Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. The work shoes are a need because they protect her safety during a six hour shift and she has no substitute, which meets the survival and basic functioning test. The phone and the concert are wants, because her own notes admit the phone works and is only annoying, and the concert provides belonging rather than anything required for her safety or health.

2. The reading says wants tied to identity and belonging are powerful, normal, and still have to fit inside a finite amount of money. Alina is being accurate rather than weak, because pretending the concert has no value would make her plan dishonest, and a budget built around values a person does not actually hold gets abandoned within a month.

Multiple Choice

1. B

2. A

3. C

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) need, 2) opportunity, 3) scarcity

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Every purchase also costs the next best thing that money could have bought, which is opportunity cost, and time works the same way. Driving across town for an hour to save four dollars loses money if that hour could have earned fifteen.

Q2: A budget built around values a household does not actually hold feels like punishment every single day, so it gets abandoned within about a month. A budget built on goals the household chose itself feels like progress even when it says no.

Q3: Listing the alternatives gets skipped hardest, because people name a product instead of naming the problem. That skips repairing, borrowing, buying used, waiting for a sale, and doing without, which are all cheaper options that never appear on a store shelf.