Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. The systems failure is the store's entry plan: metering was supposed to admit twenty at a time but two associates were late, the PA was off, and a promotional pallet sat in the path. The individual act is the shove one clip captured. The systems failure is what carries criminal negligence exposure for the store, while the shove is judged on its own because it did not cause the fatal injury.

2. Footwear lifts from the mat near the threshold matched shoes recovered from suspects in the 5:12 console theft, POS exception logs showed a spike in no-sale opens at 5:20 near electronics that tracks the crew's movement, and ALPR placed the same minivan at earlier organized-retail-crime events nearby. Each source is weak alone, but together they tie the same people to the same times and places across more than one incident.

Multiple Choice

1. B

2. C

3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) asphyxia, 2) individual, 3) vehicles (license plates)

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Steps: initiate life safety (stop inflow, open alternate exits, call EMS), establish inner/outer perimeters, preserve CCTV and POS data (stop auto-overwrite), and photograph/flag floor hazards before cleanup.

Q2: Digital: CCTV timelines with synced timestamps; POS/RFID exception patterns. Physical: toolmarks/footwear that repeat across scenes. Together they tie MO, time, and movement to the same crew.

Q3: Cognitive interviewing: reinstate context (ask witness to mentally return to the scene), use open-ended prompts, and vary recall order to reduce suggestion and increase detail without leading questions.