Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. The charms had no power of their own, but they raised participants' confidence and lowered their stress, and that improved how well they performed.

2. When people believe in something, it changes how they feel and act. A lucky charm gives them confidence, which calms anxiety.

Multiple Choice

1. D

2. B

3. B

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Illusory correlation, 2) Placebo, 3) Gambler's fallacy

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Belief in luck boosts confidence and reduces stress by creating a sense of control over uncertain outcomes.

Q2: People misinterpret random events due to cognitive biases like illusory correlation, seeking patterns where none exist.

Q3: Effort and strategy often yield more consistent success than relying on chance or rituals.