Position and order of adverbial phrases

Remember

- Position and order of adverbial phrases
  - manner, place, time
- Order of adjectives
  - opinion, size, age, shape, colour, origin

1. Tick (✔) the correct sentence a or b.

1. a Life developed on land quickly in the last million years.
   b Life developed quickly on land in the last million years.

2. a Strange, green creatures have recently been found on the moon.
   b Green, strange creatures have recently been found on the moon.

3. a It’s a fast, new, American aeroplane.
   b It’s a new, fast, American aeroplane.

4. a It’s a beautiful, yellow, small fish.
   b It’s a beautiful, small, yellow fish.

5. a Dinosaurs disappeared suddenly from Earth around 65 million years ago.
   b Dinosaurs disappeared from Earth suddenly around 65 million years ago.

6. a Our submersible was a grey, big, round thing.
   b Our submersible was a big, round, grey thing.

2. Complete the sentences with the adjectives in brackets in the correct order.

1. The fish was a(n) ________, ________, ________ thing that looked like something out of a cartoon.
   (orange, round, enormous)

2. It was an extremely ________, ________, ________, ________ boat. (British, grey, old, ugly)

3. I had never seen such a(n) ________, ________, ________ animal. (amazing, colourful, small)

4. It was discovered by a(n) ________, ________, ________ explorer. (French, young, unknown)

5. The car was a ________, ________, ________, ________ model. (comfortable, German, new, silver)

3. Are these sentences correct (✔) or incorrect (✘)? Rewrite the incorrect sentences.

1. Humans appeared suddenly in Africa about two million years ago.

2. It’s a square, huge, grey machine.

3. I’ve just seen a fantastic, tiny, blue fish.

4. She has a Spanish, lovely, old map.

5. The Earth rotates at the Equator most quickly.

6. It was quite a spacious, modern, French submersible.