

## 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 o 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 guilty 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.

**6. Match the social issues** *terrorism, environmental protection, poverty, animal rights, children's rights* **to the statements.**

- 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 ..... (**diversity**) of its population.
- 4 The legal system has a ..... (**responsibility**) to protect citizens' human rights.
- 5 The ..... (**employer**) was accused of **hiring** only men for executive positions.
- 6 The ..... (**violation**) of human rights in the country's prisons is a serious issue.

**8. Fill in:** *sign, hold, reach, take, resolve, bring* **in their correct form.**

- 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.**

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| 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 is 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 of **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.