Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Staffers rehearse the remarks in advance and a press wrangler chalks camera marks, so the thirty seconds that go online are planned rather than incidental. A policy aide adds a line thanking farm workers, truck drivers, and grocery clerks, which is the moment the ceremony reaches for the real supply chain behind the holiday.

2. The ethical issue is what happens to the birds afterward, raised by an animal-welfare advocate and answered with a fact sheet naming the sanctuary, where caregivers check weight, trim talons, and plan a diet to reduce joint stress. The logistical issue is moving and presenting live animals safely, handled with a climate-controlled van, a veterinarian logging vital signs, and a handler coaching them up the ramp so they do not startle.

Multiple Choice

1. A
2. C
3. D

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) ceremonial, 2) clemency, 3) specialized (accept: veterinary, individualized)

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Symbolic politics: a light event humanizes the presidency and reinforces gratitude/mercy themes; example—thanking farm workers and grocery clerks links ritual to real labor.

Q2: Add a short segment recognizing logistics (farm → processing → transport) or a student question to the USDA guest; improves media literacy about how food reaches the table.

Q3: Reasoned positions vary: keep with added welfare transparency; modify to emphasize service/food security; or end to avoid trivializing clemency. Credit answers that weigh tradition, public messaging, and ethical concerns.