

1. What was Fowler's initial impression of Ausable as a secret agent?
 - A. He was fascinated by his adventures
 - B. He found him romantic and mysterious
 - C. He was disappointed by Ausable's appearance and demeanor
 - D. He admired Ausable's bravery (C)

Explanation : Fowler was let down by Ausable's appearance and behavior, which did not align with his expectations of a secret agent.

2. Why did Max break into Ausable's room?
 - A. To assassinate Ausable
 - B. To retrieve a secret report about missiles
 - C. To steal valuable jewels
 - D. To threaten Fowler (B)

Explanation : Max wanted the report on missiles, believing it was safer in his possession, showing his intent to outmaneuver Ausable.

3. What excuse did Ausable use to explain how Max entered his room?
 - A. Through a secret passage
 - B. Using a passkey
 - C. By climbing the balcony
 - D. Through an unlocked door (C)

Explanation : Ausable cleverly invented the story of a balcony to make Max believe he entered the room through it.

4. How did Ausable handle Max during the tense situation?
 - A. By confronting him directly with force
 - B. By creating the illusion of police presence
 - C. By offering him the report to escape
 - D. By calling for Fowler's help (B)

Explanation : Ausable tricked Max into believing the police were at the door, causing Max to attempt an escape through the imaginary balcony.

5. What role did the waiter play in the story?
 - A. He brought the secret report
 - B. He brought drinks to Ausable's room
 - C. He helped capture Max
 - D. He was a secret agent (B)

Explanation : The waiter brought drinks as expected by Ausable, contributing to the clever ruse set up to handle Max.

6. What was Max's reaction to the knocking at the door?
 - A. He prepared to attack the police
 - B. He confidently ignored the noise
 - C. He panicked and attempted to hide on the balcony
 - D. He surrendered immediately (C)

Explanation : Max believed Ausable's story about the police and tried to hide on the supposed balcony, leading to his downfall.

7. How does Ausable's appearance contrast with the stereotype of a secret agent?
 - A. He is tall, athletic, and sharp-dressed
 - B. He is fat, sloppy, and unassuming (B)
 - C. He carries sophisticated gadgets
 - D. He wears a trench coat and sunglasses

Explanation : Ausable's unconventional appearance challenges the traditional image of a secret agent, making him seem ordinary yet resourceful.

8. How did Fowler experience his first "authentic thrill" of the day?
 - A. He received a secret message
 - B. He saw Max holding a gun
 - C. He witnessed a dangerous car chase
 - D. He found the secret report (B)

Explanation : Fowler was shocked and thrilled upon seeing Max with a gun in Ausable's room, breaking the monotony of his expectations.

9. What made Ausable's description of the balcony convincing to Max?
 - A. He showed blueprints of the building
 - B. He described its location with great detail and irritation
 - C. He allowed Max to inspect it
 - D. He pointed out physical evidence (B)

Explanation : Ausable's calm yet detailed explanation of the balcony made it believable, deceiving Max into acting hastily.

10. What was the ultimate twist in the story?
 - A. The police arrested Max
 - B. Fowler discovered Ausable's true identity
 - C. Max fell to his death from a non-existent balcony
 - D. Ausable handed over the report (C)

Explanation : Max believed in the fictitious balcony and fell to his demise, showcasing Ausable's quick thinking and ability to manipulate situations.

