

Q, write a comprehensive note on the principles of criminal investigation. illustrate with examples from Pakistan.

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Ans:

## → Introduction

Investigation is derived from the word vestigia means "to trace or track."

Criminal investigation is based on the circumstances in which the particular offence happened.

Criminal investigation is the backbone of the criminal justice system.

"Delay in justice is injustice"  
Landron

The investigation based on a strong evidence ensure the justice in a right time.

It is the responsibility of law enforcement agencies to carry out the investigation in a proper manner.

However,

Criminal justice system is obliged to give inference about the offences on the basis of evidence provided by the police.

## → Principles of Criminal Investigation

Principles of the criminal investigation has determined the way in which criminal investigation procedure is executed.



# of Identification of the offence

Before going to the investigation, it is important to identify the type of offence

## offences

Cognizable



Police can investigate w.o. FIR Even

non-Cognizable



Police can't investigate w.o. Magistrate Order

The dimensions in Pakistan are followed by the

PPC - Criminal Penal Code 1860

CrPC - Criminal Procedure Code 1898

According to Sec 156-1 of CrPC

"Police start investigation on the offence"

Sec-172  
of CrPC

"Police maintains investigation registers of the Criminal offences"

## 2. Secure the Crime Scene

The investigation officer - IO is obliged to secure the crime scene. Demarcation of the crime scene may be done through different tools

Example

Yellow Crime Scene tape

## 3. Identify the Crime Scene Dimensions

It includes the safety measures to rescue the



victims or to take steps  
to accomodate possible  
health hazards

### Example

- Rescue Services to  
minor or serious injured  
persons
- Transfer of dead bodies to  
the hospital

According to "Locards Principle"

witnesses must pick or  
leave some material from  
the crime scene

So, Investigation officers may  
keep an eye on witnesses  
and thoroughly analyze the  
crime scene.

### Example

Remove major evidence  
from crime scene may  
be the gun or knife  
It may also leave his finger prints

"Weather Conditions" also needs to identify.

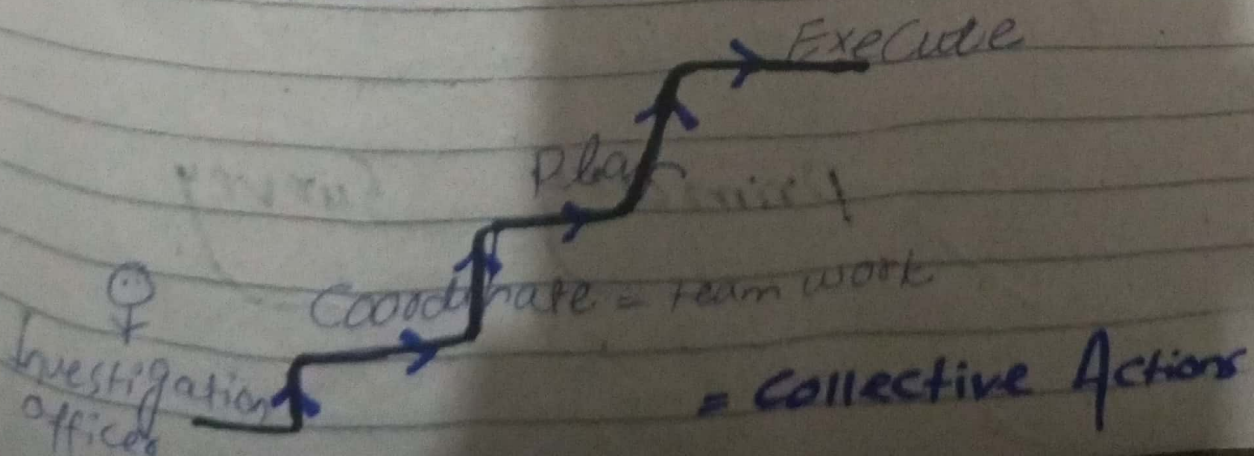
**Example**

may be rain which destroy the major evidences.

151 Coordinate, Plan and Execute

Sec-156 Crpc

The police may start the investigation. By this, the authorized investigation officers must coordinate with the team, plan the action which simply means how to go about the situation and then start the action.





For example

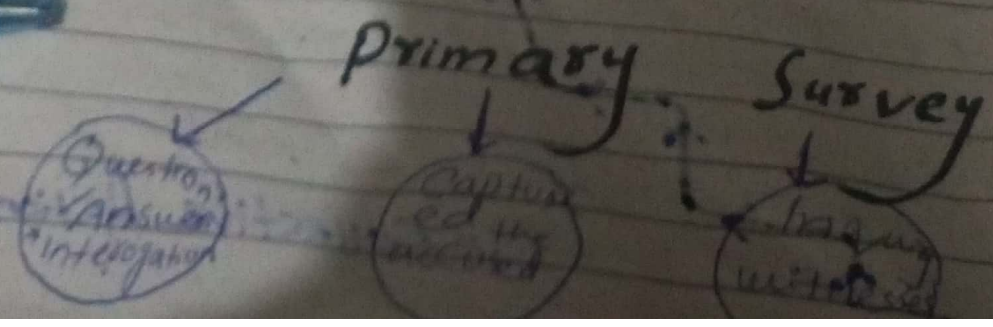
Police can seek <sup>technical</sup> assistance from experts  
Police Rule : Police Order 2002,  
Pakistan

5 Primary Survey or walk through the Crime Scene

The police or the investigation officer may visit the Crime Scene following the

Locard's Principle of Exchange

the investigation officer investigates at the crime scene. He may collect first hand evidences



Collecting Samples

Observe the scenario

Coordinate off the crime scene

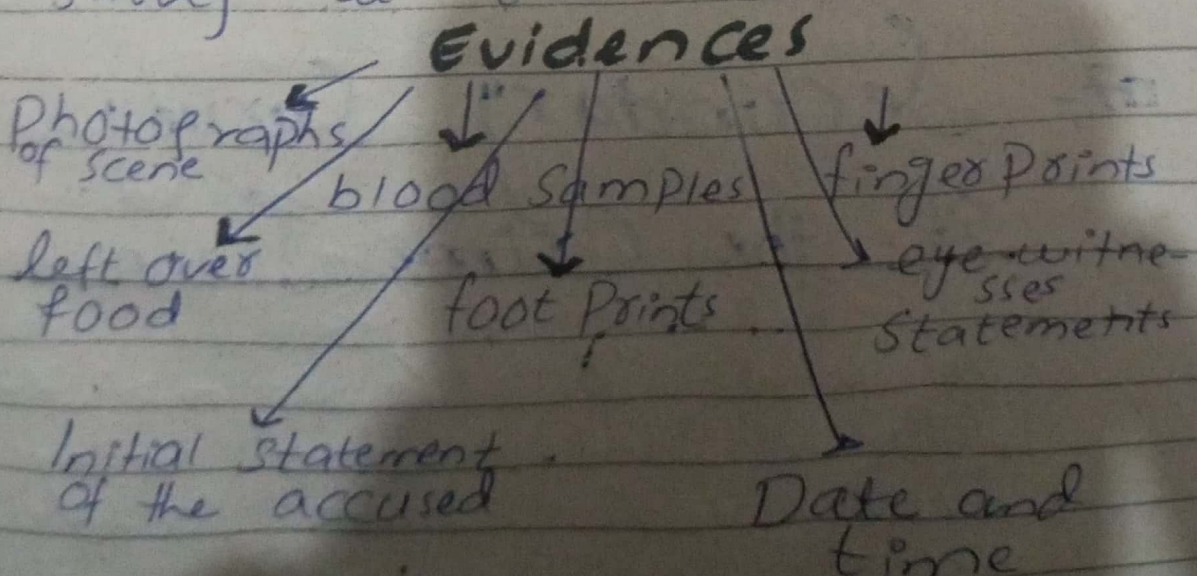
### Example

Police requires to preserve crime scene and secure presence of evidences

Police Rule : Police Order 2002  
Pakistan

## Q6 : Collection and Documentation of evidences

Evidences are collected by the start of the primary survey at the crime scene.





After the collection of the evidences, they have compiled in the shape of document. Since the documentation only done after the analysis of the evidence, so investigation team revisit and analyze the crime scene in a proper manner.

### Example

**172 Crpc** Section **172** of Crpc Obliges the police to maintain investigation register of the Cognizable Criminal offences.

## 07- Secondary Survey of the Crime Scene

In order to leave no stone unturned, the police may revisit the crime scene again following the Locard's principle of exchange.

The Secondary Survey would be purposefully done that might give some more clue / evidences for the case.

### Example

Police rule empowers Supervisory Officers to Supervise or inspect the Crime Scene

Police Rule: Police Order 2002, Pakistan

## 08. Record and Preserve Evidences

After collecting evidences the investigation team may record and preserve the evidences. It may be done through:

- Scanning the evidence
- Record the initial & final statements of the offender
- For example: The scanning of the offender photograph and match it with available criminal data that



the accused might have some criminal record.

Preservation of evidences done through the technology

### Example

compiled evidences into the data base and send it for forensic.

### Conclusion

Criminal investigation is an essential part of the criminal justice system. The proper investigation can only determine the future of accused. The investigation is primarily based on the evidences and clues. If the evidences has collected in a proper manner, only then it provides strong proof to make a right decision either in favor of or against the accused.

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