

**TOPICS :** Unseen Comprehension , Letter – Formal & Informal , Editing & Omission, Verb forms, Literature: Lord Ullin's Daughter, The Brook, A Dog named Duke

**Reading**

Q.1. Read the passage and choose the correct answer that follows:

**YOUTH CRIME**

Until two years ago, Clearing, Illinois was a peaceful suburb of Chicago. But residents grew anxious. They noticed alarmed teenagers on the streets, giving gang signals and shouting at passing cars. Then came burglars and graffiti messages on storefronts. By the time local authorities realized they had a gang problem, it was too late. Last December, two thirteen year old girls were shot outside their school as they sat in a car with two members of the local gang, the Ridgeway Lords.

Fifty states have recently passed laws that allow youth aged 14-17 to be tried in courts as adults. In about 25 states they have passed laws to punish parents for their children's behaviour. And in 146 of the nation's largest cities, they have imposed curfews to reduce violence by teenagers. When you look at the noticeable rise of violent crime among young people, it's easy to understand the concern. Over the past decade, there has been a decline in adult murders in the US while murder rates have increased for youths aged 14-17.

For young offenders who aren't sent to prison, the punishments vary: some are ordered to perform community service, others are placed in job training programs, still others sent to Youth Prisons. But the Republicans in Congress want to reverse a basic principle of juvenile justice: the separation of young criminals from hardened adult criminals in prison. The reasons are partly financial- to reduce the cost of having separate prisons and partly psychological - to end what Republicans consider as society's openly protective attitude towards young criminals.

A. Clearing is located in \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Spain                      b. Great Britain                      c. Australia                      d. USA

B. Residents were unhappy because \_\_\_\_\_

- a. taxes increased    b. Rents were too high    c. gangs came into the town    d. There were no facilities

C. What happened in December?

- a. A policeman shot a young man    b. Criminality decreased    c. two girls were killed    d. few criminals were released

D. What is the Ridgeway Lords?

- a. a prison    b. A famous band    c. a gang    d. A hotel

E. The word 'juvenile' means

- a. adult    b. election    c. Childish    d. None of these

**WRITING**

Q2. Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper suggesting ways for reducing workplace harassment in public and private organization.

Q3. Write a letter to your friend telling him about the profession you would like to choose as your career.

**Q4 .Write the incorrect and correct word against each line.**

|   | Incorrect | Correct |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Once , an ant which has come to drink at              | (a) _____ | _____   |
| at a stream fell in the water and was carried         | (b) _____ | _____   |
| away by the swift current. It was in great danger for | (c) _____ | _____   |
| drowning. A dove, perch on a nearby tree ,            | (d) _____ | _____   |
| saw the ant's danger and dropped the leaf into the    |           |         |
| water. The ant climbed on to these and was carried to | (e) _____ | _____   |
| safety.   |           |         |

**Q5.Use correct form of the Verb in bracket .**

- He has \_\_\_\_\_ (write) ten novels.
- How many rupees you \_\_\_\_\_(spend) here?
- Delhi \_\_\_\_\_(organise) a campaign next month for the eradication of leprosy
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (not come) till today
- There \_\_\_\_\_(be) a great rush at the counter yesterday .

### LITERATURE

Q6. Why didn't Hooper's excitement of homecoming not remain for so long?

Q7. How is 'the Brook' a source of life?

Q8. Give 5 examples of alliteration in the poem, "Lords Ullin's Daughter".

Q9. Hooper was taken to the hospital with a subdual haemorrhage in the motor section of the brain, completely paralysing his left side .

- Who was Hooper?
- What happened to him one day ?
- How did it prove a turning point in his life ?

Q10. And here and there a foamy flake

Upon me , as I travel  
With many silvery water break  
Above the golden gravel.

- Which figure of speech do you find in ' Foamy flake' ?
- Who is 'I' here ?
- Give the meaning of **gravel**.