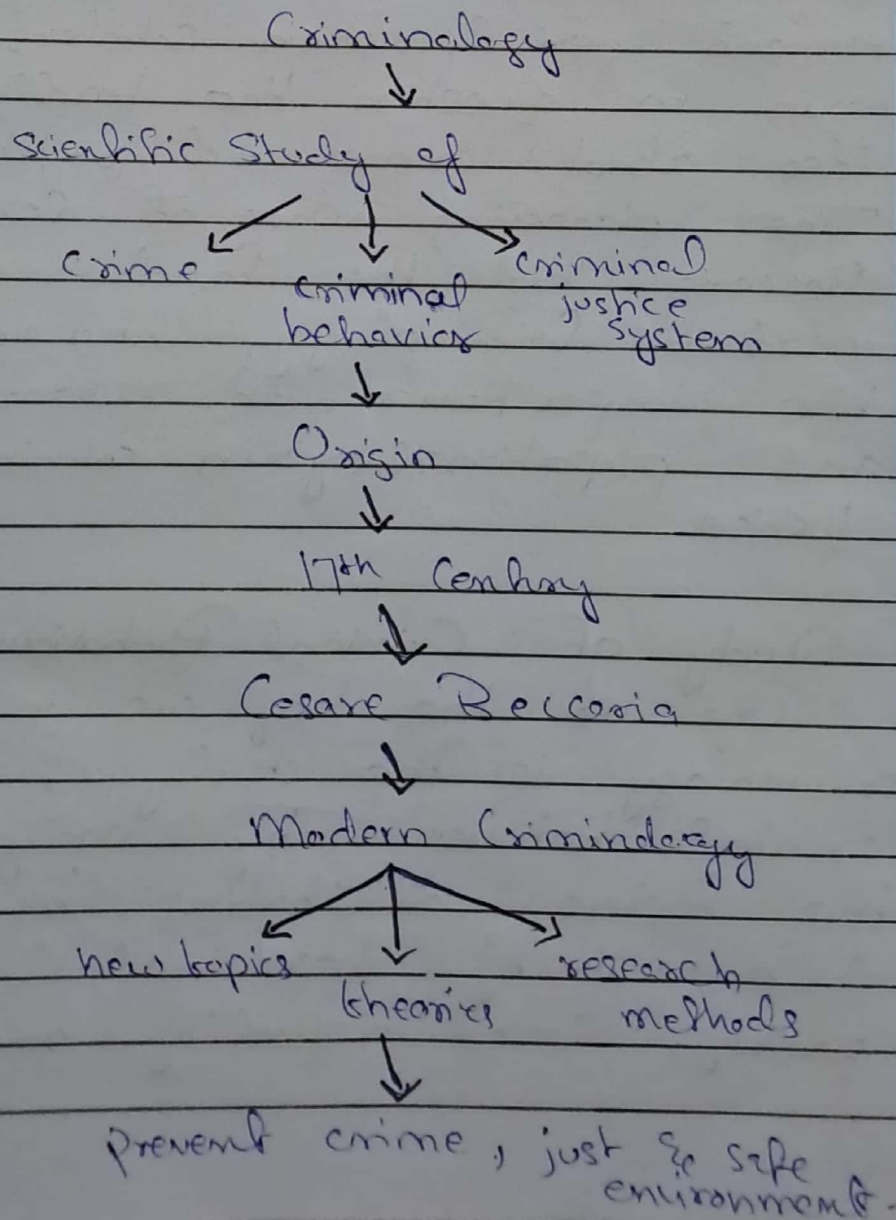


## Q. Nature of Criminology and Scope in Pakistan.

### INTRODUCTION:

Criminology, as an innovative field in academia, has a very unique nature and wide scope in Pakistan. Though the nature and extent of crime varies in different cultures and societies, through the study of criminology crime prevention can be achieved.

### NATURE OF CRIMINOLOGY:



## i) Definition:

Criminology is the scientific study of crime, criminal behaviors and criminal justice system. It is a multidisciplinary field, which draws insight and knowledge from various fields including psychology, sociology, anthropology, economics, and law.

## ii) Origin of Criminology:

The origin of criminology can be traced back to the enlightenment period, when scholars began to question the traditional ideas about crime and punishment. The pioneering work of Cesare Beccaria laid the foundation of modern criminology, who argued the importance of rationality and proportionality in criminal justice.

## iii) Study of Criminal Behaviour:

One of the key areas in criminology is the study of criminal behaviour, by analyzing the factors contributing towards such activity. These include poverty, social inequality, mental

illness and substance abuse.

iv) Study of Types of Crime:

Criminologist also study various types of crimes to formulate strategies to prevent them. These include white-collar crime, property crime and violent crime.

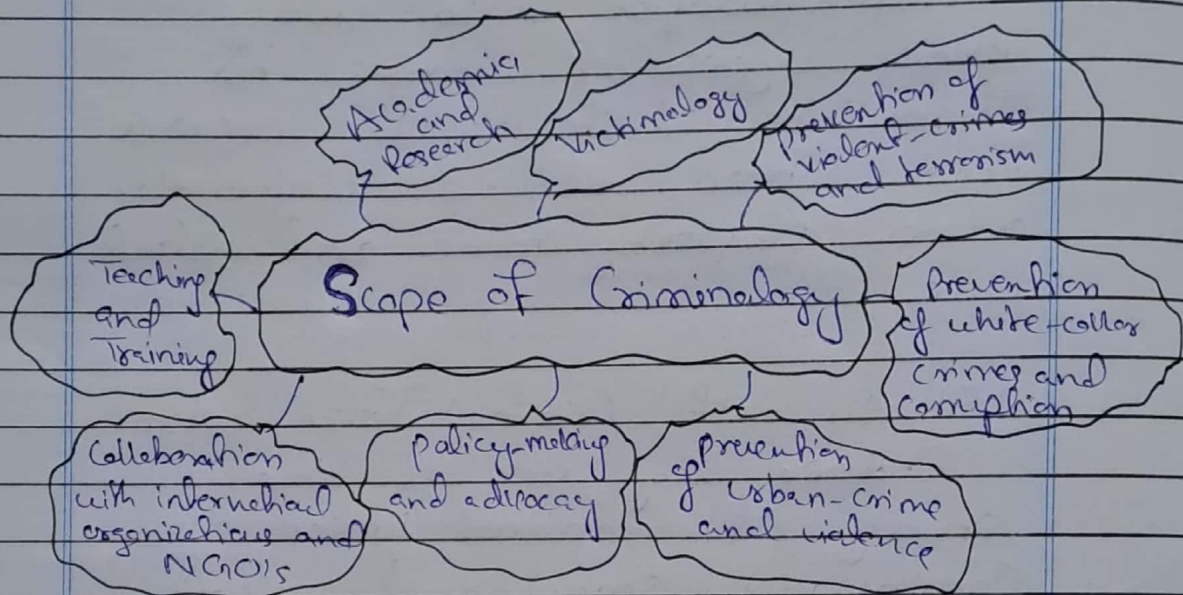
v) Study of Criminal Justice System:

Another key area is the study of criminal justice system. Criminologist study and analyze how the criminal justice system works, from law enforcement and courts, to correction and rehabilitation. They also study various policies and programs to prevent and reduce crime, as well as improve functionality of criminal justice system.

vi) Criminology: Complex and Dynamic Field:

Criminology is a very complex and dynamic field, as it evolves and expands due to the emergence of new theories and research methods to formulate effective crime prevention policies.

## SCOPE OF CRIMINOLOGY IN PAKISTAN



### i) Academia and Research:

In Pakistan various universities have been offering degree programs in criminology at graduate and under-graduate levels. This has led to the increase in criminological research, focusing on understanding nature and extent of crime in the country.

### ii) Victimology:

Criminologists can also focus on victimology, which involves the study of experiences of victims of criminal activities,

and help in developing strategies to help them recover and prevent victimization.

iii) Prevention of Violent-extremism and Terrorism:

Criminalist in Pakistan are engaged in understanding underlying causes of violent extremism, as well as formulating strategies to prevent and respond to ~~the~~ terrorist attacks. This includes studying psychological and social factors which lead towards ~~are~~ radicalization, as well as develop community-based interventions that promote social inclusion and resilience.

iv) Prevention of White-Collar Crime and Corruption:

Criminalist are engaged in developing policies, and programs to prevent and respond to these crimes. Beside that, they are also involved to promote transparency and accountability through these interventions in various government and private ventures.

## v) Prevent Urban Crime and Violence:

In the prevention of urban crime criminologists are studying various socio-economic factors, which contribute in such crimes.

This is also coupled with introducing various interventions to reduce the intensity of urban crime, including providing education and vocational training to youth at risk, and community based policing to build trust between law enforcement and local community.

## vi) Policy-making and Advocacy:

Criminologists play crucial role in shaping public policy and advocating for evidence-based approaches for crime prevention.

They can collaborate with law-makers, government agencies and civil society organizations to promote policies which address underlying cause of crime and help improve criminal justice system.

## vii) Collaboration with International

Organizations and NGO's:

Criminologists can also involve

in collaborating with various international organizations and NGO's on projects focusing crime prevention, human right and criminal justice system. Their local context knowledge can help to formulate and effectively implement such projects.

#### viii) Teaching and Training:

As the field of criminology is expanding in Pakistan, there is growing demand for qualified professionals to teach and train future criminologists. They can pursue their careers in academia as well as in training projects.

#### CONCLUSION:

Criminology has been evolved and expanded over the period of time. Such unique nature and scope on wide aspects, has made the study of root cause of crime effective, as well as policy formulation on reduction and prevention of crime as well.