

# IELTS Reading practice

## Paragraph headings

### **11. Read the following paragraph about the inventor Thomas Edison.**

Thomas Edison was an American inventor and businessman. He developed many devices that greatly influenced life around the world, including the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and a long-lasting, practical electric light bulb. He was one of the first inventors to apply the principles of mass production and large-scale teamwork to the process of invention, and because of that, he is often credited with the creation of the first industrial research laboratory. Edison is the fourth most prolific inventor in history, holding 1,093 US patents in his name, as well as many patents in the United Kingdom, France, and Germany. He is credited with numerous inventions that contributed to mass communication and, in particular, telecommunications.

### **Choose the best heading for the paragraph from the list below.**

- A) The creator of the first industrial research laboratory.k
- B) A pioneering and prolific inventor.
- C) Edison's contribution to mass communication.