

ANSWER KEY

WHILE READING

A. Match the antonyms (words with the opposite meaning)

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| 1. idle | a. increase |
| 2. reduce | b. credulous |
| 3. bachelor | c. planned |
| 4. accidental | d. useful |
| 5. suspicious | e. married man |

1. d
2. a
3. e
4. c
5. b

B. Say (T) rue or (F)alse. If (F)alse, give the correct answer.

1. Lord Peter Wimsey and Mr. Death Bredon are the same person. (T)
2. Victor Dean died because he accidentally fell down the iron staircase. (F)
3. The onyx scarab belonging to Victor Dean was found beneath the staircase because it fell from the dead man's pocket. (F)
4. Dian de Momerie believed that the Harlequin was Lord Peter Wimsey's cousin. (T)
5. The packet Hector Puncheon found in his pocket contained "Bicarbonate of Soda". (F)
6. Peter Wimsey used to be a good cricket-player at Oxford. (T)
7. If Dean had not blackmailed Tallboy, he would not have been murdered.(T)
8. Lady Mary is Lord Peter Wimsey's wife. (F)
9. Mr. Smith is a person who actually does not exist. (T)
10. Mr. Pym was found out to be the top-man responsible for dope traffic. (F)

Chapter 1

Who says these sentences? (Mr. Hankin, Mr. Bredon, Mr. Ingleby, Miss Rossiter)

1. "They don't like too much being said about the iron staircase." (Miss Rossiter)
2. "The headline is more than half the battle" (Mr. Hankin)
3. "And oh, Mr. Bredon, do you mind putting down your full name and address on this card?" (Miss Rossiter)
4. "The man whose room you've got fell down it last week and killed himself." (Mr. Ingleby)
5. "You frightened me so, shouting like that." (Mr. Bredon)

Chapter 2

Read Part 2 carefully and fill in the blanks with the following words:

- a) wish b) put one's foot in it c) taste d) fair e) bought f) believe g) grip h) attempt
i) interviewed j) examined

1. He did not make any attempt to save himself.
2. Mr. Bredon was asked to taste different sorts of porridge and report on them.
3. Death Bredon examined the list he found in the drawer with great attention.
4. Mr. Willis did not wish to discuss Mr. Dean at all
5. "Don't always believe what you see" says Bredon.
6. It's so easy to put one's foot in in a new place.
7. There are things that can't be bought without money.
8. Dean did not loosen his grip of the big book he was carrying when he fell down the iron staircase
9. Ingleby did not like Dean because he did not play fair.
10. The Managing Director usually interviewed new members of his staff after a week had passed

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Chapter 3

Summarize the story in Part 3 in your own words. Follow this guide.

1. Who followed Mr. Bredon and Miss Dean?

Mr. Willis followed Mr. Bredon and Miss Dean.

2. What did Mr. Bredon and Miss Dean do at the place they went to?

They had lunch.

3. What did Mr. Bredon and Mr. Willis talk after Miss Dean left?

Mr. Willis warned Mr. Bredon not to get Miss Dean mixed up with dirty business.

4. What did Mrs. Crump mention to have seen lying in the passage on the day Mr. Dean died?

A kind of carved stone.

5. What is the relationship between Lord Peter Wimsey and Chief-Inspector Parker?

Chief-Inspector Parker is Lord Peter Wimsey's brother-in-law.

6. How does Lord Peter Wimsey summarize the mysterious events that occurred at Pym's publicity agency?

A young man named Victor Dean, employed as a copy-writer in the firm of Pym's Publicity, falls down an iron staircase and dies at once, before he can finish a warning letter he starts to write ten days before his death.

7. Why has Lord Peter Wimsey suspected of the death of Victor Dean?

Because Dean had not attempted to stop his fall and Mrs. Crump had found a smooth stone similar to Dean's scarab, lying in the same passage at the foot of the iron staircase.

8. What evidence has Wimsey found out that supports his suspicions?

A place where the paint had been chipped off the skylight over the staircase.

9. Are Death Bredon and Lord Peter Wimsey two different persons?

No they aren't.

10. Is the death of Victor Dean the main irregularity Wimsey should hunt for? Why?

No because in order to find the murderer he must first find out why the murder was done.

Chapter 4

Put in OUT, OFF, ON, UP, TO, FOR or AT.

1. He had to wait for a telephone call from the inspector.
2. While he stood unsteadily a blow landed on his jaw.
3. Mary turned off the light and called out to hear if there was anybody there.
4. Lady Mary smiled at this remark and turned to her brother.
5. Mr. Parker sat up so suddenly that his head and shoulder hurt him.
6. He rang up Pamela Dean whom he found at home.

Chapter 5

Match these words from Part 5 with their meanings and definitions.

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| 1. disgrace | a. words printed at the top of an article in a newspaper, booklet, etc. |
| 2. unpleasant | b. to say or read out something for someone else to write down |
| 3. firm | c. a company or business |
| 4. crisis | d. shame or loss of favour or respect |
| 5. quarrel | e. the act or sound of laughing |
| 6. headline | f. to cause a person or company to lose all their money or reputation |
| 7. manners | g. not enjoyable or pleasant |
| 8. laughter | h. a situation that has reached an extremely difficult or dangerous point |
| 9. dictate | i. an angry disagreement between two or more people or groups |
| 10. ruin | j. polite ways of treating other people and behaving in public |

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| 1 – d | 2 – g | 3 – c | 4 – h | 5 – i | 6 – a | 7 – j |
| 8 – e | 9 – b | 10 – f | | | | |

Chapter 6

Answer these questions.

1. Why did Dian de Momerie follow the car into a wood?

Because she thought that the driver was the so called mysterious man she would see when she least expected.

2. Where was the mysterious driver of the leading car hiding?

Up in the branches of a tree.

3. What was the relationship between Victor Dean and Madam Momerie?

Momerie was told by Milligan to first make friends with and then drop Dean.

4. Why wouldn't Madam Momerie try to drop Tod Milligan?

Because Milligan supplies Momerie with cocaine.

5. Did Madam Momerie manage to find out who the Harlequin was?

No she couldn't.

Chapter 7

Arrange the sentences. They tell the story in Part 7.

- a. ___ Tallboy asks Bredon whether he plays cricket.
- b. ___ Tallboy decides to leave Smayle out of the match because of the Nutrax row.
- c. ___ Chief-Inspector Parker is attacked on the stairs.
- d. ___ Mr. Wedderburn suggests Bredon to be included in the list.
- e. ___ Bredon unwillingly accepts to play cricket for the match against Brotherhood's.

c, b, d, a, e

Chapter 8

Finish the words and match the synonyms (words with the same meaning).

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| _____ 1. w _ _ _ n _ _ _ g: | a) fatality |
| _____ 2. _ i _ _ _ _ _ se: | b) inconvenient; difficult |
| _____ 3. a _ _ _ w _ _ _ d : | c) custom; practice; routine |
| _____ 4. d _ _ _ t _ _ : | d) notice; caution |
| _____ 5. h _ _ b _ _ _ : | e) mask; hide |

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| 1. warning | d) notice; caution |
| 2. disguise | e) mask; hide |
| 3. awkward | b) inconvenient; difficult |
| 4. death | a) fatality |
| 5. habit | c) custom; practice; routine |

Chapter 9

Make correct sentences from Part 9 with these words.

1. Gentleman / evening dress / want / give / Puncheon / drink / but / excuse / go home.
The gentleman in evening dress wanted to give Puncheon a drink but he excused himself and went home.
2. Next morning / when / to dress / find / pocket / little packet.
Next morning when he was dressing, he found in his pocket a little packet.
3. More / Puncheon / to think / about / packet / more / mysterious / seem.
The more Puncheon thought about the packet, the more mysterious it seemed to him.
4. The chemist / say / it / cocaine.
The chemist said that it was cocaine.
5. Chief-Inspector Parker / send / two men / White Swan / after / listen / whole story.
Chief-Inspector Parker sent two men to White Swan after listening to the whole story.

Chapter 10

A. Translate these sentences from Part 10 into your language.

1. Am I disturbing you? Sizi rahatsız etmiyorum ya?
2. How do you know about that? Bunu nereden biliyorsun?
3. He must have had a pretty good reason for going round with Dian de Momerie's crowd.
Dian de Momerie'nin grubu ile dolaşmak için sağlam bir gerekçesi olmalıydı.
4. Lend me a pen one moment. Bana kalemini bir dakikalığına ödünç ver.
5. If you are sad without reason, you may weary both yourself and your friends. Nedensiz üzülürsen hem kendini hem dostlarını yorarsın.

B. Match these idiomatic sentences with their explanations.

1. They don't seem to hit it off very well.
 2. He did not behave as he should.
 3. He is the sort of man who makes what he can out of his friends.
 4. He addressed the letter to T. Smith.
 5. He was caught by eye in the act.
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- a) The name of the receiver he wrote on the envelope was T. Smith.
 - b) It is as if they can't get on together.
 - c) He noticed what had happened.
 - d) His manners were not acceptable.
 - e) He only thinks of himself and never of his friends.

1. b
2. d
3. e
4. a
5. c

Chapter 11

Ask questions for these sentences in Part 11.

1. Why does the Harlequin introduce himself as Wimsey's cousin Bredon ?
Because he knew that his appearance would disappoint Milligan and Momerie.
2. Why does Bredon decide to work at Pym's Publicity ?
Because Bredon was informed by his cousin Wimsey's police friends that Dean knew something fishy about Pym's.
3. What is being run from Pym's Publicity ?
Cocaine trade.
4. Why did Milligan tell Momerie to drop Victor Dean ?
Because Dean tried to use the knowledge he got from Milligan to make money for himself.
5. What causes Bredon to demand for 60 per cent profit?
Bredon takes the biggest risk.

Chapter 12

Look at the picture on page 71 in Part 12 and answer these questions.

1. What is the scene of the picture?
A train station.
2. Why do some people seem to be alarmed?
Because two men have fallen under the train.
3. Who is the person following the two unlucky men?
Police Constable Eagles
4. Is the unpleasant event prevented?
No it isn't.
5. Which man causes the other to fall down?
Dr. Herbert Garfield causes the mysterious man that Puncheon was after to fall down.

Chapter 13

Read Part 13 carefully and correct the wrong words in each sentence.

1. Some accidents are too accidental to be true.
2. Mountjoy was killed because he was fool enough to let Puncheon recognize and follow him.
3. The people who call for their dope never get it more than once from the same place.
4. Lord Peter Wimsey took the job at Pym's because he thought that advertising might be rather fun.
5. Somebody is running dope-traffic from Pym's office.

Chapter 14

Use do / don't / does / doesn't / can / can't / must in the following sentences from Part 14.

1. Can I see Mr. Smith?
2. You don't mind Mary, do you?
3. Peterkin will get a motor-boat the next day but first he must sleep.
4. Do you see what I mean?
5. Messages can't be delivered to a man who doesn't exist.
6. Does that mean anything to you?
7. Mr. Smith doesn't have a flat or shop of his own which is very strange for a stockbroker.

can: possibility, ability, future possibility

can't: no ability

must: obligation

do, does, don't, doesn't: simple present tense; imperative

Chapter 15

Here is the definition. Now find the word in Part 15.

1. points taken: score
2. seriously; as well as one can: in earnest
3. confused: puzzled
4. remind: recall
5. a bit of luck: jam

Chapter 16

Match these sentences.

- _____ 1. Death Bredon is smuggled out Scotland Yard by the back entrance (c).
_____ 2. The very similar photos of Bredon and Wimsey in the newspapers (e).
_____ 3. Despite his illness Tallboy phoned the office (a).
_____ 4. Wimsey thought that Tallboy was not yet killed (b).
_____ 5. According to the headline "Stale, Falt, and Unprofitable" (d).

- a) to learn what the new headline and code was.
- b) because the crime syndicate did not have a new plan yet.
- c) because he also has to appear as Lord Peter Wimsey at the same scene.
- d) Wimsey marked The Stag, Drury Lane in the Telephone Directory.
- e) caused Miss Meteyard to be puzzled since she thought they were the same person.

Chapter 17

Answer these questions.

1. Why did Lord Peter Wimsey say that there wasn't very much Tallboy could tell him?

Because the game was out of Wimsey's hands and under the control of the police.

2. How did Tallboy get involved in the crime syndicate?

Tallboy was promised by a man whom he had only met once to be paid a thousand pounds a year if he would let him know, every Tuesday, the first letter of the Nutrax headline for the following Friday.

3. Who killed Victor Dean and why?

Victor Dean was murdered by Tallboy whom he had blackmailed.

4. Why does Tallboy helplessly try to find a way out of this crime?

Because of his wife and child.

5. What happens to Tallboy at the end of the story?

He is killed.