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

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| <p>1. Which of the following events happened first?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Edison invented the phonograph. Ⓑ Edison improved the light bulb. Ⓒ Edison invented the telephone. Ⓓ Edison invented the electric vote counter. <p>2. What happened as a result of Edison saving a boy's life?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Edison was offered a job selling food and newspapers on trains. Ⓑ The boy's father offered to teach Edison how to be a telegraph operator. Ⓒ Edison's mother pulled Edison out of school to teach him at home. Ⓓ The boy's father gave Edison an award for his bravery. | <p>3. Why did Edison's mother pull him out of school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ because Edison did not do well in school Ⓑ because the family moved Ⓒ because Edison was the youngest student in his grade Ⓓ because Edison wanted to go to a different school <p>4. Read this sentence from the book: <i>He used the money he earned to buy books and materials for experiments.</i> What are experiments?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ scientific tests or trials Ⓑ documents giving someone the right to make money from an invention Ⓒ detailed studies done to discover new information Ⓓ people who control machines or other equipment |
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5. What personality traits did Edison have that made him a good inventor?
 - Ⓐ He was kind and friendly to others.
 - Ⓑ He was happy with the way life was.
 - Ⓒ He loved to question things and make things better.
 - Ⓓ He listened to his mom and dad.
6. Which of the following sentences states an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Thomas Edison was born on February 11, 1847.
 - Ⓑ Thomas Edison was the most important inventor of all time.
 - Ⓒ Thomas Edison was interested in science.
 - Ⓓ Thomas Edison wanted to invent things full-time.
7. What accomplishment made Edison famous?
 - Ⓐ He invented an electric vote counter.
 - Ⓑ He invented the phonograph.
 - Ⓒ He created nursery rhymes for children.
 - Ⓓ He created a club for inventors.
8. What is the main idea of the section titled "A Remarkable Man"?
 - Ⓐ Edison changed the world with his inventions.
 - Ⓑ Edison was a curious and smart boy.
 - Ⓒ Edison made money from selling his inventions.
 - Ⓓ Edison married Mary Stilwell in 1871.

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9. Why do you think Edison continued working until he was more than eighty years old?

- Ⓐ His wife wanted him to work.
- Ⓑ He didn't have enough money to retire.
- Ⓒ He loved inventing new things.
- Ⓓ He wanted to be famous.

10. Read this sentence from the book: *Thomas Edison created the first **research** lab in the world built to make money.* What does **research** mean?

- Ⓐ a place where people control the functions of a machine or other equipment
- Ⓑ a place where people can create, design, and build new inventions
- Ⓒ a document granting the rights to make money from an invention
- Ⓓ a detailed study of a subject, especially to discover new information or to find facts

11. **Extended Response:** Which one of Edison's inventions listed in the book continues to be important in your life today? Why?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Thomas Edison

Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of a Biography

1. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
2. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓒ *Elements of a Biography*
6. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓑ *Elements of a Biography*
8. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include one of Edison's inventions and support for why it is important today.