Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. The monastery held portable wealth, food stores, and religious valuables but lacked strong defenses. That made it both symbolically shocking and economically attractive to attackers arriving by sea.

2. The raiders land quickly, move directly toward valuable buildings, and act with clear purpose. Their speed and control suggest knowledge of sailing, coastal approach, and target selection.

Multiple Choice

1. A

2. D

3. B

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Lindisfarne, 2) rivers, 3) Danelaw

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: In the west, Vikings often appear first as raiders and settlers in places like Ireland and England. In the east, river routes supported trade, warfare, and service in states such as Byzantium and the emerging Rus world.

Q2: Expansion grew from several linked causes, including ship technology, political rivalry, access to wealth, trade opportunities, and the search for land or prestige. Different groups likely emphasized different motives in different regions.

Q3: Repeated attacks could lead to winter camps, tribute, settlement, and eventually new ruling groups. Places such as Normandy and the Danelaw show how violent entry could develop into lasting social and political systems.