THE SCRAMBLED PARAGRAPH

Directions:

There are three paragraphs below: an introductory paragraph, a middle paragraph and a concluding paragraph. But the sentences are not in a regular paragraph order: they are scrambled.

Unscramble the sentences and put them in the order you think they should be in for a logical paragraph. Place your answers in the column on the right side of the paragraphs. You are provided with the first sentence in each paragraph.

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I. (a) Sharks have been described as eating machines, and indeed they are perfectly designed for that activity. (b) Almost as soon as they have eaten, They are on the prowl for more food. (c) They suffer from continual hunger. (d) Of all the fish in the ocean, sharks are the greediest eaters and killers. (e) They are powerful swimmers, with smooth, well muscled, steam-lined bodies.

II. (a) The teeth slice like razors as the shark, twists and rolls it body to tear off a chunk of food (b) Even very old sharks have razor-sharp teeth. (c) New teeth are constantly being formed and moving forward to take the place of those lost during the shark’s violent feeding activities. (d) But the most remarkable part of a shark it its mouth—a wide gash lined with rows of jagged teeth. (e) When a shark attacks, It opens its mouth wide until its teeth can stab straight into the body of its victim.
(a) The longest ever recorded was a thirty-seven-footer, a truly monstrous fish. (b) The largest and most fearsome of the species is the great white shark. (c) Its average length is between fourteen and sixteen feet. (d) A few great whites may reach well over thirty feet in length. (e) The great white lives in the tropical seas and sometimes along the southern coast of the United States.
**Answer Key:**

Paragraph I.

D  
C  
B  
A  
E

Paragraph II.

D  
E  
A  
C  
B

Paragraph III.

B  
C  
D  
A  
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