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GED READING COMPREHENSION

Read each passage carefully and answer the questions.

The Value of Perseverance

Perseverance is one of the most important qualities a person can possess. It is the ability to keep going despite facing difficulties or setbacks. People who persevere are often the ones who achieve their goals, whether they are pursuing a career, an education, or a personal dream. Perseverance is not about never failing—it's about continuing to try after you've experienced failure and using that failure as a learning experience.

Take, for example, the story of Thomas Edison. He faced many challenges while inventing the light bulb. He went through hundreds of experiments that didn't work before finally succeeding. When asked about his many failures, Edison famously said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." Edison's perseverance led to one of the most important inventions in history, and his story continues to inspire those who face challenges.

In our own lives, we can all benefit from developing perseverance. Whether we are learning a new skill or striving for success in our careers, perseverance helps us push through obstacles and continue moving forward.

- 1. What is the main idea of the passage?**

- 2. How did Thomas Edison demonstrate perseverance?**

- 3. What does the quote "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work" suggest about Edison's perspective on failure?**

- 4. What can we infer about the value of perseverance in everyday life?**

- 5. What is the author's purpose in writing this passage?**
