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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

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| <p>1. What is the effect of a comic book author writing to address topics such as race, gender, politics, and war?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ A smaller audience is attending comic cons.</li> <li>Ⓑ Comic books about less serious topics are no longer being published.</li> <li>Ⓒ Comic cons are becoming more prevalent throughout the world.</li> <li>Ⓓ Comic books that address these serious themes are often labeled “graphic novels” or “graphic memoirs.”</li> </ul> <p>2. A <b>venue</b> _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ can be used to organize a large quantity of comic books</li> <li>Ⓑ can be bought, sold, or exchanged at a comic convention</li> <li>Ⓒ can be the location of a comic convention or another major event</li> <li>Ⓓ can only be viewed in a specialized movie theater</li> </ul> | <p>3. Which detail from the text supports the idea that the popularity of comic cons has increased with time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Stan Lee is the creator of many of Marvel Comics’ most popular superheroes, including the X-Men and Spider-Man.</li> <li>Ⓑ Fans have the opportunity to display their creativity at comic cons by dressing up as characters from comic books, anime, manga, and other fantasy genres.</li> <li>Ⓒ The San Diego convention in 1970 attracted about 100 fans, but it has grown to be the largest convention in the United States with over 130,000 people attending annually.</li> <li>Ⓓ Fans at comic cons can have their photo taken with celebrities and get autographs on comic books and posters.</li> </ul> |
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4. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
  - Ⓐ to persuade the reader that comic books are the best genre to read
  - Ⓑ to inform the reader about the origins and history of Shel Dorf and his family
  - Ⓒ to entertain the reader with fictional tales about superheroes and fantasy worlds
  - Ⓓ to inform and entertain the reader with the details about the culture of comic cons
  
5. A group of people invited to knowledgeably discuss a subject in front of an audience is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ readership
  - Ⓑ panel
  - Ⓒ fandom
  - Ⓓ screening
  
6. Which of the following is a fact from the section "Growing Pains and Issues"?
  - Ⓐ Arguments between fans about who knows the most are a waste of time.
  - Ⓑ Comic cons can be a place to discuss larger issues in the outside world.
  - Ⓒ The audience for comic books and comic cons has changed for the better.
  - Ⓓ With the introduction of movies and video games, the original inspiration for comic cons has been lost.

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7. What is the author's point of view on the appeal of comic cons?
  - Ⓐ Comic cons interest people because they create worlds where ordinary people can become heroes.
  - Ⓑ Comic cons are one of the only places where fans can meet celebrities and obtain their autographs.
  - Ⓒ Comic cons are losing popularity among young people but gaining popularity in the older generations.
  - Ⓓ Comic cons have become large and overwhelming and are therefore no longer enjoyable.
8. What was the effect of the success of recent Hollywood movies based on comic books?
  - Ⓐ Fans demanded comic books be written solely about superheroes.
  - Ⓑ Cosplay was eliminated from the comic con experience.
  - Ⓒ Comic cons gained popularity in modern culture.
  - Ⓓ Comic cons became less popular, and movies more popular.
9. Many comic cons could be described as \_\_\_\_\_ conventions because they focus on *popular ideas communicated through mass media*.
  - Ⓐ superhero
  - Ⓑ pop culture
  - Ⓒ wizard
  - Ⓓ panel

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**10.** Which of the following details expresses an opinion?

- Ⓐ Fans display their own creativity in many ways at comic cons.
- Ⓑ Fans are likely to meet local artists and make new friends at comic cons.
- Ⓒ Modern culture would be terrible without the presence of comic cons.
- Ⓓ Some fans camp at ticket booths for days to be sure they get into a comic con.

**11. Extended Response:** What details from the text support the opinion that the continuous expansion of the comic book landscape can be challenging for fans? Cite specific details from the text. Then describe two of your own opinions about the challenges fans find in the growing comic book world.

**12. Extended Response:** In what ways do modern-day comic book authors meet the needs of a diverse population of comic fans?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Comic Cons

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓒ Vocabulary
3. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
5. Ⓑ Vocabulary
6. Ⓑ Fact or Opinion
7. Ⓐ Author's Point of View
8. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓑ Vocabulary
10. Ⓒ Fact or Opinion
11. Students should note that some fans believe that comic cons have become much too large and that the focus has moved away from comic books. Additionally, some comic authors are taking up serious topics such as war, gender, and politics, and this is not to the liking of some fans. As such, the topic of censorship has become more prevalent in the world of comic cons. Students will then write two of their own opinions about the challenges in the comic book world.
12. Students should note that modern-day comic books vary greatly and therefore meet the needs of many different interests. Any of the following details may be included in the response: *Some comics are written for young audiences while others are specifically for adults; some comics are fictional, and some are nonfiction; some are educational, and others are for entertainment; some deal with serious themes while others provide escape into fantasy worlds; many comics address current issues such as race, gender, politics, and war.*