Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Clients began using AI to generate first drafts and only paying for human editing, which destroyed the per-word rate Priya had built her business on. This reflects the reading's point that volume content work has been largely taken over by AI, eliminating the freelance contracts that once provided stable income.

2. Priya shifted from selling words as a commodity to selling her judgment, analysis, and perspective through a subscription. The reading explains that writing with distinctive voice and direct audience relationships is not competing with AI on the same terms, because the product is trust and expertise, not text volume.

Multiple Choice

1. C

2. D

3. C

Matching

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

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) minutes, 2) audience, 3) human

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: The collapse came when large language models reached the capability threshold to perform professional knowledge tasks with competence, primarily between 2022 and 2025. Before that period, the tools could not match entry-level professional performance in areas like legal research, writing, or financial analysis.

Q2: Junior legal tasks served not only to generate billable hours but also to train new lawyers in how to think about legal problems. Removing those tasks eliminates the developmental pathway that has historically produced experienced legal judgment, which poses long-term consequences for the profession.

Q3: Customer service workers in specialized fields like financial services and healthcare who have deep product knowledge and relationship skills are least immediately threatened. Their work involves genuine complexity and emotional intelligence that routine AI systems cannot yet replicate convincingly.