SOUTH DAKOTA UNITED STATES HISTORY II · UNIT 1 · 5 QUESTIONS

Industrialization and the Progressive Era — Practice Test

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1 **What did the Homestead Act of 1862 offer to settlers who farmed western land?**

- A 160 acres after five years of farming
- B Free railroad passes
- C A factory job
- D A gold mine

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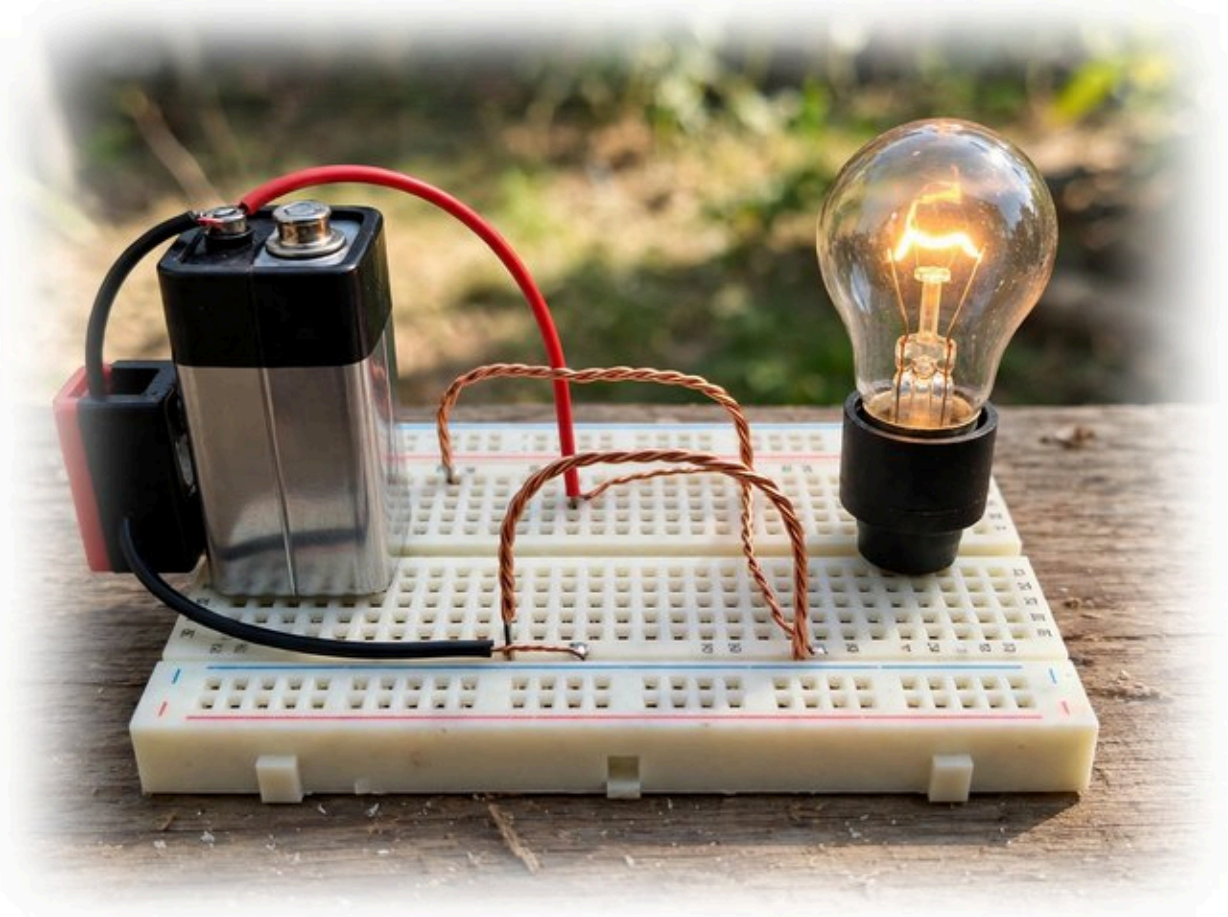
2 **A simple electric circuit on a breadboard has a battery and a small lit light bulb. Which invention by Thomas Edison helped light homes and factories in the late 1800s?**



A The telephone

B The practical electric light bulb

C The steam locomotive

D The cotton gin

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3 **The telephone patented in 1876 is most associated with which inventor?**

A Thomas Edison

B Henry Ford

C George Westinghouse

D Alexander Graham Bell

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4 **Muckrakers in the Progressive Era were best known for what?**

A Writing novels about the frontier

B Leading armies in war

C Exposing corruption and social problems in journalism

D Building railroads

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5 **Which Progressive reform allowed voters to propose laws directly?**

A Initiative

B Gerrymandering

C Filibuster

D Veto

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. A

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