Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Romans believed that restless spirits left alone could bring misfortune, illness, or even death to a household, so they performed rituals to keep these angry ghosts appeased and away.

2. Like Samhain in Celtic lands and the Chinese Hungry Ghost Festival, Lemuria shows that many cultures shared the same fear: that the dead could linger and interfere with the living.

Multiple Choice

1. B

2. C

3. B

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Romulus, 2) Samhain, 3) Offerings

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Fear of ghosts encouraged burial practices, respect for the dead, and social order.

Q2: Festivals balanced fear of spirits with joy in remembrance, allowing communities to both protect and celebrate.

Q3: Shared traditions suggest that humans everywhere worry about the dead lingering and seek rituals to manage that fear.