Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. For athletes, the torch and ritual can represent years of training and a once-in-a-lifetime shared moment, so it feels emotionally powerful even if viewers debate the messaging.

2. Symbols represent identity in simplified form; people disagree about which histories and groups are centered, so "unity" can feel like exclusion to some audiences.

Multiple Choice

1. B

2. A

3. C

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) soft, 2) rituals, 3) symbolism

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Intent is what organizers say they meant to communicate; impact is how audiences actually experience it, which can differ based on history, identity, and context.

Q2: Ceremonies must communicate quickly to global audiences, so they use broad symbols that are easy to recognize, even if those symbols leave out complexity.

Q3: It feels unifying because athletes gather together, but flags, names, and who is recognized can reflect political conflicts and disputes about identity.