Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. The family loses animals, hay, shipping contact, and confidence step by step over several years. The pressure builds slowly instead of arriving in one single catastrophic event.

2. The discussion about whether to adopt different practices shows that people respond to crisis through tradition and social values. Identity can limit or guide adaptation even when conditions are worsening.

Multiple Choice

1. D

2. B

3. C

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Greenland, 2) Little Ice Age, 3) Iceland

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Different kinds of evidence point to overlapping causes such as climate, trade decline, small population size, and cultural choices. No single factor alone explains the disappearance of the settlements.

Q2: Iceland supported a lasting Norse society with law, literature, and stable settlement. At the same time, deforestation and erosion show that successful colonization still strained fragile environments.

Q3: It shows how environmental stress interacts with economy, technology, and identity over generations. The lesson is not that climate acts alone, but that societies survive or fail through the choices they make under pressure.