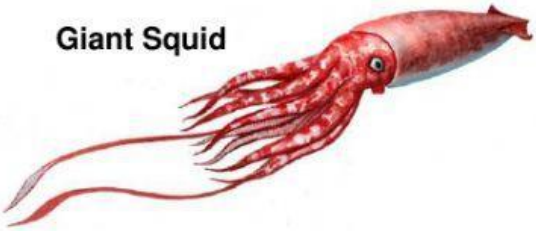
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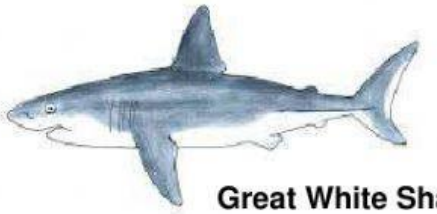
This is an extract from a science report about different sea animals. Read it twice and answer the questions.

DEFINITIONS

- ***Source**: origin; where something comes from.*
- ***Jaws**: the mouth (especially of an animal).*

Giant Squid





Great White Shark

Plankton are tiny fish and plants; some are so small that are hard to see. Plankton are important in the ocean's food chain. They are the most important source of food for almost all fish larvae. *Basking sharks* and *blue whales* feed on them directly; other large fish feed on them indirectly, by eating fish of smaller size.

Giant squids have never been caught alive, so we know very little about them. They can be 17 metres long and are the largest animals without bones.

Great white sharks are very strong and can kill humans. They can be 6 metres long, which is smaller than some sharks. They usually live in warm seas and eat other fish and seals. They have very strong jaws.

The *whale shark* is enormous, sometimes more than 18 metres long. It is not dangerous: it only eats plankton.

The *basking shark* is another shark that only eats plankton. It can be 15 metres long. Sharks are not as dangerous as many people think.

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20. **Why is plankton important? Because…**

A. all fish feed on them directly.

B. they are an important part of a balanced diet.

C. they are eaten by some sorts of whales, sharks and fish.

D. they are so small that you can hardly see them.

21. **Giant squids…**

A. are not a mystery any more.

B. are bigger than all whales and sharks.

C. have very strong jaws.

D. are the largest boneless animals.

22. **Mark with an X the ONLY THREE of these statements that are TRUE.**

- ☐ All paragraphs in this text are about sharks.
- ☐ The basking shark is not as big as the whale shark.
- ☐ Great white sharks and whale sharks are not dangerous for humans.
- ☐ Great white sharks don't feed on plankton.
- ☐ Great white sharks live in warm seas.
- ☐ Giant squids are similar to sharks in many ways.

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23. **Why is the whale shark not dangerous?**

Because it _____

24. **These eight words appear on the text. Choose ONE SYNONYM from the box for the two expressions below:**

ENORMOUS	HARD	LARGEST	LONG
CHAIN	SMALLER	STRONG	TINY

(a) "Very small" = ...

(b) "Very big" = ...

25. **One title for this article could be:**

A. Big fish are dangerous.

B. Under the sea, big and small.

C. Sharks are not dangerous.

D. Meat-eaters under the sea.

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