Write MC above the underlined clause if it is a main clause; write SC if the underlined clause is a subordinate clause. In the space provided, identify whether the sentence provided is simple (S) or complex (C).

S C **1.** Because organisms suit their environments, SC MC

you can tell much about them from their shapes and sizes.

S C **2.** Water animals and land animals look different SC MC

because they have different needs.

S C **3.** Land animals are often covered with rough skin or hair. SC MC

S C **4.** The skin of water animals is likely to be slimy and slippery,

so that the animals can slide easily through the water. SC MC

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S C **5.** Although most land dwellers have strong legs for walking on the surface of the earth, SC MC

water animals need a different means of propulsion.

S C **6.** Fish, whales, and dolphins have fins and tails,

which they use to propel themselves through the water. SC MC

S C **7.** Water changes temperature much more slowly than air does, SC MC

since bodies of water can retain their temperatures for longer periods than air.

S C **8.** Because bodies of water do not vary greatly in temperature, water animals do not

have to adjust to temperature changes as much as land animals do. SC MC

S C **9.** Under the water both aquatic plants and animals usually have plenty of food. SC MC

S C **10.** Because water surrounds aquatic plants, they are in no danger of drying out. SC MC

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