Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Japan's population is shrinking, and the workforce is too small to support a growing number of retirees.

2. It indicates longer average lifespans, reflecting high standards of healthcare and quality of life.

Multiple Choice

1. C

2. A

3. C

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Declining, 2) Longevity, 3) healthcare

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: High birth rates can mean a large future workforce and economic growth, but they can also strain resources like schools, housing, and healthcare if the infrastructure isn't ready.

Q2: Effective public health measures, vaccination campaigns, and community healthcare can significantly raise life expectancy even without high overall income levels.

Q3: A shrinking population may lead to labor shortages, reduced economic dynamism, and difficulty funding social welfare for older citizens.