STATE AND SOCIETY

1. Fill in the sentences about British politics with the words: lord, prime, labour, house, high, member, liberal, secretary.

1 The ________________ of Commons is the part of Parliament whose members are elected by the people.
2 The ________________ Party is a political party that tries to improve the conditions of ordinary working-class people.
3 The ________________ Chancellor is the head of the legal system in Britain.
4 A ________________ of State is the head of a ministerial department such as finance or education.
5 The Deputy ________________ Minister is the second most powerful member of the parliament.
6 The ________________ Democrats are a British political party which supports the protection of individual rights.
7 A ________________ of Parliaments sits in the political party which as a representative of the people they were elected by.
8 The ________________ Court is one of the senior courts of law in the UK.

2. Fill in the gaps with the verbs: gave, passed, won, cut, voted, ran, outlined, came.

1 The political party made a promise to __________ taxes if elected.
2 Three candidates __________ for the position of town mayor.
3 George __________ for the Conservative Party in the election.
4 The Prime Minister __________ a speech encouraging the public to keep him in power.
5 The new Minister of Finance __________ a plan to strengthen the economy.
6 The ruling party __________ the election by a huge majority.
7 He __________ to power in 2002 and has been the country's president ever since.
8 The government __________ a law that made fox hunting illegal.

3. Fill in: arm, eyes, side, hands.

1 The judge warned him never to get on the wrong __________ of the law again.
2 You can't take the law into your own __________ Brian; you have to let the police deal with this.
3 The drug dealer escaped this time but the long __________ of the law will catch him in the end.
4 In the __________ of the law, it is illegal to sell on the streets without a licence.

4. Fill in: mugger, car thief, vandal, kidnapper, burglar, arsonist. Then write the abstract nouns.

1 A(n) kidnapper abducts a person and demands a ransom for his/her return. Kidnapping
2 A(n) __________ deliberately sets fire to something, a building etc. ________________
3 A(n) __________ steals vehicles. ________________
4 A(n) __________ deliberately damages buildings and property. ________________
5 A(n) __________ attacks people in public places and robs them. ________________
6 A(n) __________ breaks into a person's home and steals their belongings. ________________
5. Choose the correct word.

1 Trespassing is a minor **offence**/**defence**.
2 The police investigated the crime **scene**/**stage**.
3 We should never **crack**/**break** the law.
4 The police decided not to **give**/**press** charges and gave her a **warning**/**notice** instead.
5 They were **accused**/**sentenced** of murder.
6 The accused had nothing to say in his **defence**/**verdict** but insisted he was **innocent**/**suspected**.
7 The jury found him quality and he was **sent**/**charged** to prison.
8 He was the only **witness**/**victim** to Ann's murder.
9 She was **sentenced**/**charged** to six months community service/**help**.
10 The **death** **punishment**/**penalty** has been abolished in many countries.
11 The young boy admitted having stolen two cars and was put on **probation**/**trial** for three years.


1 The students have started a campaign against the testing of cosmetics on rabbits. ......................
2 She has devoted her life to helping abused youngsters. ......................
3 It's been estimated that a sixth of the world's population lacks running water. ......................
4 We need to raise awareness of the damage being done to the natural world ......................
5 A bomb was detected at the embassy but was detonated without causing any injuries. ......................

7. Use the words in bold to form new words to fill in the gaps.

1 The government is trying to promote racial ...................... **(equal)** in the workplace.
2 The law prohibits any form of ...................... **(discriminate)** against minorities.
3 The USA often prides itself on the ethnic ...................... **(diers)** of its population.
4 The legal system has a ...................... **(responsible)** to protect citizens’ human rights.
5 The ...................... **(employ)** was accused of **hiring** only men for executive positions.
6 The ...................... **(violate)** of human rights in the country's prisons as a serious issue.


1 Citizens ...................... a rally outside the city hall yesterday because of the rise in unemployment.
2 The police need ...................... action against the rioters in the town centre.
3 The two prime ministers must ...................... an agreement to end disputes between their countries.
4 Thousands of people have ...................... the petition against the new gun law.
5 The UN sent diplomats to the country in order to ...................... the conflict.
6 The peace agreement ...................... an end to the war.

9. Choose the correct word to complete the names. What does each work on?
1 EU – European **Unity/Union/United**
2 NATO – North **Atlanta/Atlas/Atlantic** Treaty Organisation
3 IOC – International Olympic **Committee/Council/Cooperation**
4 WHO – World **Habitat/Health/Humane** Organisation
5 WWF – World Wildlife **Fund/Finance/Fortune**
6 IMF – International **Money/Monetary/Market** Fund

10. Match the places of worship to the religions. Make sentences as in the example.

1 - d Islam (Muslims) a stupa
2 – Judaism (Jews) b church
3 – Christianity (Christians) c synagogue
4 – Hinduism (Hindus) d mosque
5 – Buddhism (Buddhists) e gurdwara
6 – Sikhism (Sikhs) f mandir

11. Complete the sentences with the words:

- family-run, cost, unit, worldwide, business, income, international, standards.

1. The government voted not to raise .............................. tax for another year.
2. In the future overpopulation may become a(n) .............................. problem.
3. Our wildlife organisation id opposed to the .............................. trade in rare species.
4. They had to close their small, .............................. business during the recession.
5. The .............................. of living the recession.
6. The pound is the .................................. of currency in the UK.
7. People in Scandinavian countries generally enjoy high .............................. of living.
8. The company became bankrupt after a failed .............................. venture in Asia.

1. Choose the odd word out.

1 arsonist – vandal – chancellor – mugger
2 jury – rally – accused – witness
3 Mandra – Sikhism – Gurdwara – Stupa
4 trespass – steal – abduct – sentence
5 election – terrorism – speech – candidate
6 rights – venture – equality – discrimination

2. Choose the correct word.

1 They hope to reach/resolve an agreement today.
2 The police have confirmed that they are going to press/hold charges.
3 The judge sentences/accused the thief to two years in prison.
4 He was warned to stay on the right side/arm of the law.
5 Stealing is a criminal offence/defence.
6 Were there any witnesses/victims to the crime?
7 Police have cordoned off the crime stage/scene.
8 He is Secretary od State/Parliament for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.
9 It's time we took/raised action.
10 The government want to lower tax rates/units.
3. Choose the correct preposition.

1 He broke into/onto the car by smashing a window.
2 They were sent at/to prison for their crime.
3 When did he come of/into power?
4 She has decided to run up/for president in the next election.
5 He was caught attempting to set fire in/to the house.
6 They want to bring an end over/to the conflict.
7 I haven’t decided who I am going to vote for/on yet.
8 She decided to take the law into/through her own hands.
9 He has been accused of/with the crime and will stand trial.

4. Fill in: unit, legal, business, cost, living, children’s, ethnic.

1 .................................. standards are high in the UK.
2 They’re hopeful their new .................................. venture will be more successful than their last.
3 According to the report, Australia has the third lowest .................................. of living in the developed world.
4 The Singapore dollar (SGD) is Singapore’s official .................................. of currency.
5 It is illegal not to pay .................................. tax.
6 For historic reasons, the .................................. system in Scotland differs from that of the rest of the UK.
7 He is a .................................. rights lawyer.
8 We want to promote .................................. diversity in our workplace.

5. Fill in with: Commons, petition, cut, synagogue, community, detonate, pass, probation.

1 They worship at the .................................. every week.
2 Experts were called in to .................................. the bomb in a controlled explosion.
3 He was sentenced to 100 hours of .................................. service.
4 The UK public elects 650 MPs to represent their interests in the House of .................................. .
5 They managed to get over a million signatures on their .................................. .
6 He is currently on .................................. while awaiting trial.
7 The government has backtracked on their promise to .................................. taxes.
8 They hope to .................................. the law in the next few days.

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