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Criminology:

QUESTION: How would you classify criminal behavior?
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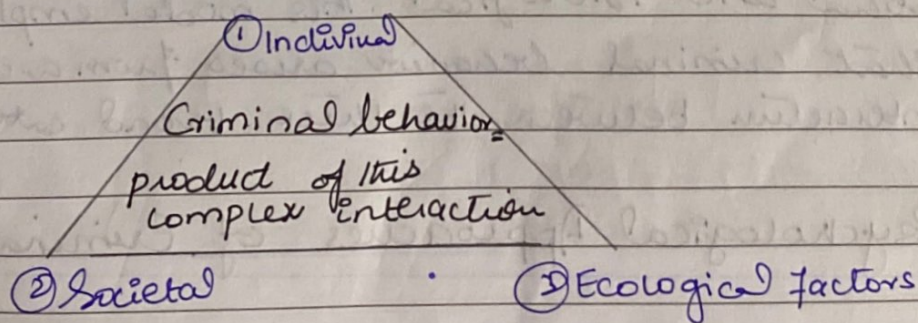
Answer:

Introduction:

Criminality is the certain personality profile that causes the most alarming sorts of crimes. All criminal behaviors involve the use of force, fraud or stealth to acquire material or symbolic resources. Gottfredson and Hirschi noted: Criminality arises when individuals have:

is a tendency to behave criminally. They mentioned:
"Criminality is a strategic behavior characterized by self-centeredness, indifferent to sufferings and needs of others, and low self-control. Criminal behavior is a ~~com~~ systematic process that involves complex interactions between individuals, societal and ecological factors:

The complex interaction between the three:-



i, Ecological factors: It involves the interaction of the people and their activities in physical environment. It has an affect on how people develop physically and emotionally over their lives as well as the level of hostility, fear, or well being they feel

from moment to moment as they experience, for e.g., a crowded subway, dark lonely parking lot, or a serene park. They determine the opportunities for crime exist. E.g.: A crime is not possible unless a motivated, able offender converges with a victim, property or illicit behavior in the absence of capable guards.

ii, Societal: It is the macro-level factor 'deals with systematic interactions between the social groups'.

iii, Individual or Micro level factor: This describes how a person becomes motivated to commit a crime. Motivation is a key role being the outcome of a process in which a goal is formulated, costs and benefits are assessed and internal constraints on behavior are applied.

The Psychosocial Model:

It mainly consists of three main factors that contribute to criminal behavior: Psychological, Social and Biological. This model emphasizes that criminal behavior arises from a complex interaction between the three broad categories.

1. Psychological Approaches of Criminal Behavior

They refer to individual characteristics, traits, and processes that can contribute to criminal behavior.

This category mainly includes the following:

Psychological Factors

① Personality Traits

- Impulsivity
 - Low empathy
- These traits have been linked to likelihood of engaging in more crimes.

② Cognitive Processes

- Distorted thinking patterns such as rationalizing criminal behavior

③ Psychopathology

↳ Some form of mental illness such as anti-social personality disorder, conduct disorder.

2. Sociological approaches of criminal behavior:

Sociological theories believe that Criminal Behavior is influenced by combination of social surrounding, politics and economic factors. Offenders are viewed from the context of a person's situation, his race, neighborhood, intelligence, education and etc characterized as following:-

Family environment

Neglected and abusive family environment.

Peer Influence

Associated with deviant circle.

Social Factors

Neighborhood
High crime rate and limited social support.

Socioeconomic status

Poverty, lack of education, unemployment, depression & frustration.

Theory of differential Association by Sutherland is a theory of social learning:

"It states that criminal behavior is learned from those contact with those who maintain criminal attitudes and practices".

3. Biological Approaches of Criminal Behavior:

• It states that "criminal acts are caused by an individual's flawed biological make-up". It involves the influence of genetics, brain structure, and neurochemical processes on criminal behavior.

- Genetic Predisposition

linked to an increased susceptibility to criminal behavior.

- Brain abnormalities

Abnormalities in decision making, impulse control and others.

- Neurochemical Imbalances

Imbalance in neurotransmitters.

Biological
Factors

It is highly essential to study criminal behavior to reach at the root cause and eliminate crime by applying certain mechanisms of elimination. Hence, criminologists do consider the factors that contribute to criminal behavior as part of examination and respective treatment.