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FIND & CORRECT

Identify and correct 10 spelling, punctuation and grammar errors in the following passage.

A. The Stadium

- 1 Suddenly I understand what's happening. It's a warning from the government. The
- 2 women are pretending to be foot ball players. The government is showing what will
- 3 happen to women who play the football.
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- 5 I feel Bibi stiffen as she realises this too.
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- 7 Part of me wants to run onto the pitch with Bibi, and show the crowd her football
- 8 skills so they'll see how stupid the government is.
- 9
- 10 But another part of me is starting to think this isn't such a good idea. The soliders
- 11 have got guns. Even though this is just pretend and the guns probably aren't loaded,
- 12 they could still give you a nasty whack around the head.
- 13
- 14 I can tell Bibi feels the same. She's shaking.
- 15 "Jamal, she whimpers".
- 16 I hug her closer.
- 17
- 18 Suddenly one of the women breaks away from the soldiers and runs towards our end
- 19 of the pitch. All the spectactors in the stadium start yelling at her. They yell angry,
- 20 rude, nasty things. The people around me are getting really worked up. The noise
- 21 makes my head hurt. I put my hands over Bibi's ears.
- 22
- 23 I can't take my eyes of the woman.
- 24 There's something about the way she's running.
- 25 No, it can't be.
- 26 No, don't let it be.
- 27 Lots of women have clothes like that. Lots of women run like that. The exact way
- 28 Mum used to run when Bibi was a toddler and we had family walks in the desert and
- 29 Bibi made a break for it.
- 30 "mum," whimpers Bibi. "It's Mum."
- 31 It is.
- 32 It's Mum.
- 33 Down there on the pitch. Hands tied. Running from soldiers. This isn't pretend. This
- 34 is real.
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A. The Stadium (Continued)

36 I stare, num with shock, trying to take it in, as two soldiers catch Mum at our end of
37 the pitch and fling her to the ground.
38 The stadium goes silent.
39 "No," screams Bibi.
40
41 I clamp my hand over her mouth. People glance at her, then turn back to the pitch.
42 "It's just a warning," I plead into Bibi's ear. "They're just warning Mum not to run
43 away."
44 But why?, Why is Mum here?

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B. When I Fell From The Sky

1 The flight from Lima to Pucallpa only takes about one hour. On December 24,
2 1971, the first thirty minutes are perfectly normal. Our fellow passengers
3 are high in spirits. Everyone is excited to celebrate Christmas at home. The
4 luggage bins are stuffed with presents, and everyone is settled in for the
5 flight. After about twenty minutes, were served a small breakfast, which
6 includes a sandwich and drink. Ten minutes later the stewardesses are
7 leaning up our areas.

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9 Then all of a sudden we hit a storm front.

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11 And this time it's completely different from anything I've experienced before
12 the pilot does not avoid the thunderstorm, but flies straight into the
13 cauldron of hell. It turns to night around us, in broad daylight. Lighting is
14 flashing feverishly from directions all over.

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16 at the same time an invisible power begins to shake our airplane as if were a
17 plaything. The people cry out as objects fall on their heads from the violent
18 opened overhead compartments. Bags, flowers, packages, toys, wrapped gifts,
19 jackets and clothing rain down hard on us; sandwich trays and bags soar
20 through the air half-finished drinks splatter on our heads and shoulders.
21 Everyone is frightened, and I hear screams and cries.....

22
23 Then I suddenly see a blinding white light over the right wing. I don't know
24 weather it's a flash of lighting striking there or an explosion. I lose all
25 sense of time. I can't tell whether all this lasts minutes or only a fraction
26 of a second: I'm blinded by that blazing light



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C. Anyone for Pisa?

1 The leaning tower of pisa was not supposed to lean at all. Situated behind the
2 cathedral, it was constructed as a freestanding bell tower or 'campanile' for
3 the Italian town of Pisa. Its purpose was to notify locals when to attend
4 church. The eight storey, 296 step noble, white marble tower was built in
5 three stages. Construction spanned 177 years, during a time of Pisa's golden
6 age, which was marked by a period of military glory, thriving trade and the
7 pinnacle of its artistic acheivement.

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9 Construction began in 1173 but by the time builders had reached the third level
10 they noticed that the tower had started to subside and was leaning by four
11 centimetres. Unfortunately, engineer Bonanno Pisano did not consider the
12 ramifications of designing a mere three metre (10 ft.) thick stone foundation
13 to support a 56 metre (185 ft.) tall tower weighing over 160,000 tonnes. His
14 design was further flawed as the tower rested on unstable subsoil made of soft
15 sand rubble and clay which was constantly shifting and sinking.

16
17 in an attempt to correct the lean, masons wedged stones into the base but this
18 only made the tower lean the other way. Work on the tower halted for almost
19 one hundred years during which time Pisa was engaged in many battels. This
20 gave the soil time to settle and engineers time to explore more viable
21 solutions for the tower's lean. Work resumed in 1275, with three uneven levels
22 added and tilted to counterbalance the tower's lean. Construction was again
23 halted in 1284 followings Pisa's defeat by Genoa.

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25 Architect Tommaso di Andrea Pisano completed the seventh floor of the tower in
26 1319. Many credit him for the construction of the lopsided belfry in 1372,
27 which served to harmonise the Gothic elements of the bell-chamber with the
28 Romanesque style of tower. Seven bells were added in total – one for each
29 musical scale. By the late twentieth century, the weight of the bells caused
30 the structure to lean more than five metres (17 ft.) towards the south.



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A. The Stadium

1. Line 2, foot ball = football
2. Line 3, remove the word 'the' before the word football
3. Line 10, soliders = soldiers
4. Line 15, incorrect placement of direct speech. "Jamal, she whimpers" = "Jamal", she whimpers.
5. Line 19, spectactors = spectators
6. Line 23, of = off
7. Line 30, mum = Mum
8. Line 36, num = numb
9. Line 39, add an exclamation mark to the word 'no'
10. Line 44, remove the comma from between the two 'why's'

B. When I Fell From The Sky

1. Line 4, settled = settled
2. Line 5, were = we're
3. Lines 11 and 12, add comma between 'before' and 'the'
4. Line 13, lighting = lightning
5. Line 14, incorrect sentence, change the last four words to read 'from all directions'
6. Line 16, Capitalise the first sentence
7. Line 20, semi colon missing between the words 'air' and 'half-finished'
8. Line 21, only three dots in an ellipsis, remove three dots
9. Line 24, weather = whether
10. Line 26, add a full stop to the last sentence



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C. Anyone for Pisa?

- 1-4. Line 1, Capitalise 'leaning tower of pisa' (this is 4 of the 10 errors)
5. Line 7, achievement = achievement
6. Lines 14 and 15, insert commas between 'sand' and 'rubble and clay' and 'which'
7. Line 17, capitalise the first sentence
8. Line 19, battels = battles
9. Line 23, followings = following
10. Line 28, insert the word 'the' between 'of' and 'tower'