“Shark Attack Survivor” Quiz

Directions: Read the article “Shark Attack Survivor” in this issue of Scope. Then answer the multiple-choice and short-answer questions below.

1. Which of the following did NOT help save Bethany’s life immediately after the attack?
   A. Holt tying off her stump
   B. Bethany’s mom trailing the ambulance
   C. Bethany staying calm
   D. doctors performing surgery

2. When Bethany gets back in the water for the first time since the attack, what is her biggest worry?
   A. People will stare at her.
   B. She will be attacked by a shark again.
   C. She won’t be ready in time to compete in the National Championships.
   D. She won’t be able to surf with one arm.

3. What is the tone of the section “I Just Got Attacked”?
   A. relaxed
   B. disappointed
   C. tense
   D. angry

4. What does the phrase plagued with doubt mean in the following sentence from the article?
   “As Bethany walked down the beach, she was plagued with doubt.”
   A. troubled by uncertainty
   B. confident about her skills
   C. infected with a disease
   D. paralyzed with fear

5. Which detail from the story best illustrates Bethany’s fierce determination after the shark attack?
   A. She called for help.
   B. She wasn’t sure if she could paddle with one arm.
   C. She started training so she could compete again.
   D. She won a Teen Choice Award.

6. Read this sentence from the article: “In the meantime, Byron reached the shore and raced up the sand to call 911.” Which of the following sentences uses reached the same way it used above?
   A. I reached up and got the box of cereal off the top shelf.
   B. Last Wednesday, the temperature reached 100˚.
   C. After driving for two days, we reached California.
   D. My mom reached out to Mr. Kline after he broke his leg.

7. Which pair of words best describes Bethany?
   A. inspiring and conceited
   B. persistent and courageous
   C. driven and frustrated
   D. apprehensive and outgoing

8. Why does Bethany support the protection of shark habitats?
   A. Bethany thinks shark hunters should be punished.
   B. Bethany used to be afraid of sharks, but she’s not anymore.
   C. Sharks don’t attack many people.
   D. Sharks are an important part of the ocean’s ecosystem.

Critical-Thinking Questions

9. Bethany says she made the decision early on not to mourn the loss of her arm. What does this mean? How did that decision affect the choices she made?  ______________________________________________________________________
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10. What did you learn from Bethany’s story that can help you overcome obstacles in your own life? Be specific.  ______________________________________________________________________
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