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# The Nutty INVENTOR

Read the text and answer the questions.

In the world of inventions, Yoshiro Nakamatsu deserves the grand prize. "Dr. NakaMats," as he calls himself, has created more than 3,200 inventions during his lifetime. His inventions include the compact disc (CD), the digital watch, a taxicab meter, and spring shoes that allow people to jump high with less effort. Dr. NakaMats proves that great things can happen when people use their imaginations. How does this brilliant inventor come up with ideas for new inventions? Even he would probably admit that his process is a little strange. Dr. NakaMats starts by diving into a swimming pool. He remains underwater, holding his breath, until an idea comes to him. Then he writes his idea on a



special underwater tablet that he invented for just this purpose. Dr. NakaMats believes that his creativity is at its best between midnight and 4 AM. He sleeps only four hours a day and eats only one meal a day. His habits may seem strange, but the money he earns from his inventions has given him the freedom to work however—and whenever—he pleases. "Genius lies in developing complete and perfect freedom within a human being. Only then can a person come up with the best ideas," he explains.

What is the main purpose of the first paragraph?

What does the author of the passage probably believe about Dr. NakaMats?

What is the main purpose of this passage?

Why does the author describe how Dr. NakaMats comes up with new ideas?