

**PART ONE: Reading (15points)**

*Read the text carefully then do the activities.*

Thomas Edison lit up the world with his invention of the electric light. Without him, the world might be a dark place. However, the electric light was not his only invention. He also invented the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and over 1,200 other things. About every two weeks he created something new.

The Edisons moved to Michigan when Thomas was seven. Surprisingly, he attended school for only two months. His mother, a former teacher, taught him a few things, but Thomas was mostly self-educated. His natural curiosity led him to start experimenting at a young age with electrical things at home.

When he was 12 years old, he got his first job. He became a newsboy on the train . He set up a laboratory in a baggage car of the train to continue his experiments in his spare time. Unfortunately, his first work experience did not end well. Thomas lost his job when he accidentally set fire to the floor of the baggage car.

Thomas, then, worked for five years on a telegraph operator, but he continued to spend much of his time conducting experiments. He got his first patent in 1868 for a vote recorder run by electricity. 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 New Jersey.

Edison was handicapped, he was totally deaf in one ear and hard hearing in the other, but he thought of his deafness as a blessing in many ways. It kept conversations short, so that he could have more time for work. He called himself a "two-shift man" because he worked 16 out of 24 hours. Edison died at the age of 84 on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1931, New Jersey. He left numerous inventions that improved the quality of life all over the world.

**A/Comprehension (08points)****1- Circle the letter that corresponds the right answer (0.75)**

➤ Edison first became :

- a) a telegraph operator, then became a newsboy, and finally got his patent.
- b) a newsboy, then became a telegraph operator, and finally got his patent.
- c) a newsboy, then got his patent, and finally became a telegraph operator.

**2-Are these statements true or false? Write "T" or "F" next to the statements. (02pts)**

- a- The only thing that Edison invented was the electric light.
- b- Edison started his first experiment at the train baggage car.
- c- Edison started working at an early age.
- d- His first job experience was not a success.

**3-Answer the following questions according to the text : (03pts)**

- a- Did Edison spend a long time at school? justify .
- b- How did Edison consider his deafness ? why
- c-What is the stock-ticker used for?

**4-who/What do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1.5)**

him §2.....

that §5.....

**5- Circle the letter that corresponds the right answer. (0.75)**

The text is : a) narrative      b) prescriptive      c) argumentative

**B/ Text Exploration:(07pts)**

**1-Match words with their definitions (0.75)**

laboratory - deaf- curiosity.

Words	Definition
1.....	Unable to hear .
2.....	Desire to know and understand anything.
3.....	Room or building fitted with equipment for scientific experimentation.

**2-Complete the following chart. (01pt)**

	Noun	Adjective
Example:	Danger	Dangerous
	Success	.....
	Curiosity	.....
	.....	Inventive
	.....	educated

**3-Ask questions that the underlined words answer. (2.25)**

- Thomas invented the electric light.
- Thomas attended school for two months.
- He got his first patent in 1868

**4-Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final “ed”. (01pt)**  
moved- educated-worked- called.

/t/	/d/	/id/

**5. Fill in the gaps with one of the words given in the list: (02pts)**

education – work -school -ignorance

Researchers largely attribute the phenomenon of dropping out from school to the .....1.....of poor parents who do not realise the importance of...2..... .Some parents withdraw their children from .....3.....due to the competing demands for household income which often push children to.....4.....

**Part Two: WRITTEN EXPRESSION (05pts)**

Choose **one** of the following topics.

**Topic one:**

Because of some personal problems, your friend decided to leave school and to stop his studies. Write a **letter** to convince him/ her not giving up studying by stating the disadvantages of dropping out from school.

**Use the following notes:**

- Fewer job opportunities.
- Earn lower wages when employed.
- Will regret the choice later in life.
- Lack of Access to Higher Education.
- Remember the more you learn, the more you earn.

**Topic two:**

You are an environmentalist, write **a speech** of 12 lines about the negative consequences that technology has brought to our environment.

- polluted rivers and seas -too many buildings-lack of green spaces- -new diseases-noise pollution people are stressed and anxious-deforestation-water shortage ...