Reading Ex. > A Rocket Man

A. Read the following article about a physicist who made history. Fill in the gaps using the words from the box. There is ONE EXAMPLE for you.

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Robert Hutchings Goddard *(Worcester, Massachusetts October 5, 1882 – Baltimore, Maryland August 10, 1945)* was a physicist and inventor who is known as the father of modern (0) ***rocketry***. In 1907, Goddard (1) _____ that a rocket's thrust can propel it in a vacuum. In 1914, Goddard (2) _____ two U.S. patents for liquid-fueled rockets and for two-to-three-stage rockets that use solid fuel. In 1919, Goddard (3) _____ a scientific article, *'A Method of Reaching Extreme Altitudes,'* describing a high-altitude rocket; this ground-breaking article was (4) _____ in a Smithsonian report. Goddard's many inventions (5) _____ the basis upon which modern rocketry is (6) _____.

After many years of (7) _____ attempts and public ridicule, Goddard's first successful rocket was (8) _____ on March 16, 1926, from a relative's farm in Auburn, Massachusetts. It was a liquid-fueled 10-ft. rocket that he (9) _____ Nell. The flight (10) _____ 2.5 seconds; the rocket (11) _____ 184 feet and (12) _____ an altitude of 41 feet.

Goddard soon (13) _____ to Roswell, New Mexico, where he (14) _____ more sophisticated multi-stage rockets. Altogether, Robert Goddard earned 214 patents.

B. Based on the previous text, answer the following questions. USE NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER.

1. What was his article written in 1919 about? _____
2. How many patents did he take out? _____
3. Where was Robert Hutchings born? _____
4. How is he known? _____
5. When did his first rocket fly? _____
6. How high could it fly? _____

Level A2

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