

Type of Text: Biography.

**Sheikh Naimi Middle School Ouled-Djellal.**  
**Sample Exam Paper. March 2008 Meeting.**

**Clyde Beatty.**

Until his death in 1965, Clyde Beatty was considered to be the greatest animal trainer who ever lived. Only five feet, five inches tall (1.65m), Beatty used to enter an animal cage armed only with a small pistol, containing blank cartridge, and a chair.

Born in the American Middle West, Beatty faced thousands of lions, tigers, leopards, bears and jaguars during his long career. Over 100 times he was attacked by the big cats and bore the scars from these encounters on his body.

For a regular performance Beatty would spend about 15 minutes in a cage with from 12 to 24 lions or tigers. However, during one special performance, he handled 50 big cats in one cage. No one has ever equaled that performance.

Beatty himself never tried to repeat the performance with 50 roaring, snarling lions and tigers. He later admitted that it was a very challenging experience.

**Part One. 14 pts.**

A- Reading Comprehension. 7 points.

1) Answer the following questions: 3 points

- a) What was Beatty's job?
- b) What is meant by the big cats??
- c) Was his job dangerous?

2) Read the text then write True or False. 2 points.

- a) Beatty lived with fierce animals.
- b) Beatty was a very tall man.

3) Lexis: 2 points

Find in the text words according to the following definitions:

- a structure of bars or wires in which birds or other animals are kept.:
- a person who trains people or animals :

B- Mastery of Language. 7 points.

1) Match the questions in column A with the answers in column B. 3 points.

A	B
When was he born?	- Mathilda Strauss.
Where was he born?	- In 1896.
Who did he marry?	- In Ohio, USA.

2) Spot the mistakes and write the corrected sentences. 2 points.

- a) Beatty train thousands of animals before he died.
- b) Beatty was America.

3) Pronunciation. 2 points.

Find in the text words that rhyme with the following:

meet          sage          torn          song

## Part Two: 6 points.

Written Expression.

Your teacher asked you to write Thomas Alva Edison's Biography in not more than 6/8 lines.

You may refer to the text and use the information below.

**born (February 11, 1847**  
**died October 18, 1931)**  
**American inventor / Dutch origin**  
**Not very good at school**  
**married twice / 3 children.**  
**invented 1300 devices.**

