patiently over years after electronic surveillance failed, and that analysts acted on probability rather than certainty. Persistence and filing, not thunderbolts, closed the case.