Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Warning signs: Marcus not eating since lunch; older cousins bringing alcohol; Jalen drinking earlier yet insisting he's "fine"; late-night driving on wet roads; Marcus ignoring his hesitation.

2. Safer choices: Marcus could have stayed sober and left with a sober adult, called a parent or rideshare, refused the ride, or they could have ordered delivery or walked if it was safe instead of driving.

Multiple Choice

1. B

2. D

3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) depressant, 2) pressure, 3) boundary

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Risk factors might include alcohol use, late-night driving, bad weather, crowded unfamiliar places, or strong peer pressure; students should connect each to slower reactions, impaired judgment, or less ability to get help.

Q2: Strategies may include setting boundaries ahead of time, using scripts to say no, arranging a sober ride, sharing location, or leaving early; explanation should mention reduced risk of crashes, overdoses, or unsafe situations.

Q3: "Party smart" means planning, not just luck: it uses knowledge about alcohol and the brain, clear boundaries, and backup plans so one night doesn't cause injuries, legal trouble, or long-term health problems.