Before-reading questions

1 Model answer: Night managers welcome late guests and show them their rooms. They look after late food and bar orders. They organize wake-up calls and the things which their guests need in the night. They manage other hotel staff.
2 Reader’s own answer.
3 Reader’s own answer.
4 Reader’s own answer.
5 Reader’s own answer.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

1 She wants him to copy some papers and keep them in the hotel safe with his name on them. If she dies, she wants him to give the papers to Mr Ogilvey.
2 Because Richard Roper telephoned him and told him that other people knew about their business.

CHAPTER TWO

1 Because Mr Quayle is a friend of Mark Ogilvey’s in Cairo, he probably works for British Intelligence.
2 Burr also works for British Intelligence and Jonathan is angry about Sophie’s death. Burr wants to catch Roper and Jonathan is going to help him.

CHAPTER THREE

1 Model answer: He steals from Meister’s and then trains as an agent for British Intelligence. After that he changes his name to “Jack Linden” and goes to live in a cottage in Cornwall and a girl from his village called Marilyn becomes his girlfriend. He makes friends with an Australian man and then they both disappear. The police believe that he murdered the Australian man because of drugs but they cannot find the body. They also know Jonathan’s real name.
2 It is an operation to arrest Roper and his group and stop them from selling drugs in Europe. It involves both British Intelligence and the CIA.
3 Because he does not trust them.

CHAPTER FOUR

1 Burr wants Apostoll to give the cartels information about Corkoran which will stop them from trusting him.
2 Model answer: He probably gets the job because Burr has told him that Roper and his group always come there to eat when they are on the Pasha.

CHAPTER FIVE

1 Because he knows now that Jonathan is alive. Corkoran would not be asking questions about a dead man.
2 She thinks that he owns a company and buys and sells farms.
3 He does not trust him. We know this because he talks about Jonathan changing his name, stealing money from Meister’s and killing the Australian man.

CHAPTER SIX

1 Model answer: Roper thinks that Jonathan was maybe working with the robbers but decided to join Roper when he saw how rich he was. He also questions him about Sophie and Freddie Hamid.
2 He takes his passport and promises him rest and a cottage on the beach.

CHAPTER SEVEN

1 “He thinks that she is awful but cannot stop staring at her. He does not like her but wants to be near her. He is angry with her because she has sold herself to Roper.”
CHAPTER EIGHT

1 He thinks that Caroline Langbourne has told her how Roper really makes his money.
2 He finds a list of Roper’s business contacts.
3 He knows that he has been seeing Jed at night.
4 It is an operation created by Geoffrey Darker and people at the River House which allows them to keep important information secret from Burr.

CHAPTER NINE

1 He told him that Apostoll was working with the CIA and British Intelligence. Burr is worried because Jonathan may not be safe if Apostoll is tortured by the cartels and tells them everything. Burr decides to continue with Operation Limpet.
2 Jonathan passes one of Rooke’s agents information in his laundry.

CHAPTER TEN

1 He showed him the list of contacts that Jonathan found in Roper’s office. Burr is angry because if he hears about this, Roper will guess that Jonathan found it and gave it to British Intelligence.
2 They become worried because the US government will not let them stop the ship which was carrying Roper’s arms, and because Apostoll had been exchanged for a lawyer called Moranti.
3 He watches an unreal battle which includes the arms which Roper is trying to sell to the rich men who are also there.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

1 Model answer: Probably because Roper received a fax from Bradshaw telling him about Apostoll and Corkoran. He guesses that he has been tricked into making Jonathan his signer and that Jonathan has been passing information to British Intelligence and the CIA. Roper has probably told this news to Corkoran, who then told him that Jonathan and Jed have been seeing each other. Roper probably thinks that Jed and Jonathan are “in it” together.
2 So that he can write messages to Rooke.
3 He tells him to forget about catching Darker and his friends and only think about the two ships, catching Roper and saving Jonathan.

CHAPTER TWELVE

1 Model answer: Probably because Darker is worried that Burr will tell the Minister about his connection with Roper and the cartels. It is bad for Jonathan because Burr will not be able to explain that the drugs and murder story is part of the story they created for Jonathan.
2 Model answer: Probably because he knows he cannot save Jonathan and that the Minister is on Darker’s side (the Minister may also be involved in the corruption).
3 He makes him sign a piece of paper allowing Burr to send Darker’s calls to other telephones, where agents are waiting.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

1 Model answer: He probably means that his enemy is not really Roper or others like him, but the corruption in governments and big companies which allows deals like Roper’s to happen.
2 He wants him to make a deal with Roper. He promises that if Roper lets Jonathan and Jed go, they will not arrest him — or Bradshaw.
CHAPTER FOURTEEN

1 He wants to know if she knew that Jonathan was an agent.
2 They go to live in the cottage in Cornwall where Jonathan lived before as Jack Linden. They tell people that they are from Ireland and have come there to keep horses and paint pictures.

After-reading questions

1 Reader’s own answers.
2 Model answer: Probably because Roper will not write his name on any papers connected to his deals. If he did, he could be arrested if drugs or guns are found by the police.
3 Model answer:
   True: Jonathan had gone into the army and had been a soldier in Ireland. After that he had gone to college, where he learned to be a chef, and had worked in hotel kitchens before going into the reception side of hotel work. He had stolen the money from Meister’s and had a girlfriend called Marilyn in Cornwall. He also had a girlfriend called Yvonne in Canada, whose father had hit him.
   False: His boss at Meister’s had not owed him money. He had not murdered the Australian man. A friend had not told him about Mama Low’s restaurant and that it might be a good place to work for a while. (Burr probably knew that Roper liked to eat there.)
4 Reader’s own answers.
5 Reader’s own answers.
6 Reader’s own answers.

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

1 b 2 a 3 f 4 c 5 e 6 g 7 d

CHAPTER TWO

2 1 Jemima Marshall (Jed) is from England. She is young and beautiful and Richard Roper’s girlfriend.
2 Richard Roper is a dealer and lives in Nassau.
3 Jonathan Pine is the night manager of the hotel.
4 Frisky is one of Richard Roper’s bodyguards.
5 Major Corkoran (Corky) signs everything for Roper and looks after the group’s passports.
6 Lord Langbourne is very handsome and married to a woman called Caroline.
7 Leonard Burr manages an agency which helps British Intelligence.
8 Apostoll (Apo) is a lawyer who works for the drugs cartels.

CHAPTER THREE

3 1 After their meeting, he did everything Burr had (have) told him to do.
2 Mrs Trethewey called upstairs to her daughter to tell (tell) her that a nice young man had come to stay in the village.
3 A couple of months later, Jack Linden was seen (see) in Falmouth talking to a large Australian man in a bar.
4 There was lots of blood found (find) at the cottage.
5 “During the last eight years,” said Strelski, “different groups – including (include) French, Israelis and Cubans – have tried to sell arms to these Colombian cartels.”

CHAPTER FOUR

4 1 Where did Strelski land the plane?
2 Why are the cartels buying arms from Roper (and not the Israelis and Cubans)?
3 Who signed all the papers?
4 What was in the envelope?
5 Why did Jonathan save Daniel?
CHAPTER SIX

5 1 Jonathan  2 Jonathan
   3 Jonathan  4 Corkoran
   5 Roper

CHAPTER SEVEN

6 1 Roper kept his promise and gave Jonathan a little cottage on the other side of Crystal Island.
   2 “You can have any woman here except Jed,” Corkoran told Jonathan.
   3 He carried on up until he came to a row of old houses.
   4 “But this is what you promised me, isn’t it?”
   5 Roper talked on the phone a lot – to the captain of the Pasha, or to his antiques dealer in London.

CHAPTER TEN

7 1 What did the people at the top think about Limpet?
   They think that it is very important.
   2 Who photographed the list?
   Jonathan photographed the list.
   3 How will Roper know that Jonathan stole the list?
   Because the list is handwritten and there is only one – which is in his office.
   4 Which lawyer was Apostoll exchanged for?
   He was exchanged for Moranti.
   5 Why had Burr’s call to Rooke come too late?
   Because Roper’s plane had already taken off.
   6 Why can’t they find Roper’s plane?
   Because it has gone below radar/disappeared.
   7 How did the soldiers land from the plane?
   They landed by parachute.
   8 How much money did Jonathan steal from Tabby?
   He stole $200.