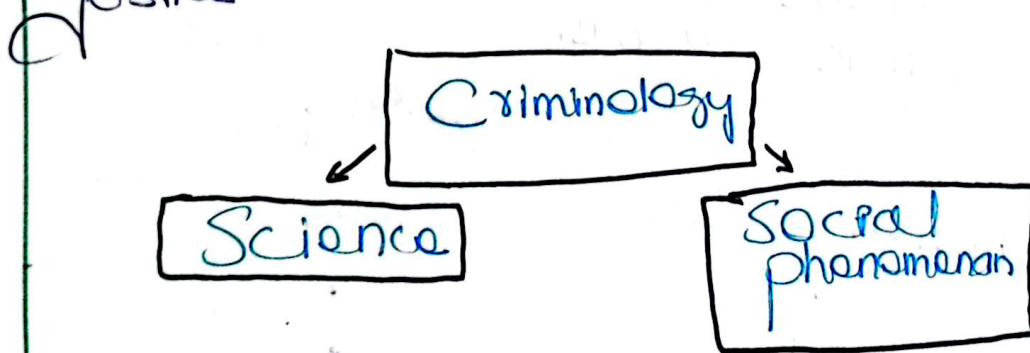


Explain the nature and importance of Criminology in detail.

1) Introduction

Criminology is the studying of criminal behavior scientifically. Edwin Sutherland and Donald Cressy state Criminology as "Criminology is the body of knowledge regarding crime as a social phenomenon." The objective of Criminology is the development of a body of general and verified principle and of other types of knowledge regarding this process of law, crime and treatment. There are different views of about Criminology. Besides this Criminology has great importance in society as a whole in maintenance of order peace and justice.



2) DEFINITION:

Criminology is defined by different criminologists as

"Criminology is the study of crime and criminals."
(Donald Cressy)

E. Sutherland defines Criminology as the body of knowledge regarding crime as a social phenomenon. It includes within its scope the process of making laws, breaking laws and reacting towards breaking of law.

NATURE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology is concerned with the scientific study of crime and is sometime also termed as social field. It is actually a multi-disciplinary field of study.

1) Criminology as a Science:

Criminology is a science in itself when applied to law enforcement and prevention of crimes. It also deals with scientific evidences and scientific behavior in detection of crimes. Besides this, scientific research is another extensive field of criminology including forensic science.

Criminology

Applied Science

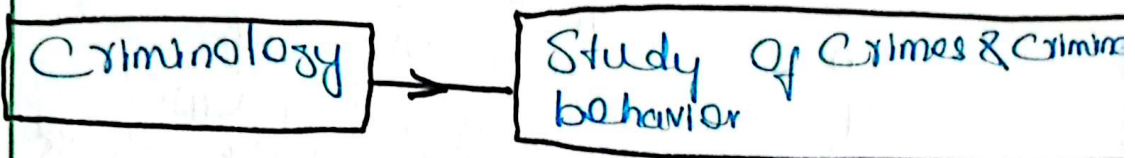
- Research
- Instrumentation
- Zoology
- psychology
- physics
- Mathematics

Social Science

- Dynamic
- Nationalistic
- Social Change
- Social Creation
- Criminal law
- Sociology.

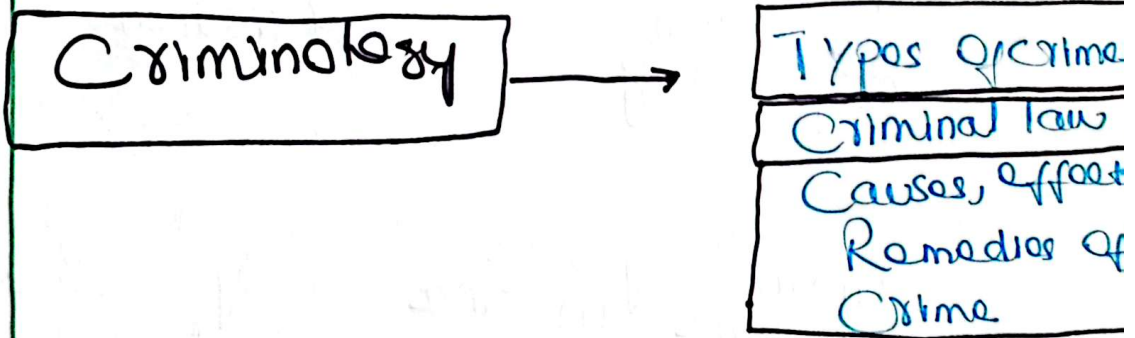
ii) Criminology vs Crime detection

Criminology should not be confused with the science of criminal detection or forensic science and forensic pathology. There is no direct connection between the study of crimes and detection of crimes. Criminologists are more concerned with why and how crimes are committed.



ciii) AREAS OF STUDY

A criminologist may properly be concerned to study fringe areas, deviant behavior which is not actually criminal. It throws light on the gaps in criminal law. Studies of alcoholism, drug abuse, gambling and sexual behavior are included in its examples.



IMPORTANCE OF CRIMINOLOGY

As a great discipline of study, criminology has great

importance.

i) Aids in understanding causes of crimes
Criminology has a huge role in understanding causation of crimes, control of crimes and crime's policy formulation.

ii) provide theoretical base for enactment of criminal law

When it comes to formulation ^{as} well as enactment of criminal law in society, criminology has a special role, as it tells the effectiveness of criminal laws.

iii) Rehabilitation and Reformation of Offenders.

Rehabilitation of offenders is the most important part of criminal justice and it is aided by the research in the field of criminology especially rehabilitation of crime.

iv) Study of Juvenile delinquency

Criminology has also a great importance in the study causes, impacts and remedial measures of juvenile delinquency.

v) planning, operation, Evaluation & Revamping of Criminal Justice System

Criminal Justice System of a Country is highly dependent on the work and efforts of its criminologists for innovation & stability

5) Conclusion:

In a nutshell, Criminology is a Social Science that is connected with several other scientific disciplines as well and has a great importance in knowing the causes, effects and solutions of crimes. The ultimately makes Criminology a very significant study.

"The term criminology should be used as a body of scientific knowledge about crime"

(Molyneux & Ferracane)