Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. It hosts thousands of species, including corals, fish, mammals, and birds.

2. Climate change, coral bleaching, pollution, and overfishing.

Multiple Choice

1. B

2. A

3. B

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) 25%, 2) Fresh (or: Freshwater), 3) Great

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Estuaries provide shelter and abundant nutrients for young organisms to grow safely.

Q2: Human activities like pollution, overfishing, and climate change degrade these ecosystems.

Q3: Hotspots provide fisheries, storm protection, oxygen, and biodiversity vital to humans.