

Discuss scope of criminology as science dealing with the study of criminal law, forensics, and criminal investigation.

1) Introduction

The subject of criminology deals with crime. Crime itself originated from a Latin word *crimen* which refers to sin. Thus, it can be stated that criminology deals with the study of crime. It is a multi-dimensional subject, which requires a multifaceted approach to study crime which includes: origin or cause of crime; way of determining the guilt, rules and regulations to punish the guilty, and ways to eradicate crime. So, criminology is a very broad subject which involves contribution from various walks of life.

2) Scope of Criminology dealing with various Disciplines

As crime itself is very diverse and broad in nature. To study it, the scope of criminology is made broad.

a) Criminology and Criminal Law

i) Criminal Law

Criminal law deals with different codes of law, which determine one's punishment in case of establishing of one's guilt.

Pakistan Penal Code is a perfect example of criminal law.

ii) Relationship between Criminology and Criminal Law.

Although the criminal codes are used by legal experts and law enforcement agencies, criminologists are the one who ~~are~~ review various crimes and propose the bills, or framework of bills, which are later converted into laws.

Similarly, effect effectiveness of several punishment in code of law can be reviewed by criminologists. Cesare Beccaria was a criminologist who was responsible for making French Penal Code.

b) Criminology and Forensics

i) Defining Forensics

Forensics is a branch of science which uses scientific method and technology in criminal investigation.

Examples

- i) Using DNA test to identify the criminal
- ii) Identification of criminal through finger prints
- iii) Forensic analysis of weapon used in committing the crime.

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ii) Relationship between criminology and crime

Fossensics and criminology play very crucial role in improving crime reduction. Criminologists have played very crucial role in paving the way for Fossensic sciences in criminal investigation. Criminologists are the one who were pioneers of using Fossensics in determination of crime and criminology.

Cesare Lombroso, an Italian doctor was the first one to study the physical features of criminals in relation to crime

c) Criminal Investigation and criminology.

Criminology
Criminal Investigation

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It is a process that involves collection of facts and evidence, and determination of the culprit, whose guilt is to be established in the court of law.

b) Criminology and Criminal Investigation

Although, law and enforcement agencies are responsible for criminal investigation and its conduct, criminologists are the one who have proposed different methods of criminal investigation. Moreover, sociologists keep reviewing the traditional investigation methods, and keep identifying flaws along with recommending flaws.

Example

PEACE technique was a method of investigation proposed and developed by the criminologists of Britain in response to the complaints of traditional method

of investigation being manipulative.

3) Conclusion.

The scope of criminology is very vast, and with the increasing innovation of criminals the criminal justice system is required to stay up to date. Criminologists are helping out by their contribution in increase integration of forensic in criminal justice system, improvements in criminal law and methods in criminal investigation.