Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Sofia preserved the context of the hoard by documenting the location and contacting archaeologists. That gives experts a chance to study whether the silver was hidden in a crisis, deposited for ritual reasons, or linked to a nearby farm or trade site.

2. The silver suggests trade, wealth storage, and long-distance connections rather than simple violence. A hoard can show that Viking societies used silver, exchange networks, and careful planning as well as raiding.

Multiple Choice

1. A

2. C

3. D

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) 1066 CE, 2) longship, 3) saga

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Scandinavian coasts, islands, and fjords made water travel practical and familiar. Because rough terrain often slowed land movement, the sea became the easiest way to reach neighbors, trade routes, and distant opportunities.

Q2: Raiding was part of the Viking world, but so were farming, craft production, trade, migration, and settlement. Archaeology shows a society of workers, merchants, sailors, and families in addition to warriors.

Q3: Archaeology recovers evidence from people who never appeared in chronicles or sagas. Artifacts, houses, tools, and environmental remains reveal daily life, trade, and social organization in ways written sources alone cannot.