Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Sea lions rotate their hind flippers forward and "walk" on land, while seals wriggle on their bellies.

2. Conservation laws and human protection can allow populations to rebound when hunting and exploitation stop.

Multiple Choice

1. D

2. D

3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) wriggling, 2) blubber, 3) colonies

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Seals eat fish and squid, sea lions hunt fish (often in groups), and walruses specialize in clams and benthic prey.

Q2: Walruses depend on sea ice for resting and feeding, which is disappearing due to warming temperatures.

Q3: Seals lack external ear flaps and cannot rotate hind flippers, while sea lions have visible ears and stronger land mobility.