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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.

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