Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Marcus hesitates because leaving bread in the oven feels wrong — a small, human reluctance to abandon something he worked on. This illustrates how ordinary decisions and momentary delays cost lives when disaster moves faster than people can process danger.

2. Marcus's story is precisely about everyday life — baking bread, managing a slave, reacting to strange weather. The carbonized loaves archaeologists found are mundane objects, yet they connect us directly to a real human moment two thousand years ago.

Multiple Choice

1. A

2. D

3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) pine, 2) Fiorelli, 3) third

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Pompeii's walls are covered with graffiti, love notes, business arguments, and political slogans that no formal history records. Intact bakeries, fast-food counters, and electoral signs show how Roman daily life actually functioned rather than how elites described it.

Q2: During the first twelve hours of ash fall, escape was possible, and many residents fled. Those who stayed indoors hoping the eruption would stop were killed when pyroclastic flows hit in the second phase. Hesitation or denial were often fatal.

Q3: Early excavators removed objects without recording their context, destroying information about where items were found and how they related to each other. Fiorelli's systematic approach — including the plaster cast technique — preserved context and the physical forms of victims.