Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. The reading describes this exact profile: in August 2001, instructors in Minnesota grew alarmed by Zacarias Moussaoui, who wanted to fly a Boeing 747 despite minimal experience, and their report led to his arrest, though the warning was never connected to the wider plot. A student skipping the normal path to a license has a purpose other than becoming a pilot. The partner's reaction shows how easily people explain away odd behavior when acting on it seems awkward or bad for business.

2. Dana noticed the anomaly and reported it, but her report disappeared into a system that did not connect it to anything. Individual vigilance only matters if institutions collect, share, and act on scattered warnings. The 9/11 Commission reached the same conclusion, recommending reforms so that separate agencies would share information instead of holding pieces of the puzzle in isolation.

Multiple Choice

1. B
2. C
3. D

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) the base, 2) Tanzania, 3) Arizona

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Al-Qaeda expected the attacks to frighten the United States into withdrawing from the Middle East and to inspire uprisings across the Muslim world. Instead, the United States invaded Afghanistan within a month, destroyed al-Qaeda's camps, and hunted its leaders for a decade, and no wave of uprisings occurred.

Q2: The comparison means that understanding causes is necessary for prevention, not for sympathy. Doctors study diseases to stop them, not to excuse them. In the same way, studying extremists' grievances and methods helps governments spot warning signs and avoid policies that create new recruits, without ever justifying the violence itself.

Q3: Bin Laden believed the Soviet defeat proved that a superpower could be bled into retreat by determined fighters. He applied that lesson to America, citing withdrawals from Lebanon and Somalia as evidence that the United States would not absorb losses. That belief convinced him that one devastating attack could drive American forces out of the region entirely.