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A Introduction:

Criminology is a scientific discipline which deals with the study of crime. Criminology has gained immense importance in the recent years due to its vast and extensive scope and because of the complex nature of the crime, its different kinds, and the way it is committed. Its importance in the case of Pakistan has increased in the recent years owing to the ~~large~~ following factors: large youth population, social-economic issues, terrorism, security of the important economic projects in Pakistan, crime in the cyber space, controlling white-collar crimes and high ratio of juvenile delinquency in the country. Furthermore, it also provides a wide range of career opportunities for different professionals. Thus to tackle all the aforementioned factors effectively, criminology must be given importance in Pakistani society.

B. Definition of Criminology

According to Larry J. Siegel "Criminology is the scientific study of the nature, extent, cause and control of criminal behaviour" (2011, 2008). It studies crimes and criminal behaviours, their causes, responses to the crime by the law enforcement agencies, and criminal law

C. Scope of Criminology

Criminology is an interdisciplinary science that has vast scope, majorly in the domains of criminal justice system, studying of crimes, law enforcement agencies, apprehension of criminals, administration of police, study of criminal laws and forensic investigation. Thus the scope of criminology is vast and extensive. → Add Sutherland's definitions of scope.

D. Importance of Criminology

Each discipline is unique, has a special value and importance on its own place but the importance of criminology has rapidly increased due to ~~the~~ the increase in the criminal activities in the modern era. It provides ways and means for prevention of crimes and remedial measures.

E. Most important areas of Criminology:

The development of criminal law and its use to define crime.
The causes of violation of law
The methods used to control criminal behaviour.
providing means and measures for the prevention of crime.

F. Importance of Criminology in Pakistan

Studying of criminology is becoming more and more significant all over the world. However, its importance, in the case of Pakistan has increased in the recent years due to the following factors/reasons.

G. Large Youth population

It is generally believed that majority of offenders falls in the age bracket of 15-30 years. It is the age when an individual's delinquency or risk taking behaviour is at its peak. Pakistan being the fifth most populous country in the world, hosts the fifth large population of youth as well.

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According to the United Nations Population Fund Report of 2017, around **63** percent population of the country comprises youth aged between 15 to 33 years. Such a large young population has posed challenge to the law enforcement agencies. Thus, this is the context that attach great significance to the field of criminology in Pakistan.

H. Socio-economic issues:

Socio-economic problems of Pakistan such as poverty, illiteracy, inflation, unemployment, slums and poor neighbourhoods, drug addiction and higher dropout ratios are the factors which encourage crime. Criminology helps in solving these problem through scientific research and suggests appropriate measures. Thus, making the study of criminology very much relevant in Pakistan.

I. Terrorism

Pakistan is the sever terror-hit country in the world. many deadly terrorist attacks were experienced by the country such as CTD Bane, APS Attacks, Police line blast -

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In Peshawar. Pakistan is still facing terrorist attacks like suicide blast, IEDs blast on roadside on security personnel, hide hit and run, abduction, war economy. These terror incidents require elaborate planning, ideological support base, transportation and facilitation networks and financing. Without the study of criminology of all these contributing factors, such terror networks cannot be eliminated. Study of these all these factors and processes is the domain of criminology.

J- Security of the projects having implications on foreign policy of Pakistan.

There are certain projects, such as Gwadar Port, CPEC, the security of which is necessary for Pakistan. If any misadventure occurs, it will have direct effect on Pakistan foreign policy. Both of these projects are in the glare of insurgents' attention supported by foreign intelligence agency (RAW). Criminology directs the concerned authority of the country to how these militant groups -

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are formed, the way they execute, their terror designs, their objectives. Criminology helps in all these things, to tackle them effectively.

K. Crime in the cyber space

Pakistan has been ranked seventh most vulnerable state by cyber-attacks in the world.

Criminal activities have shifted to cyber space because of the growing use of Android cellular phones and social media among youth of Pakistan. National Response Centre for cyber crime (NRC3) has established by Federal Investigation Agency to respond to the ever-increasing cyber crime. examples of cybercrimes include hacking, identity theft, digital privacy, banking frauds and spamming. According to FIA former director general **Dr. Sana Ullah Abbas**, 2,356 complaints pertaining to cyber crime were received by FIA in the year 2021. ~~Handly~~ 6,000 complaints during the first quarter of 2022, DG FIA. Handling these criminal activities criminology gives better understanding of cyber crime and its different modes in this regard. This aspect enhances the significance of criminology in Pakistan.

L- Controlling White-collar Crime

Pakistan has been facing the challenge of white-collar crimes which has hindered the economic growth and development of the country. NAB's, 31 December 2018 white-collar crimes conviction hits 70%. The Express Tribune.

White-collar crimes are common in the country due to weak institutions and lack of checks by the established institutions for crime controlling. Knowledge of criminology can strengthen these institutions and can control white-collar crime.

M- Juvenile Delinquency

Pakistan has high rate of juvenile delinquency. 22 millions children are out of school in the country. Out of school children are more proven to become delinquent. Javed Jabbar (March 2021) in "Society: A childhood in prison" says that Pakistan has 1300 juvenile offenders in jails. These figure will be much higher presently.

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says in his article "Is Pakistan providing justice to juvenile".

Child Rights Watch International Network (CRIN) ranks states according to the extent effectively to which their legal systems effectively guarantee children's right to access justice. Pakistan is having 119th position out of 197 countries. Which shows the despicable condition of our justice system. To address juvenile delinquency problem and provide remedial measures are the domain of criminology.

N. Importance of Criminology for different professionals

The importance of criminology for the following professionals in Pakistan cannot be overated.

- personnel of law enforcement agencies
- Personnel of Intelligence Agencies
- Judges
- prosecutors
- Lawyers
- parole and probation officers
- policy makers, statesmen
- Parliamentarians

0. Conclusion:

Thus, it can be concluded from the whole discussion on the topic that criminology plays an important role in Pakistani society for controlling different criminal activities and making safe Pakistan. Professionals may use the knowledge of criminology in the field of criminal justice system of Pakistan. Thus, criminology must be given importance in Pakistani society.