While reading
The Blue Cross
1 Correct the mistakes in the following sentences.
   a Valentin is the head of the Spanish police.
   b Flambeau cannot change the fact that he is rather short.
   c The priest on the train tells everyone about the gold thing with blue stones.
   d In the restaurant, someone had put pepper in the sugar bowl.
   e The waiter told Valentin that a priest had thrown a cup of tea at the wall.

2 Complete the following sentences.
   a The waiter in the restaurant with the broken window is surprised when he looks at the bill because …………………………….
   b The woman in the sweetshop sends a package to Westminster because ……………………. .
   c Valentin realizes that Flambeau is with Father Brown because …………………………….. .
   d Valentin and Flambeau raise their hats to Father Brown because……………………….

Philomel Cottage
3 Put the following events in the order of the story (1–9).
   a □ Gerald says his coffee is bitter.
   b □ Gerald dies.
   c □ Gerald comes home with a spade.
   d □ Alix makes a phone call to ‘the butcher’.
   e □ Alix tells Gerald how she poisoned her husbands.
   f □ Alix discovers some newspaper cuttings.
   g □ Dick and a policeman arrive.
   h □ Alix opens a locked drawer.
   i □ Alix realizes that her husband is the murderer, Charles Lemaitre.

An Unpleasant Man
4 Choose the best answer (1, 2 or 3) to each of the following questions.
   a Which of the following statements is true?
      1) Thomas Wilson is still alive.
      2) William Harris killed his servant.
      3) Joseph W. Spencer killed his own brother.
   b What happened to John B. Spencer after the bank robbery?
      1) He was sent to prison for life.
      2) He escaped and joined the army.
      3) He was executed for murder.
   c Why did Harris murder Wilson?
      1) Because he was afraid of Joseph Spencer.
      2) Because he wanted his money.
      3) Because he hated the Wilson family.
   d What clue enables Place to suddenly realize who the dead man really is?
      1) Something he read in the newspaper cuttings.
      2) Something the servant said.
      3) Something he saw in the house.
   e Why does Place call Joseph Spencer back to the house?
      1) He wants him to identify the body.
      2) He wants to ask him about his brother.
      3) He wants to ask him about American pronunciation.

The Unlucky Theatre
5 Are these statements about the events and information contained in the story true (T) or not true (NT)?
   a The owner of the Mohawk theatre was called Peter Lindsey.
   b The Cascade was another theatre situated next-door to the Mohawk.
   c Fernaghan didn’t believe in ghosts before he spent the night in the Mohawk.
   d Fernaghan left the theatre after he saw the third ghost.
   e The owner of the Mohawk had it pulled down because he couldn’t sell it.

The Mezzotint
6 Who is who? Match the characters in the box with the descriptions below.

| Dr Binks | Mr Britnell | Garwood | Green Nisbet | Robert | Williams |

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a  ................................ was the second person to examine the picture after it arrived at the university.
b  ................................ was the third person to examine the picture after it arrived at the university.
c  ................................ is interested in art and says that the mezzotint is ‘really a very good piece of work’.
d  ................................ is the person who sold the print to the university.
e  ................................ would not like his little girl to look at the picture.
f  ................................ found the place shown in the print in Murray’s Guide to Essex.
g  ................................ recognizes the house in the picture as soon as he sees it.

Family Affair

7  Put A and B together to make complete sentences.

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<td>a  The Campions had half-eaten their breakfast</td>
<td>1 at about 7.30 in the morning.</td>
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<td>b  Bertram Heskith usually dropped in to see the McGills</td>
<td>2 he didn’t want to share it with his relatives.</td>
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<td>c  Peter McGill walked to the top</td>
<td>3 and went down a narrow path to the next street.</td>
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<td>d  Mrs McGill climbed over the garden wall</td>
<td>4 and watched Maureen hanging out the sheets.</td>
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<td>e  Miss Dove stood on a chair</td>
<td>5 of the street as usual.</td>
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<td>f  When Peter McGill won the Irish Sweep</td>
<td>6 when they disappeared.</td>
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The Invisible Man

8  Where did these things happen? Write your answers in the spaces provided.

a  John Turnbull Angus asks Laura to marry him.

b  Isidore Smythe and James Welkin both offer to marry Laura. ................................ ; ................................
c  Laura heard James Welkin laugh but could not see him. ..........................................................
d  Smythe and Angus see a long piece of paper that says, ‘If you marry Smythe, he will die.’ ..........................................................

9  Who is speaking? Who are they speaking to? What are they talking about?

a  ‘Eat them all; I’ll pay you well for them.’ ................................ to ................................ about ..........................................................
b  ‘I’ve often wanted you to meet him.’ ................................ to ................................ about ..........................................................
c  ‘It seems to me that there is no time to lose.’ ................................ to ................................ about ..........................................................
d  ‘I’ve got a right to ask any man, rich or poor, what he wants in these flats.’ ................................ to ................................ about ..........................................................

The Case of the Thing that Whimpered

10 Who is who? Match the characters in the box with the sentences below.

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<th>Mark Hemmingway</th>
<th>Bruce Neils</th>
<th>Orsen Morgenfeld</th>
<th>the first night watchman</th>
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<th>the police officer</th>
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<td>a  Who has been missing for nearly two months?  ................................</td>
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<td>b  Who fell and broke his neck?  ..........................</td>
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<td>c  Who invited the Swede to stay with his uncle?  ..................................</td>
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<td>d  Who is director of one of the biggest shops in New York?  ..........................</td>
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<td>e  Who said he thought he heard a strange whimpering sound?  ..........................</td>
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<td>f  Who is sure that the night watchmen were attacked on the floor of the storehouse?  ..........................</td>
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<td>g  Who killed the little girl’s kidnapper?  ..................................</td>
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<td>h  Who almost dies but manages to hold onto the handrail of the walkway?  ..................................</td>
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Stories of Detection and Mystery

1 In which stories do the following things happen?
   a An old priest solves a murder case.
   ………………………………………………………
   b A man tries to make the police believe that he is dead.
   ………………………………………………………
   c A woman pretends that she has put poison in her husband’s coffee.
   ………………………………………………………
   d A man tries to find out why a picture keeps changing.
   ………………………………………………………
   e A ghost-hunter is nearly killed when he tries to solve a murder.
   ………………………………………………………
   f A detective follows a suspect around London.
   ………………………………………………………
   g A man tries to spend the whole night in a deserted theatre.
   ………………………………………………………
   h A man and woman disappear mysteriously from their home.
   ………………………………………………………

2 Who is who? Write the names from the box in the right sentences. Sometimes, there may be more than one correct answer, so compare your opinion with that of another student.

   Peter McGill  Father Brown  Fernaghan
   Neils Orsen   Gerald Martin
   Sergeant Place  William Harris

   a ……………… and ……………… both pretend to be somebody else.
   b ……………… and ……………… both have a strong interest in ghosts.
   c The character of ……………… is featured in two of the stories.
   d ……………… does not really like the way that Americans behave.
   e ……………… ends up a rich man.

3 Choose the best alternative title, 1, 2 or 3, for the stories a–d. Compare your answers with those of another student.
   a Philomel Cottage …..
      1) The Lady Killer
      2) The Jealous Lover
      3) The Angry Gardener
   b An Unpleasant Man …..
      1) A Dishonest Servant
      2) An Almost Perfect Crime
      3) An Angry American Soldier
   c The Case of the Thing that Whimpered …..
      1) The Lonely Night Watchman
      2) The Day Neils Orsen nearly Died
      3) The Mystery of the Storehouse

4 Correct the factual errors in the following summary.
   In Philomel Cottage, by Elliot O’Donnell, a young divorced woman inherits some money from her grandmother and soon falls in love and marries a man she has only recently met. Another man, who has been in love with her for months, is very angry and warns her that she knows nothing about her new husband. At first she is very happy with her new husband, and they move into a new flat. But then she has a strange dream in which she imagines she is dead and that her husband is glad about it. Very soon after the wedding, she finds out that her husband is a bigamist and she begins to realize that his life is in danger. She calls her old friend, Gerald Martin, to help her. But while she is waiting for her friend to arrive her husband dies suddenly of food poisoning.

5 Write the words from the box in the right places.

   death  discovery  disapproves  drinking  events  found  investigate  nearby  servant  set

   An Unpleasant Man is (a) ………… in an English village which is close to an American Airbase. Detective Sergeant Place is called to a house in the village in order to (b) ………… the circumstances surrounding the sudden (c) ………… of a man called Williams. It is clear that the police officer (d) ………… of so many Americans being in the area and he is relieved when the door is answered by the dead man’s English (e) ………… Thomas Wilson. Place asks Wilson many questions about the (f) ………… which lead up to his (g) ………… of the body earlier that morning. The servant tells him that while he was (h) ………… in a local pub, he was given a message to give to his employer by an American soldier from the (i) ………… airfield. The servant gave the message to his employer later that evening. The following morning, when he went to take Mr Harris a cup of tea, Mr Wilson (j) ………… him dead in his bed.