Technological Innovations & The Beginnings of Big Business

Part 1: Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. Which invention improved communication over long distances?
   a. Airplane
   b. Telegraph
   c. Refrigerator
   d. Automobile

2. Who invented the light bulb?
   a. Andrew Carnegie
   b. Henry Ford
   c. Thomas Edison
   d. Alexander Graham Bell

3. What industry made Andrew Carnegie wealthy?
   a. Oil
   b. Railroad
   c. Steel
   d. Farming

4. What invention is Alexander Graham Bell famous for?
   a. Radio
   b. Steam engine
   c. Telephone
   d. Automobile

5. What was one effect of the Industrial Revolution?
   a. Fewer factories
   b. Increased production of goods
   c. Smaller cities
   d. Less transportation

6. Which businessman founded the Standard Oil Company?
   a. Henry Ford
   b. J.P. Morgan
   c. John D. Rockefeller
   d. Cornelius Vanderbilt

7. What transportation system helped businesses move products quickly across the country?
   a. Canals
   b. Railroads
   c. Horses
   d. Airplanes

8. What was the purpose of the assembly line?
   a. To slow production
   b. To improve farming
   c. To make products faster and cheaper
   d. To build railroads

9. Which natural resource powered many factories and trains?
   a. Cotton
   b. Coal
   c. Wheat
   d. Corn

10. What was a monopoly?
    a. A small family farm
    b. A company controlling an entire industry
    c. A railroad station
    d. A labor union

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Part 2: True or False: Write T or F for each statement.

11. _____ Railroads helped connect different parts of the country.

12. _____ Big businesses often grew because of new inventions and technology.

13. _____ Henry Ford helped improve automobile production.

14. _____ Factories made products more slowly than handmade goods.

15. _____ The telephone improved communication between people.

16. _____ Steel was important for building railroads and skyscrapers.

17. _____ Industrialization caused many people to move to cities.

18. _____ John D. Rockefeller became wealthy in the oil industry.

19. _____ Big business leaders were sometimes called "captains of industry."

20. _____ The assembly line increased the cost of products.

Part 3: Matching: Match the person or term with the correct description.

Column A	Column B
21. Thomas Edison	a. Founded Standard Oil
22. Andrew Carnegie	b. Invented the telephone
23. John D. Rockefeller	c. Inventor of the light bulb
24. Alexander Graham Bell	d. Built a steel empire
25. Assembly Line	e. Faster method of manufacturing products

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