Herbivores, Carnivores, and Omnivores

Given below are pictures of typical herbivore, carnivore, and omnivore teeth. Observe them and answer the questions that follow.

1) Observe the shape of each type of teeth. Match the type of teeth to its function.
   a) Incisors  
   b) Molars  
   c) Canines

   1) a) [Function]  
      b) [Function]  
      c) [Function]

2) List out the similarities shared by omnivores’ teeth with those of carnivores and herbivores.

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How are the molars of carnivores different from those of herbivores?

Why do you think herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores have teeth structures different from one another?

Write T if the statements are true and F if they’re false.

4) Carnassial teeth help carnivores slice and cut through tough sinews.

b) All herbivores have incisors on both the upper and lower jaws.

c) Canines are non-existent in herbivores.

d) Animals like the lion and tiger have sharp, pointed canines.
6) Fill in the blanks using the correct words from parentheses.

a) Herbivores’ molars help them squash and grind _________________.
   (meat/leaves)

b) Carnivores’ _________________ (canines/molars) help them tear into flesh.

c) 

d) Herbivores grind plant matter with their teeth for easier _________________.
   (digestion/excretion)

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