

Reading Explorer 4: Unit 8 Lesson B IN THE CRIME LAB (pages 143-145)

Choose the best answer for each question.

- _____ 1. Who is Patricia Cornwell?
 - a. a character in a crime novel who is based on Marcella
 - b. a forensic investigator and professor
 - c. a former chief medical examiner
 - d. a crime writer who based a character on Marcella

- _____ 2. Which of the following statements would Marcella and Alphonse agree with?
 - a. In the state of Virginia, many people are murdered by poison every year.
 - b. One motive for poisoning is when there is a disagreement about inheritance.
 - c. There are very few tests that they can use to discover poisons in the body.
 - d. When they discover the perfect poison, they will write a book about it.

- _____ 3. What would Marcella and Alphonse do last when asked to investigate a poisoning?
 - a. take blood and tissue samples
 - b. find out about the defendant's background
 - c. exhume the body of the victim
 - d. conduct tests with mass spectrometry

- _____ 4. What is NOT mentioned about cyanide?
 - a. It has a unique appearance.
 - b. It has a distinctive smell.
 - c. It is used by spies in movies.
 - d. It is a fast-acting poison.

- _____ 5. In paragraph E, what does *cover up* mean?
 - a. change
 - b. hide
 - c. copy
 - d. explain

- _____ 6. Which of the following is NOT a poison?
- a. arsenic
 - b. cyanide
 - c. pesticide
 - d. homicide
- _____ 7. Based on the interview, what can we infer is Poklis's view of poisoners?
- a. He thinks they are intelligent.
 - b. He thinks they are difficult to identify.
 - c. He thinks they are predictable.
 - d. He thinks they are easy to spot.
- _____ 8. What is the best definition of the underlined idiom in the following sentence?

Those things set a chain of events into motion.

- a. factors that led up to the accident
 - b. things that take place at the same time
 - c. sequential actions that take place as a result
- _____ 9. What is the best definition of the underlined part of the following sentence?

If we have the body before it's in the ground, we deal with it.

- a. before the murderer has been caught
 - b. before the body has been buried
 - c. before the body has decomposed
- _____ 10. What is the best definition of the underlined part of the following sentence?

In [American] culture everything is solved in 30 minutes, so you aren't going to plan, go someplace to get poison, and figure out "how am I going to give it?"

- a. Americans resolve conflict very quickly.
- b. Americans are good at solving problems.
- c. Americans take their time to think through things.