COMPREHENSION TEST   **SCIENCE**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Severe Weather

Directions: Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer for each multiple-choice question.

1. The main purpose of the selection is to
   ○ a. identify the characteristics of hurricanes and tornadoes.
   ○ b. motivate people to listen to warnings from the National Weather Service.
   ○ c. convince people to seek shelter during a severe storm.
   ○ d. inform people about the history of naming hurricanes.

2. Rotate means to
   ○ a. bounce.
   ○ b. turn.
   ○ c. run.
   ○ d. start.

3. The term "Tornado Alley" refers to
   ○ a. a geographic corridor with a high frequency of tornado activity.
   ○ b. the path tornadoes follow between buildings.
   ○ c. a twisting funnel-shaped cloud.
   ○ d. a tornado's tendency to follow major highways.

4. Hurricanes and tornadoes are examples of
   ○ a. tropical depressions.
   ○ b. storm surges.
   ○ c. extreme rainstorms.
   ○ d. destructive windstorms.

5. How are tornadoes and hurricanes different? Use details from the selection to support your answer.

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