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MIDDLE SECTION

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TOPIC: READING COMPREHENSION

Class VI __ Name: _____ Roll No: ____ Date: __/12/18 Worksheet No: 18

I Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Thomas Alva Edison

Thomas Alva Edison was an American scientist. He had made many inventions. Now he was working on making an electric bulb. He was sure that his electric bulb would replace candles, oil lamps and gas lights in homes and streets. He wanted to give to the people a cheap, safe and efficient method of lighting.

After many difficult and lengthy experiments he produced a satisfactory electric bulb. Now he had to convince people that his invention was better than gas lamps. He decided to install his electric lighting system over an area of one square mile in New York and prove his point. It was an expensive project. Many banks and rich citizens supported him. He employed 2,000 mechanics to produce bulbs, switches, dynamos, etc. The gas firms opposed this project, but Edison was able to persuade house owners and factory owners to allow him to put wires in their buildings.

At last, on 4th September 1882, everything was ready for the great test. The historic moment came. Edison gave the signal. Thousands of electric lamps in hundreds of buildings throughout the area burst into a bright light.

A) Choose the correct options to complete the following:

a) **It was difficult to convince people that _____ .**

- i) he made many invention.
- ii) he was an American scientist.
- ii) his invention was better than gas lamps.
- iii) his invention was an expensive project

b) **Edison chose an area _____ to carry his experiment.**

- i) of one kilometer in New
- ii) of one square mile in New York
- iii) of one mile in America
- iv) of two square miles in New York

- c) He was sure that his electric bulb would replace _____ .
- i) Oil lamps and gas lights in streets
 - ii) Candles, oil lamps and gas lights in homes
 - iii) Candles, oil lamps and gas lights in homes and streets
 - iv) Candles, oil lamps in homes and streets

B) Find the words from the passage that are closest in meaning to the following:

- a) To make someone believe - _____ (Paragraph 2)
- b) To set up - _____ (Paragraph 2)

C) Complete the following statements:

- a) After many difficult and lengthy experiments _____

- b) Thousands of electric lamps in hundreds of buildings _____

D) State whether the following statements are True or False:

1. Thomas Alva Edison was a French scientist. _____
2. He employed 2,000 mechanics to produce bulbs, switches, dynamos, etc. _____
3. Many banks and rich citizens did not support him. _____

E) Answer the following:

- 1) What happened on 4th September 1882?
