Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Facing seats should sit no more than about eight feet apart, because beyond that people must raise their voices slightly to talk. The reading says rooms where this happens feel oddly unfriendly without anyone identifying why, which explains why her roommates gathered elsewhere instead of using the seating.

2. Traffic should move around conversation areas rather than through them, and the old path cut directly between the couch and the chair, interrupting every conversation. Opening a clear lane of at least thirty inches along the wall gave people an obvious route that no longer crossed the seating group.

Multiple Choice

1. A

2. B

3. D

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) eight, 2) 36, 3) legs

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: The verbs name what people will actually do in the room, and each activity implies specific requirements such as seating within hearing distance or a hard surface at the right height. Starting there makes furniture a solution to a stated problem rather than a purchase justified after it arrives.

Q2: The perimeter arrangement leaves a large void in the middle while pushing seating too far apart to use. Pulling pieces inward even six or eight inches creates a defined conversation area, and the room reads as organized and usable rather than as an empty center ringed by furniture.

Q3: Square footage is permanently expensive, so a piece used twice a year occupies space every single day. The reading calls this buying for an imagined life rather than an actual one, and the ongoing cost is the daily loss of room a household would otherwise use.