

Define Criminology. Discuss the scope of criminology in Pakistan.

### Criminology

Criminology is the study of crimes and criminals. It is the scientific approach of study of crimes, their causes, prevention and punishment.

According to Edwin Sutherland:

"Criminology in its scope is the study of crimes. It takes making of laws, breaking of laws and reacting towards breaking of laws"

According to Cressey:

"Criminology is the scientific approach of studying of criminal behaviors."

According to Black's Law Dictionary:

"It takes crimes, their punishment and prevention."

It means, that criminology is a broader concepts of studying all concepts which are related to crimes such as crimes its self and criminal

behavior. It also contains the study of how we can prevent society from crimes and punishment of offenders.

### Scope of Criminology:

Criminology is a broader concept and take different concepts in its scope. The main thing behinds criminology is the deep study of crimes and their elements. Different scopes of Criminology are as follows:

1. Crimes, their causes and Prevention

Criminology is basically a study of crimes. It includes the study of causes of crimes. Means

that why any crime occurs and how we can prevent

our society from these crimes.

It gives different methods to make society prevent from evils.

So, criminology can help in

analyzing crimes and in taking some measure to prevent society from

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crimes.

## 2- Criminal Behaviors:

Criminology also helps to study the behaviors of criminals. When a crime occurs, criminologist analyze the situation and study the behavior of criminals and tell that why a criminal did that crime.

## 3- Criminal Justice System:

Criminology also takes in its scope the study of criminal justice system. It recommends many approaches which help to enhance the system of court. It is not only focus on punishment but also on parole, probation and rehabilitation.

## 4- Criminal Delinquency:

Criminology also contains a deep study on juvenile delinquency. It means that why children are committing different crimes. And how we prevent our society

and children from crimes. It gives suggestion to make our juvenile justice system more reliable and effective. It also focus on separating juvenile courts from other crime courts.

### 5- Criminals / Crime offenders:

Criminology takes in its scope the study of different types of criminals such as white collar criminals, habitual criminals and professional criminals etc.

It helps the investigation sectors to identify the type of criminals according to the nature of crimes.

### 6- Penology:

Penology means different types of punishments. It means that criminology also refers different punishments to different crimes according to the nature of the crime. It helps a lot for the court in decision making.

## 7. Abolishism:

Abolishism is a concept of prevention of crimes but not from the punishment. It means that prevent the society from criminals by rehabilitate them and make them a good and responsible citizens of the society.

## 8- Sociology in Criminology:

It is the concept of how a society play a very important role in commitment of crimes, and how a society plays in prevention of crimes.

## Conclusion:

That's why, criminology is a very broader concept in its scope. It contains every aspect which is related to crimes, their causes means why a crime occurs in a particular situation and it also contains

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the study of criminals and their behaviors. In a nutshell, we say that criminology is the study of crimes, its causes, behaviors of criminals, prevention from crimes and punishments of crimes.