Fat Boy Swim—Chapter One

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why do you think Jimmy hates the Summer?
2. Why was Jimmy only put on the pitch in the dying minutes of the game?
3. Who is the start player of the school football team?
4. Why did Victor call Jimmy, "Fat Boy Fat"?
For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. How did Hamblin humiliate Jimmy last year after the match?

2. What had Jimmy done to supposedly deserve this treatment?

3. What did Jimmy discover in the showers after the match?

4. Why was Jimmy upset about his blazer?

5. Who spotted Jimmy going past the staffroom notice board?

6. What do you think the writer means when she says, "G.I. Joe wasn’t a proper teacher anyway.”
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Three

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Where is Jimmy’s mum going?
2. Name the two things that Jimmy considers to be normal for a teenager.
3. Name three types of music Jimmy likes.
4. How does Aunt Pol feel about Jimmy’s cooking?
5. Why is Jimmy’s one gift, kept top secret?
6. Who came home with Jimmy’s mum?
7. What do you think he wants? Give a reason for your answer.
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Four

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. What did Jimmy discover about G.I. Joe?
2. Name two forms of punishment G.I. Joe gave to Victor.
3. Why is Jimmy angry that G.I. Joe knows about his secret gift?
4. What does G.I. Joe want Jimmy to do?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Five

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. What appears in Jimmy’s recurring dream?
2. In your own words, describe Jimmy’s dream.
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Six

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. How did Jimmy feel when he woke up from his dream?
2. What excuse did he have for not meeting Aunt Pol?
3. What did Jimmy plan to do for the afternoon?
4. What did the writer mean by, "Jimmy’s shame"?
5. How did Jimmy’s binge really make him feel?
6. List three things that G.I. Joe believes every child has a right to.
7. What do you think the last line of chapter six means?
For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why do you think Aunt Pol called Jimmy a "...softie..."?

2. Why did Aunt Pol avoid the main shopping area after their visit to the cinema?

3. Why do you think Aunt Pol is rude to G.I. Joe?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Eight

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why is Jimmy’s ‘escape’ after Mass described as a matter of urgency?
2. Why do you think Jimmy blushed when he saw Ellie McPherson?
3. What did Jimmy do that made his chest feel as if it had, “...come alive...”?
4. Why do you think nobody close to Jimmy used the word ‘FAT’?
For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why do you think Jimmy was in a bad mood?
2. G.I. Joe asked Jimmy, how he could help him? Name two things that Jimmy wants.
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Ten

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. What were Mum and Aunt Pol arguing about?

2. List three words Aunt Pol uses to describe Jimmy.

3. How did these words make Jimmy feel?
For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Who did Jimmy meet on the street?

2. What news did he have for Jimmy?

3. How was Jimmy feeling as they walked together?

4. What did Jimmy ask G.I. Joe to help him to do?

5. Why do you think Aunt Pol called G.I. Joe, "...Saint Action Man..."?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Twelve

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why is today such an important day for Jimmy?
   "..."

2. Who is Mrs. Hughes?
   "..."

3. Who did Chantal and Senga have trapped in a corner?
   "..."

4. List two surprising things Jimmy did.
   "..."

5. By the end of the chapter, what is the main thing on Jimmy’s mind?
   "..."
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Thirteen

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. What is the name of the assignment Mrs. Hughes set?
2. What is Jimmy’s ambition in ten years time?
3. Why did Jimmy say he would probably be, "...working in an office..."?
4. Name the three boys who dragged Jimmy into the toilet.
5. In your own words describe what they did to Jimmy. (100 words maximum)
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Fourteen

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Name the domestic science teacher.

2. Who else was told to go to domestic science during P.E.?

3. Why did Busty make such a fuss over Ellie tying her hair back?

4. What do Jimmy and Ellie have to bake?

5. What are Ellie’s two nicknames?

6. Describe in your own words what Jimmy and Ellie did with some of the éclairs. (50 words maximum)

7. Why do you think Jimmy was in such high spirits by the end of the chapter?

8. Who called Jimmy at the end of the chapter and what did he say?
Fat Boy Swim-Chapter Fifteen

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Describe the swimming pool in your own words. (50 words maximum)

2. Why did the woman and her daughter laugh?

3. Who did Jimmy meet in the changing rooms?

4. Who prevented Jimmy's towel from landing on the ground?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Sixteen

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. How did G.I. Joe describe Jimmy’s bullies?
   
2. What words from the spectators put Jimmy off balance?
   
3. Who sat staring at Jimmy from the spectators’ gallery?
   
4. What do you think he is thinking and why?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Seventeen

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why did Jimmy feel annoyed about his lesson?
   
2. Why was Victor removed from the pool?
   
3. Where did he go once removed?
   
4. What do you think is on Victor’s mind? (50 words maximum)
For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why was Jimmy celebrating?
   
2. Why did Jimmy insist on going to school?
   
3. What did G.I. Joe give to Jimmy?
   
4. Where did Jimmy believe they came from?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Nineteen

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. What did Jimmy have for Ellie?
2. What name did Senga call Victor by?
3. Why is Victor jealous of Jimmy?
4. What news did Jimmy tell Ellie after the incident with Victor and Senga in the classroom?
5. Why did Jimmy lie to his Mum about where he was going?
6. What did G.I. Joe say that shocked Jimmy at the end of the chapter?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Twenty

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. How has swimming affected Jimmy’s diet OR food intake?
2. Why did Ellie ask to meet Jimmy next week?
3. What was the nature of Victor’s injury?
4. What reason does Ellie give Jimmy for his behaviour?
5. Why do you think Jimmy was kind towards Chantal?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Twenty One

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why was Jimmy’s face scarlet?
2. What new stroke was Jimmy going to learn?
3. Who was G.I. Joe talking to at the poolside?
4. What did he suggest to Jimmy by the end of the chapter?
5. What was Jimmy shocked to see at the end of the chapter?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Twenty Two

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Where had Aunt Pol been?
2. Why was Jimmy feeling restless?
3. Who did he meet in the changing rooms?
4. Why did Victor lunge forward to touch the wall of the pool as he and Jimmy were swimming?
5. Who did Dog Breath actually spit on?
6. Who helped Jimmy in the First Aid room?
7. What did he say to confuse Jimmy?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Twenty Three

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why did Jimmy lie to Aunt Pol about how he hurt his eye?
2. How much weight has Jimmy lost so far?
3. Why did Jimmy’s Mum not agree with G.I. Joe about Jimmy’s secret swimming lessons?
4. Why do you think Mum and Aunt Pol are against Jimmy swimming?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Twenty Four

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. What did Jimmy discover about Aunt Pol?
2. What did Jimmy discover about his Dad?
3. Why is Jimmy finding it difficult to sleep?
4. Why do you think Jimmy decided to go ahead with the Swimathon?
1. When did Jimmy’s mother find out Aunt Pol was pregnant?
2. What did Fr. Patrick suggest they do with baby Jimmy?
3. What had Jimmy never noticed about his Granny (Mum) before?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Twenty Six

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why do you think G.I. Joe told Jimmy not to worry about winning?

2. Why do you think the other competitors were described as, "...looking worried..."?

3. Page 214 "Look of disbelief in Victor’s eyes..." Why was this better than winning to Jimmy?

4. Who won the Swimathon?

5. Who did Jimmy want to be there?
For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why did Jimmy come through the changing room door like a 'gladiator'?

2. Who interrupted Jimmy's joy? What did he say?

3. Why do you think nobody joined in with Victor's insults?

4. Why did Victor say he let Jimmy win?

5. How did Jimmy react? (50 words maximum)
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Twenty Eight

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why did Jimmy feel annoyed with himself?
   
2. What did Barry say to shock Jimmy?
   
3. Who told Barry Jimmy’s news?
   
4. What is Jimmy’s wish?
   
5. What does G.I. Joe tell Jimmy about him and Aunt Pol?
   
6. What did G.I. Joe do at the age of sixteen?
   
7. In your own words can you explain why Jimmy is not feeling good by the end of the chapter. (100 words maximum)
For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why did Jimmy not notice Victor and his gang insulting him?

2. Why did Jimmy want to slip away before the end of the fundraiser?

3. Why had today been one of the best days Jimmy could remember?

4. Why could Dog Breath and Maddo not believe that Jimmy was the chef?
For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Why did Jimmy have to stay at the fundraiser?

2. What did Fr. Patrick say that caused Ellie to stand up for Jimmy?

3. In your own words, how did the members of St. Jude’s choir react when they discovered that Jimmy was the chef? (100 words maximum)
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Thirty One

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. What did everyone think of Jimmy’s food?
   
2. What did Jimmy say about G.I. Joe?
   
3. What did Ellie say about Jimmy?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Thirty Two

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Who vandalised the Swimathon posters?

2. Why did G.I. Joe tell Ellie to take Jimmy outside?

3. What happened at the end of the chapter with Jimmy and Ellie?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Thirty Two

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. Where was Jimmy’s Mum?
2. Where did she move to?
3. Why did Living with Aunt Pol not work out?
4. Where is G.I. Joe going?
5. Who did Mum and Barry find in Ireland?
6. Why do you think Jimmy turns to G.I. Joe for advice?
7. List two of Jimmy’s main worries about his Dad.
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Thirty Four

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. What other pictures are on G.I. Joe’s wall, besides Jimmy’s?

2. What do you think G.I. Joe’s words to Victor mean?
Fat Boy Swim—Chapter Thirty Five

For each answer you must provide EVIDENCE/QUOTES to support your thoughts.

1. What was Hamblin’s excuse for having Jimmy in goals?
2. Why did Hamblin think Jimmy was at a slimming club?
3. What did Victor say to anger Jimmy?
4. What does Hamblin tell us about Victor and his football team?
5. Why was Victor staying behind in the showers deliberately?
6. What are your thoughts on Jimmy and how he is towards Victor at the end of the chapter? (100 words maximum)