

1. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Public opinion polls show that crime is (1) as one of the most serious problems of many societies. Yet, (2) studies have revealed that the (3) of violent crime is (4). Our peculiar awareness and fear is largely brought about by the great attention it is (5) in the mass media and also because of violent crime being a popular theme for television series and films.

Among all crimes, murder makes the (6) and there is little doubt that homicides still continue to be a (7) question in a number of countries. The various causes of severe crime are being constantly (8) and innumerable reasons for it are being pointed out. Among these are unemployment, drug (9), inadequate police enforcement, ineffective courts, racial discrimination, television and the general (10) in social values.

An acknowledged fact is that it is mainly poverty that (11) crime. Individuals incapable of (12) for themselves and their families the rudimentary means of living unavoidably take (13) stealing, burgling or (14) other offences. We may try to explain crime on different (15) - cultural, economic, psychological or political, but criminologists are still far from detecting the exact source of violent offences as the direct link between these particular factors isn't possible to specify.

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| 1. a) viewed | b) believed | c) alleged | d) thought |
| 2. a) pervading | b) infiltrating | c) examining | d) penetrating |
| 3. a) quantity | b) deal | c) amount | d) figure |
| 4. a) outspoken | b) overestimated | c) presupposed | d) upgraded |
| 5. a) granted | b) awarded | c) devoted | d) entrusted |
| 6. a) headlines | b) titles | c) captions | d) broadcast |
| 7. a) burdening | b) obstructing | c) nagging | d) contending |
| 8. a) debated | b) conversed | c) uttered | d) articulated |
| 9. a) escalation | b) abuse | c) maltreatment | d) disuse |
| 10. a) flop | b) impediment | c) shortfall | d) decline |
| 11. a) rears | b) nurtures | c) breeds | d) urges |

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| 12. a) insuring | b) affording | c) securing | d) accommodating |
| 13. a) on | b) to | c) for | d) with |
| 14. a) committing | b) performing | c) fulfilling | d) conducting |
| 15. a) motives | b) arguments | c) reasons | d) grounds |

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1. I find it hard not to surrender the temptation of having a chocolate icecream whenever I spend my time in the cafe.
2. After a three month training period Celia gave up the nursing course the grounds of having no vocation this kind of work.
3. Our position is considerable hazard. I'm afraid this may lead to a panic among the crew members.
4. He shouldn't be invited by anyone if he cannot behave properly company.
5. Who was the chairman's criticism directed? Was it Nick or the other guy?
6. reference to the waste disposal, I'd like to suggest a less troublesome solution.
7. The bank owner has been conflict with the accountants since he decided to lower their salaries.
8. I'd rather we didn't start at 5 a.m. Honestly speaking, I'm not usually my best early in the morning.
9. Why is she so critical my pronunciation? Doesn't she know I'm not a native speaker of German?
10. Rap music and techno are popular teenagers mostly whereas the older youths tend to go rock.
11. Doesn't this lovely place remind you the one we spent our holiday in last year?
12. The plot in the book is rather simple. The poor parents dream about marrying their beautiful daughter a rich sheikh.

13. Mark usually suffers seasickness whenever he travels by ship or ferry.
14. This year is the third succession that Susan has been appointed the bank manageress.
15. I don't smoke very often. I do it occasion two or three times a month.