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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Sharks are different from most other fish because sharks have no _____.
 (A) teeth
 (B) bones
 (C) gills
 (D) fins
2. Why might a shark bite an electrical cable?
 (A) It thinks the cable is a fish buried under the sand.
 (B) It is attracted to the electricity passing through the cable.
 (C) It thinks the cable is a living creature and wants to eat it.
 (D) All of the above
3. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
 (A) to show readers how to take care of sharks
 (B) to teach readers what to do in case of a shark bite
 (C) to persuade readers to swim with sharks
 (D) to inform readers about how sharks live
4. What effect does puffing up have on the swell shark?
 (A) It helps the shark swim faster.
 (B) It makes the shark look bigger.
 (C) It allows the shark to eat more.
 (D) It hides the shark's outline.
5. Why are the **camouflage** patterns on many sharks important?
 (A) The patterns help many sharks swim faster.
 (B) The patterns help many sharks blend in with their surroundings.
 (C) The patterns help many sharks look larger.
 (D) None of the above
6. What happens after a shark's tooth breaks?
 (A) The shark's diet changes.
 (B) Another tooth moves forward.
 (C) The other teeth change shape.
 (D) The shark searches for the tooth.

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7. Why is it important that sharks continue to survive?
 - Ⓐ Sharks eat many fish that are dangerous to people.
 - Ⓑ Sharks are interesting for scientists to study.
 - Ⓒ Sharks are an important food for many people.
 - Ⓓ Sharks are part of the balance of life in the oceans.
8. What is the main idea of the section titled "Physical Description"?
 - Ⓐ Even though there are many different kinds of sharks, they look similar in many ways.
 - Ⓑ Some dogfish sharks are only a few inches long.
 - Ⓒ Many sharks are protected by camouflage.
 - Ⓓ Sharks swim by swinging their tails from side to side.
9. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ Sharks are interesting and unusual fish.
 - Ⓑ Sharks can attack and eat many kinds of fish.
 - Ⓒ Sharks are not found in all oceans.
 - Ⓓ The swell shark can blow up its body to protect itself.
10. Which of the following is not a characteristic of most sharks?
 - Ⓐ a poor sense of smell
 - Ⓑ good eyesight
 - Ⓒ a powerful, streamlined body
 - Ⓓ several rows of sharp teeth
11. **Extended Response:** What is the main idea of the section titled "Eating"?
12. **Extended Response:** List two reasons why sharks are in danger of becoming extinct.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Sharks

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
2. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
3. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
4. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓑ Vocabulary
6. Ⓑ Sequence Events
7. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
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9. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
10. Ⓐ Compare and Contrast
11. Answers should be similar to the following: *different sharks eat different kinds of food, but most sharks eat meat.*
12. Answers should include at least two of the following: *few shark babies live to become adults; people are afraid of sharks, so they want to kill them; sharks are killed and used for many purposes.*