

## Thomas Edison Test

1. Thomas Edison was a very \_\_\_\_\_ child.
  - A. dull
  - B. curious
  - C. handsome
  - D. lazy
2. In order to find answers he would \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. go to the library and read books
  - B. ask his friends about their thoughts
  - C. experiment
  - D. always go to his teacher
3. Once he tried to hatch some eggs by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. putting them under the mother hen
  - B. putting them by a candle
  - C. putting them by the fireplace
  - D. sitting on them
4. When his teacher called him “addled” his mother \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. had a fight with the teacher
  - B. told the teacher she needed to do better
  - C. removed him from the school
  - D. had the teacher fired
5. Thomas Edison attended school for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. twelve years
  - B. six years
  - C. three months
  - D. six months
6. Edison \_\_\_\_\_ on the train to make money for experiments.
  - A. sold newspapers and candy
  - B. took tickets
  - C. passed out drinks
  - D. cleaned out the trash
7. When he had spare time on the train he would \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. read a book
  - B. talk to the passengers
  - C. roll up the tickets
  - D. do experiments in the baggage car
8. When he was sixteen years old he went to work for the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. railroad
  - B. stock exchange
  - C. telegraph office
  - D. post office
9. He said deafness was an asset to him because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. it helped him concentrate
  - B. he enjoyed being deaf
  - C. it helped him make friends
  - D. other people had to shout at him
10. When he went to New York he had only \_\_\_\_\_ in his pocket.
  - A. 50 cents
  - B. \$1
  - C. \$5
  - D. \$10

11. In New York he slept in the basement of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. city hall
- B. the telegraph office
- C. a gold company
- D. the newspaper office

12. Edison was able to fix the company's broken equipment because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. he had been watching it work at night
- B. he had read a book about the equipment
- C. the custodian had told him how it worked
- D. it was a simple piece of equipment

13. The company hired him, and because of the improvements he made they paid him \_\_\_\_\_ for his invention.

- A. \$100
- B. \$2,000
- C. \$40,000
- D. \$100,000

14. Edison built a laboratory in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Washington D.C.
- B. Chicago, Illinois
- C. New York City
- D. Menlo Park, New Jersey

15. Edison worked \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. five days a week
- B. night and day
- C. only on weekends
- D. 20 days a month

16. When inventing the light bulb they tried \_\_\_\_\_ materials that didn't work.

- A. 200
- B. 1,000
- C. 1,500
- D. 50

17. After perfecting the light bulb he had to develop a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. candle holder
- B. power system
- C. television
- D. box to put it in

18. The first houses to have electric lights in America were in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Des Moines, Iowa
- B. Bangor, Maine
- C. Portland, Oregon
- D. New York City

19. Thomas Edison was probably the world's greatest \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. movie star
- B. inventor
- C. scientist
- D. politician

20. Edison's inventions include the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. helicopter and phonograph
- B. electric light bulb and mechanical reaper
- C. electric light bulb and phonograph
- D. motion picture camera and television