Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Local stakeholders formed a coalition, gathered evidence of ongoing contamination, and lobbied for stronger regulations.

2. Their activism contributed to the passage of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, mandating stricter tanker designs and spill response plans.

Multiple Choice

1. B

2. D

3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Grassroots, 2) Love Canal, 3) prevention

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Dramatic images of polluted beaches and oiled wildlife heightened emotional responses, fueling public outcry and forcing policymakers to address environmental issues promptly.

Q2: Love Canal's contamination crisis led to the creation of Superfund (CERCLA), providing federal funds for cleaning up toxic sites and holding polluters responsible.

Q3: They demonstrated that large-scale ecological harm can trigger public protest and legislative reform, guiding modern policies toward prevention, stronger enforcement, and accountability.