Speaker A: That's a very good question. I think every country has a different idea of how old a child is when they can be held responsible for their **(1)** ..... If they're really young, in their preteens, then I would say the parents are responsible. Very young children only get involved in crime if they are left alone without any **(2)** ..... Nowadays, a lot of families are too busy to worry about these things and I think family values are lost in the process. The children might only start with **(3)** ..... but, if they fall in with the wrong crowd and become a **(4)** ..... ,then this can escalate to more serious crimes like **(5)** ..... or car theft. If you get a criminal record as a child, it can affect your whole life.

Speaker B: I think each older generation looks at the younger generation and criticises it for being badly behaved. But I do think it's true that, nowadays, people generally have less and less **(6)** ..... for the rules of society. You only need to look around the streets to see all the graffiti and vandalism. I think that there's also been an increase in **(7)** ..... Partly I think this is through **(8)** .....- young people are very much influenced by what their friends think of them, and it's become cool to act like a **(9)** ..... I think the main problem, though, is the media. It cultivates that image and it becomes normal for children to see violent **(10)** ..... .

Speaker C: I go out on my own in the day quite often but I would very rarely do it at night. In the area where I live, the **(11)** ..... has increased significantly in the past few years. There seems to be a lot more criminal activity these days so I think it's a lot safer to go out in a group. There's no **(12)** ..... or anything like that. I'm not afraid of getting stabbed, it's more **(13)** ..... ,you know, when people grab your bag, stuff like that. I think it's because of the rising unemployment. People just don't have enough money. I suppose that's why some of them turn to **(14)** .....

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