## Teacher Answer Key

**Case Study**

1. The gains are concrete in his family: steady work with the coalition and sisters training to teach, opportunities impossible under Taliban rule. Their fragility is equally concrete — the gains depended on the American presence, and when it ended his sisters lost their careers and he lost his country.
2. The reading shows the Afghan state dissolved in weeks, faster than evacuation systems could work. Allies like Farid held threats from the Taliban and unfinished visas from America simultaneously, so the withdrawal's speed turned a bureaucratic delay into a life-or-death trap.

**Multiple Choice**

1. C
2. A
3. D

**Matching**

1-B, 2-D, 3-E, 4-C, 5-A

**Fill-in-the-Blank**

1) Freedom, 2) Pakistan, 3) longest

**Short Answer (Sample Responses)**

Q1: The original goal was destroying al-Qaeda and denying terrorists a haven. After the Taliban fell, the mission grew into building a democratic state — a constitution, elections, women's rights, schools, and poppy eradication — a case of mission creep that committed America to rebuilding one of the world's poorest nations.

Q2: Costs: more than 170,000 dead including about 46,000 civilians, millions displaced, 2,461 Americans killed, and over $2 trillion. Gains: girls' education, rising life expectancy, a free press, and modern cities. The 2021 collapse showed the gains were fragile and dependent on foreign protection, while the losses were permanent.

Q3: Answers will vary. Strong responses use evidence: the Tora Bora escape shows early choices echo for decades; the army's collapse shows institutions cannot simply be purchased; mission creep shows narrow goals expand without clear limits. Any reasoned lesson grounded in the reading's events is acceptable.