

The input:

Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio, on February 11, 1847. His family moved to Port Huron, Michigan, when he was seven years old. Surprisingly, he attended school for only two months. His mother, a former teacher, taught him a few things, but Edison was mostly self-educated.

His natural curiosity led him to start experimenting at a young age with electrical and mechanical items at home. When he was 12 years old, he got his first job. He became a newsboy on a train that ran between Port Huron and Detroit. He set up a laboratory in a baggage car of the train so that he could continue his experiments in his spare time. Edison then worked for five years as a telegraph operator, but he continued to spend much of his time on the job conducting experiments.

He got his first patent in 1868 for a vote recorder run by electricity. However, the vote recorder was not a success. In 1870, he sold another invention, a stock-ticker, for \$40,000. A stock-ticker is a machine that automatically prints stock prices on a tape. He was then able to build his first shop in Newark, New Jersey. Thomas Edison was totally deaf in one ear and hard of hearing in the other. He called himself a "two-shift man" because he worked 16 out of every 24 hours.

Thomas Edison died at the age of 84 on October 18, 1931, at his estate in West Orange, New Jersey. He left numerous inventions that improved the quality of life all over the world. The electric light was not his only invention. He also invented the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and over 1,200 other things.

I. Reading comprehension 7pts1. Read the text carefully and choose the right letter

A. There are ..... paragraphs in the input.  
a. 3    b. 4    c. 5    d. 2

B. This input is a.....  
a. letter    b. an interview    c. biography    d. conversation.

2. Read again and say in which paragraph it is mentioned that 2pts

- a. Edison left a lot of inventions.  
b. He was self-educated.  
c. He was interested in electricity and mechanics.  
d. He worked as a telegraph operator.  
e. He was totally deaf in just one ear.

3. Match the dates with the corresponding events 3 pts

Dates	Events
1870	Thomas' first job
1859	Thomas' death.
1931	Thomas' birthday
1868	Thomas' first patent
1847	Thomas' stock-ticker sale

II. Mastery of language 7pts

1. Add a word to the list 2pts

science, research, discovery,.....

chip, memory chip, USB stick,.....

2. Put the verbs in the right form 3pts

a. Issac Newton (sit).....under an apple tree when an apple (knock).....his head.

b. Astronauts (discover).....new things while they (visit).....the moon.

c. While the scientist (explain).....his discovery, students (take).....notes.

3. Put the following words in the right column according to their pronunciation 2pts

telegraph, improved ,shift, phonograph

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III. Situation of integration 6pts

Your friend wants to make a research about Thomas Edison he asked for your help, you wanted to help him/her answering his/her question report your dialogue including: date and place of birth, inventions and date and place of death.