

It is recommended that people in these groups not eat more than 2 servings of mercury-contaminated fish per week. Fish with the highest levels of mercury include shark, swordfish, and king mackerel. All people should avoid eating large amounts of these kinds of fish, and no one should eat these fish more frequently than once a month.

- 1 The primary purpose of the passage is to
- a warn people who work at coal plants about the dangers of mercury
  - b inform people about the presence of mercury in edible fish
  - c familiarize people with the history of mercury in industrial products
  - d instruct people about the process of biomagnification
- 2 Based on information in paragraph 1, it can be inferred that only older thermometers contain mercury because
- a older thermometers do not work as well as newer models
  - b newer thermometers were made using coal power; older thermometers were made before coal power was in widespread use
  - c thermometers with mercury were made before people understood how dangerous mercury is
  - d thermometers made in earlier times used older technology
- 3 In the final paragraph, the author argues that
- a it is not safe to eat any seafood
  - b only children and pregnant women must be cautious about the fish they consume
  - c people must think carefully about what kinds and amounts of fish they are eating
  - d it is only safe to eat the most popular varieties of fish
- 4 Using your own words, explain the concept of biomagnification.

Biomagnification is the excessive contamination of the bioconcentration of the different links that take part in the food chain.

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Alto	—	tudo
Científico	—	scientific
Altamente	—	highly
Mas alto	—	highest

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