Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Before 2001, families walked to gates without tickets, screening was private and light, and passengers carried pocketknives aboard. The student's autopilot routine shows the post-9/11 security world has become invisible normality for a generation that studies the attacks as history, proving how completely the changes described in the reading were absorbed into daily life.

2. The trade is convenience, privacy, and some civil liberties exchanged for security. The reading shows the disagreement continuing: supporters credit the PATRIOT Act and screening with preventing attacks, while critics argue surveillance eroded ordinary people's freedom, and debates over Iraq and expanded government power remain unresolved decades later.

Multiple Choice

1. B
2. A
3. D

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) 2021, 2) four, 3) 1,776

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Supporters argue expanded tools like the PATRIOT Act, federal screening, and intelligence sharing prevented further attacks and were lessons learned at terrible cost. Critics argue monitoring communications and searching records eroded the privacy and freedoms of ordinary people who had done nothing wrong. The passage presents both positions as unresolved decades later.

Q2: Hate crimes, harassment, and violence against Muslim Americans, Arab Americans, and Sikhs mistaken for Muslims spiked in 2001 and never returned to earlier levels. The reading calls it shameful because innocent Americans were targeted for their faith or appearance at the very moment the country was celebrating its unity.

Q3: Answers vary. Strong responses might pair the wars, noting three million veterans and the 2021 Afghanistan withdrawal, with daily life, where a generation treats screening and lockdown drills as normal; or law, where PATRIOT Act debates continue, with economics, where trillion-dollar homeland security spending and the rebuilt trade center site reshaped budgets and skylines.