

# BIOGRAPHY

A. Read the text carefully.

## HABIBIE



Prof. Dr.-Ing. Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, h., FREng (born in Parepare, South Sulawesi, on June 25, 1936) Habibie was the fourth of eight children, couples Alwi Abdul Jalil Habibie and R.a. Tuti Marini Puspwardojo. His father's profession as an expert of agriculture comes from Gorontalo ethnic Bugis descent and while his mother is the son of an eye specialist in Yogya.

B.j. Habibie is married to Hasri Ainun Besari on 12 May 1962, with whom he had two sons, namely Ilham Akbar Habibie and Thareq Habibie Kemal.

He had learned at the SMAK Dago. He studied mechanical engineering at the University of Indonesia, Bandung (Bandung Institute of technology) in 1954. In 1955-1965 he went on to study engineering, specializing in aircraft construction, RWTH Aachen, Western Germany, received his diploma degree ingénieur in 1960 and a doctorate in 1965, ingénieur with summa cum laude.

Habibie has previously worked at Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm, an airline company based in Hamburg, Germany, thus reaching the peak of his career as a Vice President of technology. In 1973, he returned to Indonesia at the request of former President Soeharto.

He then served as Minister of research and technology since 1978 to March 1998. Before serving as the President (May 21, 1998-October 20, 1999), was Vice President BJ Habibie (14 March 1998 – 21 May 1998) in the seventh development cabinet under President Suharto. He was appointed Chairman of KADIN (Indonesia Muslim Intellectuals), during his tenure as Minister. Presidency Inauguration of President B.J. Habibie on May 21, 1998 Official photos and Ainun Habibie in 1998.

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### B. State the statements are True (T) o False(F)

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| 1.  | Habibie had eight siblings.   | T | F |
| 2.  | Habibie's father was an expert in agriculture.                          | T | F |
| 3.  | Habibie got married when he was 27 years old.                           | T | F |
| 4.  | Habibie and Ainun had two sons.   | T | F |
| 5.  | Habibie went on to study aircraft in Bandung Institute of technology    | T | F |
| 6.  | He had diploma degree and doctorate in Western Germany.                 | T | F |
| 7.  | Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm is an airline company where Habibie worked.  | T | F |
| 8.  | Habibie got prestigious position in his workplace.                      | T | F |
| 9.  | President Soeharto asked him to return to Indonesia in 1973.            | T | F |
| 10. | He had been served as Minister of research and technology for 20 years. | T | F |

### C. Choose the synonym/meaning of the following WORDS.

expert

learned

peak

served

former

vice

chairman

inauguration

descent

appointed

top

master

Second person in command

offered

previous

commencement

chosen

generation

studied

person in charge