Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Habitability is the legal floor a rental must meet, and it includes windows that keep out weather and working locks, so a window that will not close properly is a condition the unit is required to meet. The balcony is not required for the home to be safe or functional, so it is a want that can be traded away.

2. Spending more than thirty percent of gross income on housing makes a household cost burdened, and forty-three percent is well past that line. The reading also says money saved on rent farther out reappears as transportation cost, so the longer commute adds fuel and time on top of an already burdensome rent.

Multiple Choice

1. C

2. C

3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) habitability, 2) thirty, 3) room

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: People evaluate features while standing inside a home and emotionally attached to it, so a desirable feature feels essential in the moment. The reading notes that a person touring a unit with a second bathroom thinks they need it, and the sentence feels true even though the household could function safely without it.

Q2: Location trades against transportation cost, so money saved on rent reappears as fuel, fares, vehicle wear, and lost time. A unit ninety minutes from work can consume more in commuting expense and hours than a closer unit that charges higher rent, which makes the cheaper rent misleading.

Q3: Almost everyone can name many things they want, but nobody can defend which one matters least until they are forced to choose. Ranking with no ties turns a vague wish list into a shopping tool, so the top two or three get pursued and the rest become tiebreakers between similar units.