Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Survivors are people who lived, worked, or attended school in the New York City disaster area during the exposure window, and Dana was a student four blocks from the site. Responders are the workers who performed rescue, recovery, and cleanup, which she did not do.
2. Many 9/11-related conditions develop slowly, and the program's latency rules assume that illnesses will appear years or decades later. That is also why the law was reauthorized through 2090, so people who were children in 2001 stay covered for a full lifetime.

Multiple Choice

1. B
2. C
3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Zadroga, 2) certified, 3) latency

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Membership means a person documented enough exposure to join the program and receive monitoring exams. Certification is the separate ruling that links one specific illness to that exposure, and only certified conditions are treated at no cost.
Q2: Different diseases take different amounts of time to develop after an exposure. Blood cancers can appear within months, most solid tumors take years, and mesothelioma almost never appears before a decade, so a single waiting period would be wrong for most cases.

Q3: Survivors included children who were in school near the site in 2001. Funding the program through 2090 means those members remain covered for a normal lifespan rather than losing care while they are still developing 9/11-related illnesses.