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Criminology

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Q2) Explain the ~~importance~~ nature and importance of Criminology in detail.

Ans 1) Introduction: Understanding Criminology.

Criminology is the study of various aspects of crime. Being a multidisciplinary field that explores the causes, consequences, and prevention of ~~the~~ crime within a society. ~~As~~ it is based upon various branches of knowledge including sociology and psychology, which views are further divided into different schools of thought to provide comprehensive understanding of criminal behavior and ^{its} impact on individuals and communities.

2) Nature of Criminology.

i) Definition:

The term Criminology was first used by Raffaele Garofalo, who was a student of Cesare Lombroso who is known to be the founder of Modern Criminology. According to Cesare Lombroso, Criminology is the scientific study of criminal and criminal behavior. ~~and~~ while according to ~~Donald~~ Donald Craft, Criminology in general sense is study of crime & criminals and in specific sense it seeks to study criminal behavior.

Therefore it's obvious that Criminology is the ~~use~~ study of crimes, criminals, ~~how~~ ~~on~~ ~~and~~ why crime is committed and what influences an individual to deviate from social norms.

ii) Theoretical Perspective of Crime.

~~Criminology~~ The theories of criminology are based upon different branches of knowledge therefore gives different perspectives of why a crime is committed. One of the ~~main~~ the most acknowledged perspective of criminologist is natural explanation of criminal

iii) Natural Explanation

This perspective of criminal behavior was based upon the contrasting views of spiritual explanation of crime & criminal behavior. Accordingly this stated that crime was committed on the bases of worldly accounts based upon objects, observation and experiences. This perspective have then been categorised into three different schools.

a) Classical School

According to the Classical school of thought human beings committed crime for material pursuits and desires instead of coming under influence of devil. Thus crime was a rational choice and therefore punishment shall be enforced to deter crime.

b) Positive School

According to Positive school of thought criminal behavior was not solely linked to internal behavior ~~of criminals~~ desires of criminals but also was driven due to some external factors that ~~they are~~ are beyond their control ~~and~~. Therefore the external factors should be addressed instead of ~~just~~ punishing criminals. The views of this school ~~were~~ ^{are} mainly biological, psychological & sociological.

c) Behavior of Criminal Law.

According to this view, the criminal justice system is dominated by the powerful, so only those activities are criminalized that are done by the poor and while deviant activities or rich are not criminalized.

3) Importance of Criminology

i) Formulating effective Crime prevention strategies.

Criminologists ~~that~~ identify the root-cause of Crime be that biological or sociological. The criminologist provides help the policy making body with ~~evidence based~~ evidence based ~~research~~ research that could help in ~~reducing~~ reducing Crime by addressing the root-cause.

~~ii) Rehabilitation~~

ii) Rehabilitation and treatment of offenders

Criminology can provide intellectual and empirical input in devising strategies for rehabilitation and treatment of offenders. That is one of the primary objectives of criminal justice system.

iii) Study of Socio-economic factors instilling criminal behavior.

As criminologists study the socio-economic factors instilling criminal behaviors, their study can aid policy makers to address the issue and prevent crime, for example a criminologist cover high poverty in a particular ~~to~~ sub-urban area is ~~causing~~ increasing crime rates in the urban area, then it can easily be addressed by policy makers.

iv) Aids in study of juvenile delinquency and measures to address them

Juvenile delinquency being one of the major issues to society, as if a child goes astray, the future of society is in perils. Criminologists identify causes of juvenile delinquency and then suggests measures to address them.

Conclusion: The Ongoing Relevance of Criminology.

Criminology continues to play a crucial role in understanding the complexities of crime and its impact on society.

By drawing from multiple disciplines and employing various research methods, criminologists contribute significantly to crime prevention, policy formulation and the pursuit of a safer and just society. The ~~int~~ interdisciplinary and ever-evolving nature of criminology ensures its continued relevance.