

**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?

- arsenic
- cyanide
- pesticide
- homicide

7. Based on the interview, what can we infer is Poklis's view of poisoners?

- He thinks they are intelligent.
- He thinks they are difficult to identify.
- He thinks they are predictable.
- 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.*

- factors that led up to the accident
- things that take place at the same time
- 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.*

- before the murderer has been caught
- before the body has been buried
- 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?"*

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