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Reading comprehension

1. Read the text
2. Answer all the questions in the spaces provided
3. Write your answer to the task in the spaces provided

Pakistan Man: A stint with the [extra] ordinary

By Jahanzaib Haque (Published: November 17, 2013)

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5 Meet Pakistan Man — the latest comic superhero to emerge as part of a growing trend of comics spilling over from the virtual world into print. Dubbed Pakistan's first superhero, a claim some in the local community of amateur illustrators would dispute, *Pakistan Man* is the brainchild of 24-year-old Hassan Siddiqui. The comic is the logical culmination of a childhood passion for drawing cartoons. The road to *Pakistan Man*, however, was paved on Facebook.

10 While most of Siddiqui's cartoons were simple one-liners or two to three panel affairs on local politics and culture, the young illustrator and writer decided to work on a larger creative project around a local superhero, an idea he had first conceived in college.

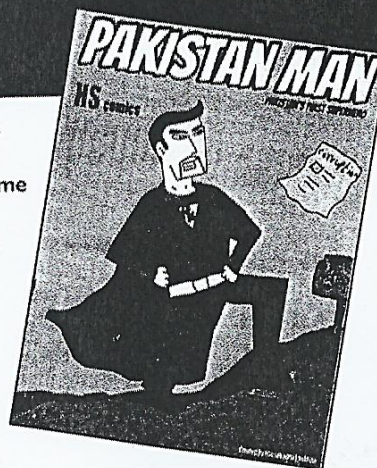
15 The first issue of the comic is a fairly simple origin story* though its message is somewhat convoluted, something that perhaps unintentionally reflects the real issue of existing conflicting narratives about Pakistan and national identity.

The son of poor parents, Pakistan Man assumes his heroic avatar after a chance encounter with Sultan Rahi, who later becomes his mentor. After five years of rigorous training and armed with a superhero costume and the ability to fly, he is ready to save Pakistan as instructed by Sultan Rahi.

20 The drawings are basic, the inking is digital and the plot is predictable, but this is perhaps necessary for an origin story. "Pakistan Man is meant to represent the Pakistani people, showing how anyone can become a superhero," Siddiqui explains.

25 The young creator points out that one of the biggest challenges to drawing comics in Pakistan is trying to tackle issues without offending people. The lack of knowledge about comic books as an alternate form of creative expression does not help the situation either. Fortunately, the challenge of finding a publisher for the comic was bypassed by going down the self-publishing route.

30 [- X -] *Pakistan Man* sees a second or third issue, or ends 16 pages long, depends on how the current version fares with the audience. [- 13 -], while the dedication to publishing comics in the face of multiple hurdles is impressive, at the end of the day, *Pakistan Man* offers [- 14 -] that is not amateur or already seen before. The plot is [- 15 -], while the writing and jokes are childish and [- 16 -] to appeal to anyone over the age of 15. If our man with the cloak does return, he'll [- 17 -] work on his one-liners more than his punches.



Adapted from Jahanzaib Haque, *The Express Tribune* (2013)

* origin story: an account explaining how fictional characters gained their superpowers

Which words go in the gaps between **lines 27 and 32**? Choose the words from the list and write them in the spaces below.

FORTUNATELY LITTLE SEAMLESS MUCH TIRED UNLIKELY
HOPEFULLY ONCE SIMILARLY SURE UNFORTUNATELY WHETHER

Example: [- X -] **whether**

13. [- 13 -]

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14. [- 14 -]

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15. [- 15 -]

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16. [- 16 -]

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17. [- 17 -]

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GRAMMAR

I Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

10 marks

1. Her phone _____(ring) for ten minutes. I wonder why she doesn't answer it.
2. As we _____(get) nearer, we _____(hear) the crowd shouting from the stadium.
3. I _____(play) bridge tonight with Tom and Ann.
4. Mozart _____(compose) his first pieces of music by the age of 15.
5. A: Why is he putting the camera on a tripod? B: He _____(take) a group photo.
6. I _____(not hear) from her for a while. She is not a reliable correspondent.
7. She _____(always, borrow) from me and never _____(remember) to pay me back.
8. I wish I _____(be) taller and more intelligent.

II Turn the following sentences into the passive voice. Use *by* only if necessary. 10 marks

1. The burglars had cut an enormous hole in the steel door. _____
2. People are spending far more money on the food now than they spent 10 years ago. _____
3. James has invited me to a dinner party. _____
4. They rang the church bells as a flood warning. _____
5. They will probably give you the answer tomorrow. _____

III Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form

10 marks

1. He _____(look) better if he _____(shave) more often.
2. Why did you do that?! If you _____(leave) that wasp alone, it _____(not sting) you!
3. Unless he _____(sell) more, he _____(not get) much commission.
4. If you _____(go) to the cinema before 6p.m., the seats _____(be) cheaper.
5. I _____(climb) over the wall if there _____(not be) so much broken glass on top of it.

IV Complete these sentences with either infinitive or gerund of the verbs in brackets. 5 marks

1. I couldn't help _____(overhear) what you said.
2. I don't remember _____(lock) the door before I went to bed.
3. I know she's mad but try _____(talk) to her.
4. Could you please stop _____(interrupt) me?! I'm trying _____(finish) this report.

V Turn the following sentences into the indirect speech. 10 marks

1. "I've got something to show you." I told her _____
2. "Have you seen Tania?" Kate asked _____
3. "Don't go in there!" She warned us _____
4. "Why has the 2.30 train been cancelled?" I wonder _____
5. "Does this bus stop at York?" She wants to know _____

VI Combine the following sentences by means of relative pronouns making any necessary changes. 10 marks

1. Kate's brother Nico is at university in Berlin. He is 19. _____
2. War and Peace is a great book. It's being made into TV series. _____
3. A computer has malfunctioned. They use this computer to calculate weather patterns. _____
4. Some people's cars were stolen. These people had to take the train home. _____
5. Not far away from here, there is a supermarket. I often go there to buy organic vegetables. _____

VII Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions. 10 marks

1. He insisted _____ seeing the document.
2. She sat _____ the window and wouldn't move.
3. He'll be here _____ a moment.
4. She has been learning Spanish _____ a month.
5. There has been a car crash. He died _____ spot.

VIII Make adjectives from the given words.

10 marks

1. Space - _____
2. Ignorance - _____
3. Access- _____
4. Industry - _____
5. Hero- _____
6. Custom - _____
7. Obey - _____
8. Play - _____
9. Talk - _____
10. Luxury - _____

IX Fill in the gaps with the given words.

10 marks

across down in into on out over up

1. I wake _____ at 6.00 AM, but I usually stay up in bed until 6.30. I am not a morning person.
2. Our car broke _____ in the desert between Los Angeles and Las Vegas. We were stuck on the side of the road for two hours before the tow truck arrived.
3. The environmental activists were standing on the side of the road handing _____ leaflets to protest the construction of the new beach hotel.
4. To apply for a driver's licence, please fill _____ this form and proceed to line B for the eye exam.
5. The other day I ran _____ Sam Green at the grocery store. I hadn't seen him in years.

TOTAL: 100 marks