



SHORT QUESTIONS

1. State whether the following statements are **True** or **False**.

Q: The teacher encouraged Edison's questions and experiments.

False

Q: Edison was eight years old when he was taken out of school.

True

Q: Edison did not want to join the railways.

False

Q: On 4th September, 1880, New York shone with electric lights.

True

Q: Edison did not give any part of his earnings to his



mother.

False

Q: Edison was honoured by the President of America.

True

Q: Edison discovered the electric lamp after a hundred experiments.

False

2. Match the dates in Column A with the events in Column B.

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21 st October, 1929	Edison put up electric lights in his laboratory
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Solution

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3. Pick the correct answer from the given options.

Q: Edison's father gave him twenty five cents for

- a) conducting experiments
- b) for every book he read
- c) for buying new implements
- d) to pay for his railway fare

Answer: b) for every book he read



Q: Edison wanted to know from his teacher

- a) why kites could fly without wings
- b) why hens sat on eggs
- c) why birds flew
- d) why could human beings not fly like birds

Answer: d) why could human beings not fly like birds

Q: Edison was fond of

- a) distracting the class with his jokes
- b) playing pranks on the servant girl
- c) flying kites
- d) conducting experiments

Answer: d) conducting experiments

Q: Edison set up his first small laboratory with his



- a) pocket money
- b) money from selling wares on the train
- c) first salary
- d) money borrowed from the servant girl

Answer: a) pocket money

Q: Edison got a job in a company because

- a) a common friend referred him
- b) the manager of the company was his friend
- c) he repaired an important machine and impressed the manager of a company
- d) he showed superior scientific knowledge

Answer: c) he repaired an important machine and impressed the manager of a company

Q: The gramophone was earlier called the

- a) loudspeaker



- b) microphone
- c) hearing machine
- d) talking machine

Answer: d) talking machine

Q: Edison showed the gramophone at the

- a) a public gathering
- b) the White House
- c) a symposium for scientists
- d) his laboratory

Answer: b) the White House

Q: Edison's primary goal was to make people

- a) admire and appreciate him
- b) industrious and rational
- c) happy with his inventions
- d) take his inventions seriously



Answer: c) happy with his inventions



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