Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Día de los Muertos blends spiritual beliefs about ancestors returning with social celebrations where families gather, play music, share meals, and tell stories about loved ones.

2. Egyptian practices focused on preserving the body and providing treasures for the afterlife, while Mexican traditions celebrate with joy and food. Both cultures wanted to maintain bonds with the dead.

Multiple Choice

1. C

2. B

3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Samhain, 2) Marigold, 3) Ka

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Festivals provide community solidarity, collective remembrance, and a chance to celebrate life together.

Q2: Rituals show cultural attitudes: Egyptians emphasized permanence and security, while Mexicans celebrate joy and reunion.

Q3: Studying them fosters respect, empathy, and understanding of how humans everywhere cope with mortality.