Pre-Intermediate Level

Points for Understanding Answer Key

Diamonds Are Forever
Ian Fleming

1 1 The smuggler met the helicopter pilot once every month.
2 The smuggler wanted more money because diamond smuggling was getting more dangerous. The smugglers were being watched.
3 The pilot told the smuggler not to ask for too much more money.

2 1 The paper packets were full of diamonds.
2 Most of the smuggled diamonds from Africa passed through London and then on to America. So it was M’s business to stop this happening.
3 Bond was going to take the place of the carrier and smuggle some diamonds into America. Then he had to find the American criminals who bought the diamonds.

3 1 Peter Franks carried diamonds to America and that was very dangerous. He was stupid, because he talked about his job to a girl in a bar. He should not have told anyone about it.
2 The ‘guard’ was a girl called Tiffany Case. Every smuggler had a guard to watch them. The smugglers were not trusted.
3 Vallance wants Bond to find the answers to three questions. And he wants Bond to find the big men.
4 Franks: dark-haired and handsome, a diamond smuggler.
   Miss Case: born in San Francisco, stays at the Trafalgar Palace, aged twenty-seven.
   Rufus B. Saye: aged forty-five, works in Hatton Garden, goes to Paris a lot.
5 Sergeant Dankwaerts had given the names of some missing diamonds to Saye. The names were false, but Saye did not know that. He could not be a diamond merchant.

4 1 Bond told Tiffany Case that he wanted to smuggle diamonds because he had killed someone. He had to leave England. He also needed the money.
2 Yes, Tiffany believed Bond’s story.
3 The diamonds were going to be put into new golf balls. They would be taken to America in Bond’s golf bag.
4 Tiffany phoned someone called ABC and told him the plan.

5 1 The Spangled Mob is an American gang. It is controlled by the Spang brothers. The Spangled Mob buys and sells drugs. It is one of the biggest gangs in America.
2 If Bond got into danger, he had to tell M (‘report to headquarters’). The FBI would then take over the job.
3 Nobody would think that the new golf balls had diamonds inside. They would be safe with Bond’s other golfing things.
4 False. Bond recognized Tiffany Case, but he had not seen the two businessmen before.

6 1 In New York, Bond was taken to a shop called ‘House of Diamonds’. There, he met a man called ‘Shady’ Tree.
2 Because if a man suddenly had too much money, he might get careless. Then the police might question him.
3 Bond was going to win the rest of the money by betting on a horse.
4 The number was ‘Shady’ Tree’s phone number: Wisconsin 73697. Tree gave Bond the name of a race – the Perpetuities Stakes – and the name of a horse running in it – Shy Smile.
7 1 Felix Leiter was an American secret agent. Bond had last seen him in Florida.
   2 He had a metal hook instead of his right hand.
   3 Leiter could not do his old work for the CIA any more because he had a false leg and a false arm. He investigated drugs and found out about fixed races.
   4 Pickapepper and Shy Smile looked the same. Shy Smile was a slow horse, but Pickapepper was very fast. So Shy Smile was shot and his name was given to Pickapepper. Now the Spangled Mob could bet on the fast horse with the slow horse's name and win a lot of money.
   5 Tiffany Case met Seraffimo Spang in Reno. He gave Tiffany a job at his casino in Las Vegas. Seraffimo and his brother, Jack, controlled the Spangled Mob.
   6 Leiter told Bond to be very careful. The gangsters in the Spangled Mob were some of the worst in America and very dangerous.

8 1 Bond told Tiffany that he was pleased to be working with Tree and the Spangled Mob. He did not trust her enough to tell her the truth, but he wanted to.
   2 No, Bond and Tiffany were not going to the same place. Tiffany was going to Las Vegas and Bond was going to Saratoga.
   3 Tiffany was afraid of the Spangled Mob. She was angry because Bond did not understand that the gangsters were very dangerous. Bond was angry because Tiffany said that he would like working with gangsters.
   4 Tiffany was crying because she was frightened that Bond was in danger. She was also falling in love with him.

9 1 Jack Spang was at the start of the diamond smuggling pipeline. His other name was Rufus B. Saye. Seraffimo Spang was at the end of the pipeline. Shady Tree received the diamonds in New York, at the House of Diamonds.
   2 Leiter took Bond to Saratoga in August. They were going to the races which were only held in that month.
   3 Shy Smile was owned by Pissaro. The horse's rider was ‘Tingaling’ Bell and it was trained by ‘Rosy’ Budd.
   4 Bell was being paid by Leiter to lose the race.

10 1 The fastest horse was not the favourite, because everyone thought that it was the slow horse, Shy Smile. Tingaling was going to make sure that the horse was disqualified. Then it would not win.
   2 Tingaling was going to get three thousand dollars.

11 1 Bond felt unhappy. He did not like the look of the dirty building and he did not want a mud bath.
   2 Bond climbed into the coffin and was covered with mud. Then a sheet was pulled round him. Now Bond could not move.
   3 The first man was Tingaling Bell. He got into another box near Bond and was covered with mud. Then two men with black hoods over their heads came in. They had guns. They covered Tingaling's head with very hot mud.
   4 Leiter told Bond that the men were gangsters, called Wint and Kidd. They worked for the Spangled Mob.
   5 So that Bond would go to Las Vegas and use it to win five thousand dollars in the Tiara Casino.
   6 Leiter's boss wanted Leiter to find out where Shy Smile's body had been buried.
   7 The double 'O' meant that Bond was allowed to kill people. Leiter was pleased because the Spangled Mob might try to kill Bond.

12 1 The man's name was Ernie Cureo.
   2 Bond stayed at the Tiara.
   3 There was a wire-recorder hidden under the table next to his bed. The gangsters had put it there, to hear everything that Bond said or did.
   4 Because he had been told to play blackjack at ten o’clock.
   5 Because he was bored, and he did not like taking orders from gangsters or trying to please them.
13 1 Tiffany Case was a blackjack dealer.
2 Bond took the five plaques to the nearest roulette table and placed a bet with them.
3 Bond had won twenty thousand dollars altogether. He sent fifteen thousand dollars to M and kept
the rest. Bond had been told to win five thousand dollars at blackjack and then stop gambling. But
he did not like taking orders from gangsters. So he played roulette as well. Bond did not keep the
money because he had got it by smuggling diamonds.

14 1 Bond's question was, 'How does he spend his money?'
2 Spang liked anything to do with the old West, so he bought Spectreville and Rhyolite, two ghost
towns on Highway 95 about fifty miles away from each other. Spectreville had a railway station and
Spang kept an old train there. He rode it along the railway line to Rhyolite at weekends.
3 A man in the Chevrolet shot first. The glass in the back window of Cureo's taxi was broken.
4 Bond was the next man to use his gun. He shot at the Chevrolet four times. The car crashed, caught
fire and exploded.
5 Because there was blood all over Cureo's arm and he could not drive.
6 The three men were Bond and the two gangsters from the red Jaguar.

15 1 The men were taking Bond to Spectreville to see Spang.
2 Bond saw brightly lit buildings and a railway line. There were grey houses and shops. One of the
buildings was a saloon bar.
3 Bond tried to fight McGonigle and Frasso, who had brought him to Spectreville. The fight ended
inside the Pink Garter Saloon Bar.
4 The four people were Mr Spang, Tiffany Case and the two men with black hoods from Saratoga
(Kidd and Wint).
5 The Cannonball was Mr Spang's beautiful old train.
6 Spang knew that Bond was not Peter Franks, the real carrier. Spang thought that Bond was with
the police. The two hooded men, Kidd and Wint, were going to make Bond talk.

16 1 Kidd and Wint had kicked Bond all over his head and body with their heavy boots.
2 Everyone was asleep. Tiffany's plan was to get away with Bond in the handcar. They would go
along the railway line to Rhyolite.
3 Tiffany gave Bond her lighter.
4 Bond knew that the handcar would make a lot of noise. So he poured petrol over the wooden
station and buildings. Then he started a fire and everything was soon covered in flames.
5 After about an hour, Bond and Tiffany were in trouble because The Cannonball was following
them. Then the handcar ran out of petrol.
6 When Bond and Tiffany moved the points, The Cannonball was sent down the side line.
7 Spang was dead so he could not slow the train down. The big train went on down the side line,
crashed into the mountain and burst into flames.
8 Leiter found Bond and Tiffany. His plan was to get them out of the country before the Spangled
Mob killed them.

17 1 False. Bond and Tiffany were going back to England by sea – on the Queen Elizabeth.
2 No. Bond still had to write his report. Then the Secret Service had to find out the truth about Spang
and ABC and their place in the pipeline. Bond thought that his work was nearly finished.
3 Yes, the gangsters knew where Bond was because one of them had seen him get onto the ship.
4 False. Bond did not tell Tiffany all about himself. He told her that he was a government worker, not
a secret agent.
5 Bond said that he liked women who could make good Sauce Béarnaise. So Tiffany made some and
sent it to him. It was very good.
18  1 Bond tried to remember where he had seen the fat man before.
    2 The man's real name was Jack Spang.
    3 Wint and Kidd, the two gangsters, were in cabin A49 and they had Tiffany with them. They were
       asking her questions.
    4 Bond killed both men, but he had another story for the English police. Bond would tell them that
       the fat man had fought the other man, killed him and thrown him out of the cabin window. Then
       the fat man had killed himself.

19  1 First, the helicopter pilot, who was ABC, killed the diamond smuggler. Then ABC tried to get away
    in his helicopter, but Bond shot it down. ABC, or Jack Spang – also called Rufus B. Saye – was killed
    in the flames. The Spangled Mob was finished.
    2 Bond smiled because he was thinking of the beautiful Tiffany Case, who was waiting for him in London.