

(5 - minute passages - 30 w.p.m)

Exercise (1)

The greatest Electrical Pioneer of them all was Thomas Edison, who was a brilliant inventor despite the fact that he had little formal education and lived in New Jersey. Edison's first major invention in 1877 was the phonograph, which could soon be found in thousands of American homes, and it spread to another countries where it basically sat until 1923, when the record was invented.. But Edison's greatest achievement came in 1879, when he invented the electric company. Edison's design was a brilliant adaptation of the simple electrical circuit: the electric company sends electricity through a wire to a customer, then immediately gets the electricity back through another wire, then (this is the brilliant part) sends it right back to the customer again and again.

Stroke

67  
131  
196  
253  
316  
380  
440  
499  
569  
629  
693  
765  
775

Exercise (2)

For the last decade, most of the computer standards have remained largely compatible. You can still plug an IBM keyboard or mouse made in 1987 into a computer that you bought yesterday. The round keyboard and mouse connector is commonly called a "PS/2" connector because it first appeared on the IBM PS/2 line of personal computers in '87. The 15 pin video plug and cable that connects most analog monitors to the video adapter in the PC is commonly called "VGA" because it was introduced by IBM in that same line of computers. The PCI bus is only a little more than 10 years old, but that still means that most adapter cards can be freely exchanged between new and old systems. A computer can be constructed from parts made by many different vendors. These computer is named combatable not original.

Stroke

57  
115  
170  
57  
227  
294  
352  
417  
488  
553  
612  
675  
737  
750

