



**Questions 1-10: For each gap choose A, B, or C.**

### **The Greenland Shark**

Some animals live for over a hundred years, but very few live to be over three hundred! One species [1]\_\_\_\_\_ does is a shark. Scientists recently studied a group of gray sharks. The oldest of the Greenland sharks was [2]\_\_\_\_\_ 6 metres long and around 392 years old when fishermen caught it about four years ago. [3]\_\_\_\_\_ means the shark was probably born sometime between 1500 and 1740 with the [4]\_\_\_\_\_ likely birth year 1620. The study showed that these sharks live way longer [5]\_\_\_\_\_ human beings and possibly longer than any other animal that has a backbone. [6]\_\_\_\_\_ animals without backbones live longer. Some shellfish live 507 years. There are even two types of marine life that can live for 15,000 and 1,500 years! One reason [7]\_\_\_\_\_ Greenland sharks live such a long time may be that they love cold water. They [8]\_\_\_\_\_ temperatures near freezing. The cold water slows the metabolism, [9]\_\_\_\_\_ might have something to do with their long lives. One scientist commented said “the rule seems to be deep and cold equals [10]\_\_\_\_\_ if you are a fish.

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| [1] a. that   | b. it     | c. whose    |
| [2] a. very   | b. nearly | c. most     |
| [3] a. That   | b. He     | c. Which    |
| [4] a. most   | b. almost | c. one      |
| [5] a. from   | b. as     | c. than     |
| [6] a. Some   | b. Much   | c. More     |
| [7] a. for    | b. why    | c. about    |
| [8] a. prefer | b. likes  | c. swimming |
| [9] a. it     | b. which  | c. that     |
| [10] a. old   | b. shark  | c. deadly   |