KET Reading Practice – Great Scientists

Read the text about six famous scientists. Then choose the best answer (A, B, or C).

1. 1. What did Linda B. Buck study?

A. How people see colors.
B. How people smell different things.
C. How people hear sounds.

2. 2. Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin used X-rays to...

A. discover electricity.
B. study the structure of molecules.
C. make vaccines.

3. 3. Rosalind Franklin's work helped scientists...

A. understand the structure of DNA.
B. invent the microscope.
C. discover radioactivity.

4. 4. Marie Curie's discoveries became important in...

A. space exploration.
B. treating some diseases.
C. building machines.

5. 5. Louis Pasteur is famous because he...

A. developed vaccines and improved food safety.
B. discovered DNA.
C. invented electricity.

6. 6. Hans Christian Ørsted showed that...

A. magnets can produce light.
B. electricity and magnetism are connected.
C. X-rays can treat diseases.

7. 7. What do all these scientists have in common?

A. They all invented machines.
B. Their discoveries improved people's lives.
C. They all studied medicine.

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Part 2. Match the scientist

A Linda B. Buck
B Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin
C Rosalind Franklin
D Marie Curie
E Louis Pasteur
F Hans Christian Ørsted

1. ___ This scientist worked with radioactive elements.

2. ___ This scientist studied the sense of smell.

3. ___ This scientist developed vaccines.

4. ___ This scientist used X-rays to study molecules.

5. ___ This scientist helped explain DNA.

6. ___ This scientist connected electricity and magnetism.

Vocabulary

1. DNA is... A) a disease B) genetic material C) a medicine

2. A vaccine helps... A) protect people from diseases B) make food sweeter C) produce electricity

3. A compass is used to... A) find directions B) cook food C) measure temperature

4. Molecules are... A) tiny parts that make up substances B) planets C) plants

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