Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Flights and lodging (plus fees/taxes) were bigger than expected; they're easy to underestimate because people focus on ticket prices and ignore add-on fees and event-week price surges.

2. They kept the marquee event, cut one extra session, planned cheaper meals, used transit more, and added a realistic buffer for surprise costs.

Multiple Choice

1. A

2. B

3. D

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) fixed, 2) opportunity, 3) buffer

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: The lower nightly rate can be offset by daily transportation costs, longer commutes, and rideshare surges; time and convenience also push people into extra spending.

Q2: Choose one "dream" event plus cheaper early sessions, share lodging, use public transit passes, pack snacks, and set a daily spending limit for extras.

Q3: Waiting can push flights, lodging, and even ticket fees higher as demand rises, forcing either a bigger budget or last-minute cuts to events and comfort.