Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Stranger anxiety typically emerges around eight months and signals that the infant can now clearly distinguish attachment figures from everyone else. Ravi's reaction is evidence that attachment has formed rather than evidence that something has broken, which is why it appeared on schedule at nine months.

2. A securely attached infant uses the caregiver as a base for exploration, venturing out while confirming the caregiver is still available. Ravi crawling toward Priya while glancing back at his mother is exactly that pattern, since he is exploring a relationship while checking that his secure base has not moved.

Multiple Choice

1. A

2. D

3. B

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) 12, 2) backs, 3) 12

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Most newborn reflexes fade on a predictable schedule as the higher brain takes over voluntary control of movement. A reflex that persists well past its expected window suggests that expected takeover may not be happening normally, which makes it one of the earliest observable signals that the nervous system needs a closer look.

Q2: Stranger anxiety requires the infant to reliably tell attachment figures apart from unfamiliar people, which is a cognitive and social achievement rather than a loss. Its arrival around eight months shows attachment has formed and the baby now recognizes the difference, so the wariness is a byproduct of progress.

Q3: A single measurement only shows size at one moment, and babies come in a wide range of healthy sizes, so a low or high number alone means very little. The curve reveals whether growth is steady, and a sudden drop across percentiles signals a change worth investigating even when the number is still normal.