Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Jordan spent the paycheck on shoes, a video game, and lunch out with friends, and by the end of the week there was nothing left for gas or the phone bill. The wants got paid first, so the needs went unpaid.

2. Sort expenses into needs and wants before spending, the way Jordan did afterward, and cover the needs first: gas and the phone bill come out of the paycheck before shoes or a video game.

Multiple Choice

1. D

2. C

3. B

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Needs, 2) Wants, 3) Needs

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Differentiating between needs and wants ensures that essential expenses are met first and helps prevent financial stress.

Q2: Tracking expenses provides insight into spending habits, helping to identify areas where money can be saved.

Q3: Strategies include setting limits on discretionary spending, finding free or low-cost alternatives, and prioritizing purchases based on long-term goals.