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Shifting Reality

Short Answer Key

1. He believes he is in control because he carefully plans everything and remains calm.
2. When he hears the heartbeat, he becomes overwhelmed with fear, making him lose control.
3. The heartbeat is not real—it is only in the narrator's mind, caused by his guilt.
4. His paranoia makes him act strangely, talk too fast, and eventually confess to a crime no one knew about.
5. At the beginning, he insists he is not mad, which makes the reader question if he really is.

