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Question No-1

What is juvenile delinquency? Explain the nature, extent and causes of juvenile delinquency in Pakistan. Suggest remedial measures for reducing juvenile delinquency in Pakistan.

Answer

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1 INTRODUCTION:-

"Any unlawful act committed by a minor or violation of statutes by a person who has not attained to major is called juvenile delinquent"³ (Seigel and Welsh). According to Seigel and Welsh definition any person who is below the age of major if commit crime that person is called juvenile delinquent. The word juvenile has been derived from latin word "juvenilis" which means "youthful" and delinquent is also taken from latin word which means failure in duty. So together juvenile delinquency give the meaning of a youth who become fail in paying duty.

According to behavioural approach juvenile delinquency refer to a behavior which disobey or deviate a social norm means a juvenile when donot

perform according to the expectation of social norm he/she become juvenile delinquent. Whereas, legal definition of juvenile delinquent argues that the violation of Statute by a person who has not attained the age of major is called juvenile delinquent. According to CRPC "any person who has not attained the age of 18 shall be deemed as juvenile ~~and~~ and a violation committed by a juvenile shall be considered as juvenile delinquent.

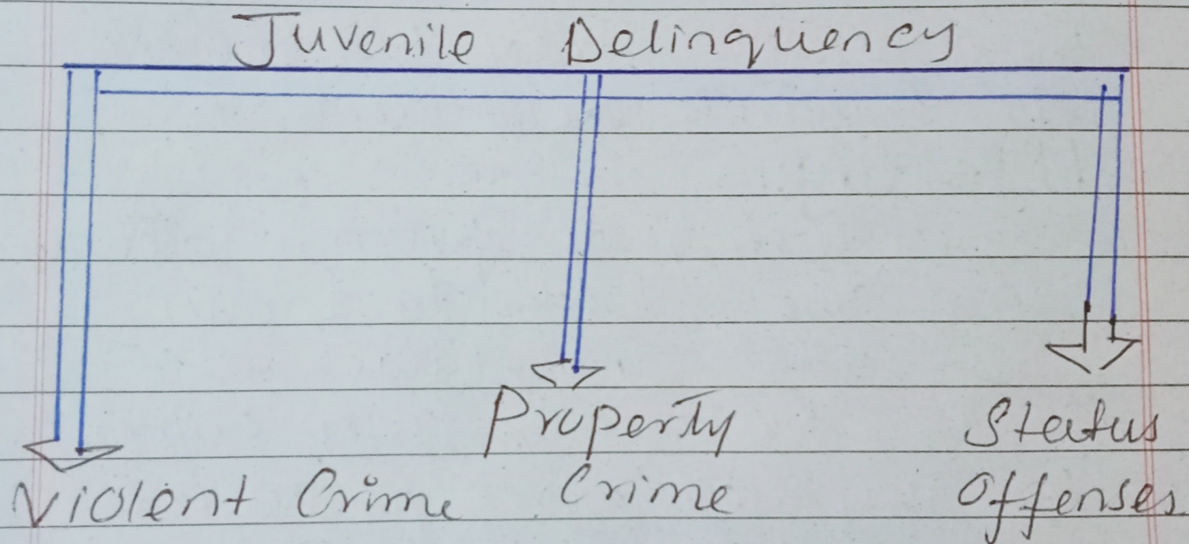
2- History!:

The history of juvenile delinquency goes back to roman time when no laws were exist to treat such crimes.

The juvenile were prosecuted in the same judicial court with adult. In the mid of 19 century it was decided to establish separate courts for juveniles. In the campaign of separate courts for juveniles, the concepts of *Parens Patriae* and *Incapen* also arised. *Parens Patriae* means "State is a loving father

for a child." which means the children should not be treated cruelly. After a long struggle first juvenile court was established in Britain in 19 century. Then after other countries follow Britain and established juvenile court. In Pakistan juvenile court was established in 2017 after 17 years of its approval in 2000.

3- Type of Juvenile Delinquency



4- Nature and extent

Minor:-

Minor crimes are those crimes for which the apprehension varies up to three years. Means if a person of a minor age commit a crime whose punishment varies up to

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Three years are called minor crimes.

(b) Major Crimes

Major crimes are those crime whose penalty is from 3-year to 7-year. If a child of age below 18 age commit crime for which the punishment could be upto 7 years if it is committed by an adult it is called a major crime. In Pakistan such cases are witnessed very often.

(c) Heinous Crimes-

Heinous crimes are types of violent crime which if committed by an adult could be apprehend for life-time or could be sentenced with death penalty. Although such kind of crimes exist in Pakistan but the first two types or nature of crimes are mostly experienced juvenile delinquent crime in Pakistan.

Causes of juvenile delinquency in Pakistan

In Pakistan juvenile delinquency has multiple reasons but three are most prominent among them which

1 - Individual

In individual reason the person self desires play the role. When a child observe his/her surrounding he/she experience many thing for which a desire born inside him/her. Especially the poor child who lack resource when witness other children having luxurious life desired for such life and commit crime. According to Cesare Beccaria every person has desire for more. When no. legal mean a person find to achieve that desire he/she acquire the alternate way and commit crime.

2 - Family

Family also play a vital role in juvenile delinquency. The children of poor families are prone to crime easily. If parents are cooperative then children grow positively. In a family with separated parents step-mother or father, quarrel between parents, children get frusted and commit crime. Strains Theory of Martin explain that the external or the environmental pressure

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Remedial measures:

1. ~~INTEL~~ Counselling

The counselling of children in minor age can be effective in reducing juvenile delinquency.

2- Effective Parenting

Effective parenting means cooperation between children and parents. From the very beginning of childhood if a child is raised and entrusted by parents that the children may control themselves from criminal behaviour.

3- Adequate schooling

In Pakistan more than 25 million children are out of school. They even do not aware of the consequences of the behaviour they commit. Just like all other children they have desire of good food, ~~good~~ standard life style and quality education but they do not have means to achieve them. That is why they commit crime.

Conclusion:

To summarize, delinquency of juvenile delinquency is violation of statute by a person who has not attained the age of major. Pakistan being the populated country suffer in this regard severely. More than 24 million of children are out of school which means it has huge possibility of juvenile delinquency. The juvenile delinquency has many reason behind it cause, individual desires, family system and sociological cause are most prominent among them. Different kind/nature of juvenile delinquency could be experience which includes minor, major and heinous crimes. Although, juvenile delinquency has become common phenomena still there exist some measures which plays a crucial role in crime control, which includes counselling of individual, effective parenting and adequate schooling. Hence, how much severe the juvenile delinquency is, it could be control through a minor action of an individual.

forced children to commit crime. Means when parents are not cooperative and don't understand children's feeling they search for alternate way and commit crime.

Sociological Reason:

In sociological reason an individual peers, social circle, schooling, and neighboring are included. The children with poor neighbourhood and inadequate schooling easily get attracted towards crimes. The children who set in criminal social circle inspire by them easily and follow their footprints.

Sutherland in his differential theory explain it that a person with poor neighbourhood easily get attracted towards it.

He explains that society plays a vital role in promoting or reducing crime rate in a society. which means

society in the forms of peers social circles, schooling etc plays crucial role in child behaviour.