**Directions:** *Read* each question carefully. *Select* the response the best answers the question. *Write* the letter of your answer choice on your own piece of lined notebook paper. Unclear answers will be marked wrong.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1. Jerry’s mother allows him to explore the bay because she

1. loves to sit at the beach
2. is not afraid of anything
3. wants him to learn new things
4. worries about overprotecting him

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2. What does Jerry learn about the tunnel as he watches the older boys?

1. that it exists
2. how long it is
3. why it is there
4. that it is scary

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3. The tunnel is a bigger challenge than Jerry thought it would be because it is

1. too narrow for him to fit through
2. deeper underwater than he realized
3. lighted in only one small section
4. longer than he expected it to be

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4. What does the villa symbolize for Jerry?

1. maturity
2. safety
3. happiness
4. adventure

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5. How do you know that Jerry is proud after his swim through the tunnel?

1. He does not argue with his mother.
2. He wipes tears and blood from his face.
3. He talks about how long he can hold his breath.
4. He joins the older boys and plays with them.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_6. What does the big beach symbolize for Jerry?

1. unknown dangers
2. his childhood
3. his love for his mother
4. future vacations

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_7. What is the most likely cause of Jerry’s nosebleeds?

1. holding his breath too long
2. worrying about the tunnel
3. diving deep into the sea
4. swimming in salt water

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8. Details about Jerry’s swim through the tunnel tell you that

1. other divers have not survived the tunnel
2. a large air pocket exists deep within the tunnel
3. the tunnel is important in the lives of many boys
4. the tunnel is more dangerous than Jerry expected

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_9. The tunnel is a symbol because it represents

1. a passage from childhood to adulthood
2. the mysteries at the bottom of the ocean
3. a foreign setting in a strange new world
4. a feeling of acceptance from others

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10. After Jerry swims through the tunnel, why does he give in to his mother instead of going back to the bay?

1. He realizes how foolish and dangerous his efforts have been.
2. He fears that he will fail if he swims through the tunnel again.
3. He has accomplished what he set out to do that day at the bay.
4. He knows that his mother does not want him to go back to the bay.