“Please Don’t Pet the Shark” Quiz

Directions: Read “Please Don’t Pet the Shark.” Then answer the questions below.

1. Which sentence expresses a central idea of the article?
   A Ocean Ramsey is passionate about sharks.
   B Wildlife selfies are problematic.
   C Many jobs rely on fishing.
   D Some believe that shark fins can cure illnesses.

2. Which line supports the central idea you identified in question 1?
   A “This is catastrophic for sharks, the oceans, and humans.” (p. 21)
   B “Some die when they get tangled in fishing gear, but most are hunted for their fins.” (p. 21)
   C “Many scientists expressed horror over Ramsey’s shark photos, noting the potential for harm to both Ramsey and the sharks.” (p. 21)
   D “Beyond magic’’ she wrote. ‘Beautiful.”’ (p. 20)

3. Which line supports the claim that sharks need our protection?
   A “Indeed, sharing such photos can inspire wonder and respect for wild creatures.” (p. 21)
   B “This was not the first time Ramsey had posed with a shark.” (p. 20)
   C “Each year, between 70 million and 100 million sharks are killed by humans.” (p. 21)
   D “Most people would swim away in terror.” (p. 20)

4. On page 21, author Lauren Tarshis writes “Shark fin soup is a prized dish in many countries.” Based on context clues, what is the definition of prized?
   A highly desired or valued
   B flavored with strong spices
   C given as an award or prize
   D costing a lot of money

5. How does the section “No Shark Snuggles” contribute to the article? Choose two answers.
   A It provides information about other endangered animals.
   B It helps readers understand why Ramsey’s shark selfie is problematic.
   C It encourages readers to take pictures of their pets.
   D It offers advice on how to take pictures of wild animals responsibly.

6. Which statement CANNOT be supported by information in the article?
   A Sharks have a bad reputation.
   B In nature, everything is connected.
   C Wildlife selfies are a rising trend.
   D Instagram now flags harmful wildlife selfies.

Constructed-Response Question

Directions: Write your answer in a well-organized response.

7. What opinion of wildlife selfies does author Lauren Tarshis express in her article? How do you know? Be sure to answer both questions. Use text evidence to support your ideas.