Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. The reading says children are resilient about structure but vulnerable to being placed in the middle of adult conflict. Being a messenger and a source of information puts her inside the conflict, which is what predicts poor outcomes, while the schedule itself was stable and predictable.

2. Co-parenting works when adults communicate directly rather than through the child, and a shared app moves logistics into direct written contact. It removed Naomi from the exchange entirely while keeping the information flowing, which protects her without requiring her parents to get along.

Multiple Choice

1. A

2. D

3. C

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) interests, 2) gray, 3) seven

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Ongoing conflict predicts child outcomes more than the divorce itself. A child living in a high-conflict marriage is already inside that conflict daily, so ending it can lower the stress they experience even though the transition is hard.

Q2: Stepparents who move quickly into an authority role usually meet resistance, because the relationship has not been built yet. Letting the biological parent handle discipline while the stepparent becomes a supportive adult first produces much better long-term results.

Q3: When conflict between parents is high, forcing cooperation keeps the child exposed to it. Parallel parenting lets each household run independently with minimal contact, which protects the child from the conflict while still maintaining both relationships.