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Unit 5A Investigation

Read the passage and choose the correct answer for each question.

The CSI Effect

The courtroom is silent. A lawyer holds up a piece of scientific evidence. It is a blood test that shows who committed a crime. The camera zooms in on the guilty woman's face, and … pause for commercial break! This is one of the last scenes in a crime scene investigation (CSI) show.

It is not real, but it looks like the real thing. Why have these shows become so popular on TV?

People have always been interested in a good detective story. In the famous Sherlock Holmes stories, Holmes solved murder mysteries by using scientific reasoning. Today's CSI shows do the same thing—except the science and technology are much more advanced.

When people watch CSI shows, they think they know what real crime scene investigation must be like. On TV, the investigations always end in less than an hour, and the investigators use amazing devices that solve crimes immediately. Real-life investigations are not always as exciting. The science experiments might not work correctly or the investigation could take a really long time. But real-life investigations do use a lot of science. One good result of CSI shows is that people have become much more interested in science.

1. What is the purpose of the passage?

a. to compare CSI shows with detective stories and real crime scene investigation

b. to explain how to investigate a real crime scene

c. to give the history of crime scene investigation

d. to tell a detective story

2. Which word from the passage means *to kill someone*?

a. commit b. murder c. solve d. zoom

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3. What is the second paragraph mainly about?

a. what kind of science is used in CSI shows

b. how CSI shows are similar to detective stories

c. why Sherlock Holmes was such a famous detective

d. which technology was used in Sherlock Holmes stories

4. How are detective stories and CSI shows NOT similar?

a. They are popular.

b. They solve mysteries.

c. They use scientific reasoning.

d. They use the same kind of technology.

5. What is one result of CSI shows?

a. More crimes are being solved.

b. More people read detective stories.

c. More people are interested in science.

d. Crime scene investigation takes less time.

6. What kind of stories are people usually interested in, according to the passage?

A. Adventure stories

B. Detective stories

C. Romance stories

D. Science fiction stories

7. How do the CSI shows on TV differ from real-life crime investigations?

A. The CSI shows use more advanced technology.

B. The CSI shows take less time to solve crimes.

C. The CSI shows are more entertaining to watch.

D. The CSI shows are based on true stories.

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8. What is one positive impact of the popularity of CSI shows?

A. People have become less interested in science.

B. People have learned to solve crimes more efficiently.

C. People have developed a more realistic understanding of crime investigations.

D. People have become more interested in science.

9. What is the connection between Sherlock Holmes stories and CSI shows mentioned in the passage?

A. They both use advanced technology to solve crimes.

B. They both involve solving murder mysteries.

C. They both have unrealistic crime-solving methods.

D. They both emphasize the importance of scientific reasoning.

10. What is the main message of the passage?

A. CSI shows are more popular than other TV shows.

B. Real-life crime investigations are very different from what is shown on TV.

C. Advances in technology have greatly improved real-life crime investigations.

D. The popularity of CSI shows has led to a greater interest in science.

Write your answers here.

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Thanks!

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