SHARKWATEr – film study

*As a result of irrational and unchecked human hunting, the world’s shark population has decreased an astonishing 90%. In this true-life adventure, biologist and filmmaker Rob Stewart brings us closer to sharks than ever before. Surviving pirate boat ramming, gunboat chases, mafia espionage and battles with corrupt governments, Stewart risks his life to stop the slaughter of sharks and save our oceans and the very earth itself.*

1. What percentage of the world is water? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

2. What percentage of life on Earth is underwater? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

3. Sharks have been living in the oceans for how long? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.

4. How many years were sharks here before the dinosaurs? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

5. Sharks have been able to survive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the world’s major extinctions.

6. Where in the world is one of the only places where hammerhead sharks get together in schools?

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7. Hammerhead sharks have 2 senses than humans don’t. What are they?

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8. Has a hammerhead shark ever attacked a human? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Complete this sentence: “*When life in the ocean changes, so too does life* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

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10. Are the majority of shark bites ***deadly***? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. Sharks kill \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people per year.

12. a) Elephants and tigers: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b) Illegal drugs: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c) Road accidents: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

d) Starvation: ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are protected in the oceans, but not all sharks.

14. What is another word for ‘***poaching’***? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. Describe what ***‘long-lining’*** looks like? (***long-lining*** is how humans catch sharks)

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16. Why is ***long-lining*** harmful?

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17. Why are sharks killed? For their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.



18. These are put into what kind of ***food***? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

19. Why do you think humans have been ***slow*** to protect the lives of sharks?

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20. How many sharks have been killed while we’ve been watching the film? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

21. ***Are shark fins a natural resource***? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Explain your answer.

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**Shark Finning – Why (and how) is this a geographic issue?**

(i) Is shark finning a concern to many people? If so, who? And why?

(ii) Does shark finning have different perspectives (or sides)? If so, identify the perspectives.



(iii) Are some of the perspectives in dispute with other perspectives? If so, how?

(iv) Is a solution required? If yes, explain some possible solutions.