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Thomas Edison

On the night of 21 October 1931, millions of Americans **(0) took** part in a coast-to-coast ceremony to commemorate the passing of a great man. Lights **(1)**_____ in homes and offices from New York to California. The ceremony **(2)**_____ the death of arguably the most important inventor of **(3)**_____ time: Thomas Alva Edison.

Few inventors have **(4)**_____ such an impact on everyday life, and many of his inventions played a crucial **(5)**_____ in the development of modern technology. One should never **(6)**_____ how revolutionary some of Edison's inventions were.

In many ways, Edison is the perfect example of an inventor-that is, not just someone who **(7)**_____ up clever gadgets, but someone whose products transform the lives of millions. He possessed the key characteristics that an inventor needs to **(8)**_____ a success of inventions, notably sheer determination. Edison famously tried thousands of materials while working on a new type of battery, reacting to failure by cheerfully **(9)**_____ to his colleagues: 'Well, **(10)**_____ we know 8,000 things that don't work.' Knowing when to take no **(11)**_____ of experts is also important. Edison's proposal for electric lighting circuitry was **(12)**_____ with total disbelief by eminent scientists, until he lit up whole streets with his lights.

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| 1. A. turned out | B. came off | C. went out | D. put off |
| 2. A. marked | B. distinguished | C. noted | D. indicated |
| 3. A. whole | B. full | C. entire | D. all |
| 4. A. put | B. had | C. served | D. set |
| 5. A. effect | B. place | C. role | D. share |
| 6. A. underestimate | B. lower | C. decrease | D. mislead |
| 7. A. creates | B. shapes | C. dreams | D. forms |
| 8. A. gain | B. make | C. achieve | D. get |
| 9. A. announcing | B. informing | C. instructing | D. notifying |
| 10. A. by far | B. at least | C. even though | D. for all |
| 11. A. notice | B. regard | C. attention | D. view |
| 12. A. gathered | B. caught | C. drawn | D. received |