Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Economic pressure and the reality of poverty pull Marcos toward selling, while family loyalty, his grandfather's teachings, and a sense of cultural identity pull him toward reporting. His choice shows that respect for cultural heritage can be rooted in personal and community values, not just legal rules.

2. Marcos knew the jungle trails better than any outside archaeologist and could navigate directly to the site. This reflects the pattern in the reading where chicleros and local residents had knowledge of ruins for generations before formal archaeology arrived — knowledge that proved essential to research.

Multiple Choice

1. D

2. C

3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Jasaw Chan K'awil I, 2) II, 3) Pennsylvania

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Smaller cities were forced to choose alliances with either Tikal or Calakmul, making the rivalry a region-wide political force. This shows Classic Maya civilization was not unified but was organized around competing power blocs of allied city-states.

Q2: LiDAR revealed that Tikal was more than twice its previously mapped size, with thousands of unknown structures, defensive walls, and agricultural terraces invisible under the jungle canopy. It also revealed Teotihuacan-style architecture, confirming inscriptional records of outside influence.

Q3: Prestige goods like jade and obsidian were used by Maya rulers to reward allies, demonstrate status, and fund political relationships. A city that controlled trade routes could dictate which allies received these goods and which did not, giving it leverage over the entire regional political network.