Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. The voyage shows flexibility, shallow draft, and responsive handling. The ship survives rough water, uses sail and steering effectively, and then moves into a narrow inland channel.

2. Such a ship could raid coasts, travel up rivers, trade between regions, and support migration. That versatility made Viking mobility much more powerful than a ship limited to one environment.

Multiple Choice

1. C

2. D

3. A

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) clinker-built, 2) keel, 3) experimental

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: The same ship system allowed crews to strike coasts, carry goods, move families, and enter river networks. Because ships were versatile, Viking activity could shift quickly from warfare to exchange or migration.

Q2: Burial ships preserve high-level craftsmanship and show the cultural meaning of ships in elite funerals. They reveal both engineering skill and how seafaring was tied to memory, status, and symbolism.

Q3: Reconstructions let researchers test speed, handling, crew requirements, and seaworthiness under real conditions. That produces evidence that a static museum display cannot provide.