Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Demandingness was identical, since both set and held the same rule. Responsiveness differed. Kai's mother explained her reasoning and invited an argument, which is authoritative, while his aunt required obedience without explanation, which is authoritarian.

2. In the authoritative household the child's perspective is treated as real, so disagreement happens openly and the rule still holds. In the authoritarian household objection is not an option, so the disagreement does not disappear, it just moves out of sight into sneaking and lying.

Multiple Choice

1. A

2. D

3. B

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) responsiveness, 2) authoritative, 3) uninvolved

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Explanation is how warmth reaches the child at the moment a limit is enforced. It also gives the child practice with reasoning, so they learn why rules exist rather than only that an adult said so, which supports decision making later.

Q2: Styles describe behavior, not identity, and behavior shifts with fatigue and circumstance. A parent may be authoritative in the morning and permissive by evening, so what matters is where the household sits most of the time.

Q3: The model was built largely on white middle-class American families, and the categories have not always predicted outcomes in other communities. Context also matters, since monitoring that looks controlling in one neighborhood may be genuinely protective in another.