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Explain the nature and Scope of Criminology.

Answer.

1. What is Criminology.
2. Nature of Criminology.
3. Scope of Criminology.

1. Criminology:

Criminology is the integrated, multidisciplinary study of the causes, prediction and control of crime and other harmful behaviours constituting a breach of societal norms at a local national or international level. The word criminology was first coined by Raffaele Garofalo in 1885. It is derived from the combination of two words: Crimen and logia. Crimen is a Latin word which means "Accusation" while logia is a Greek word which means "Study". Criminology means study of accusation or crime. It is an interdisciplinary field of study that deals with the scientific study of crime.

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its causation, and strategies for its prevention.

2. Nature of Criminology.

Criminology is an inter-disciplinary field of study, involving scholars and practitioners representing a wide range of behavioral and social science as well as numerous natural science. Sociologists played an important role in defining and developing the field of study and criminology emerged as an academic discipline housed in sociology programs.

However, with the establishment of schools of criminology and the proliferation of academic departments and programs concentrating specifically on crime and justice in the last half of the 20th century, the criminology emerged as a distinct professional field with a broad, interdisciplinary focus and shared a commitment to generating knowledge through systematic research. It is a subdivision of the large

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field of Sociology, Criminology draws on psychology, economics, anthropology, psychiatry, biology, statistics, and other disciplines to explain the causes and prevention of criminal behavior. Subdivisions of Criminology include **penology**, The Study of Prisons and Prison Systems; **bio-Criminology**, The Study of biological basis of Criminal behaviour; **feminist Criminology**, The Study of women Crime; and **Criminalistics**, The Study of Crime detection, which is related to the field of Forensic Science. Criminology has historically played a reforming role in relation to Criminal law and the Criminal Justice System. As an applied discipline, it has produced findings that have influenced legislators, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, probation officers, and police officials, prompting them to better understand crime and criminals and to develop better and more humane sentences and treatments for criminal behaviour.

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of Children Criminology and
out the causes so as to
prevent the children from
criminal activities.

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice System of a
country is responsible for control
in society. It includes state institutions
such as law enforcement agency,
judiciary, prosecution, prisons,
probation and parole. These
institutions function according to
the legal framework. Criminology
can guide the ways and means
to achieve their goal effectively.

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For example if a person frequently commits small breaches of law such as violation of traffic signals, this is the behavioral problem which if not mended in time it leads the individual towards heinous crimes. The criminologist study such behaviour in order to prevent hard crime

Deviance and Socially Disapproved Behaviour.

This includes violation of socially set ethical and moral values that are not criminalized. For example telling lies in daily life may not constitute a crime but it is a social evil and need to be controlled for good social order. It gives birth to many social problems and may cause certain criminal offences. False evidences in the court are reflective of a general behavior of prevailing falsehood in the society.

Child Delinquency

It engenders child offenders in addition to negative impact on growth and development

Scope of Criminology.

Primarily Criminology studies the crime and matters incidental to the crime. The scope of Criminology are as follows.

Crime, its response, causes and prevention

Crime is the basic components of Criminology. The discipline actually came into being to study various aspects of crimes. Since crime pose serious threat to the life of people in different ways, the criminologists attempt to find the cause which instigate the individual to commit crimes. The Criminology also study the response of state and society towards crimes for control and curtailment of crimes in society. While criminology also provide way for way forward for prevention of crime in society.

Scientific Study of Criminal behavior

Criminology study the various dimensions of criminal behavior. The criminal behaviour signifies a tendency in human behavior that may lead to actual criminal conduct.