

Criminology

Short Note (10)

Q: Write a short note on the following.

Probation and Parole:

1. Definition of Probation and Parole

Probation:

Probation is a court-imposed sanction that allows offenders to remain in the community under supervision instead of serving time in prison.

Offenders must follow specific conditions set by the court, such as

- i. Regular check-ins with a probation officer
- ii. Maintaining employment
- iii. Avoiding criminal activity.

"Probation is a means of guiding and rehabilitating the offender without removing him from the community, thus enabling him to maintain his ties with family and employment" (UNAFEI)

Definition of Parole:

Parole is the conditional release of a prisoner before they complete their full sentences.

It is typically granted by a parole board, and the parole must adhere to certain conditions similar to those of probation.

Non-compliance can result in a return to incarceration.

"I did four years of an eight year sentence and I'm on parole"
Pimp-C.

2. Purpose of Probation and Parole

i. Purpose of Probation:

The primary purpose of probation is to rehabilitate offenders while they remain integrated within the community. This approach allows offenders to maintain family ties, hold jobs, and positively contribute to society while addressing the behaviors that led to their criminal conduct.

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ii- Purpose of Parole :

Parole aims to reintegrate inmates into society after a period of incarceration. It provides a structured transition back into the community, reducing the likelihood of recidivism by offering support and supervision during the adjustment period.

"The purpose of parole is to assist the offender in becoming a responsible and productive member of society while ensuring the safety and security of the community". (NIC)

3. Conditions of Probation and Parole :

a. Conditions of Probation :

There are following conditions of probation are as;

1. Regular meetings with a probation officer
2. Drug testing
3. Community service
4. Attending counseling
5. Educational programs
6. Abiding by curfews.

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These conditions are designed to monitor and encourage positive behavioural changes.

b. Conditions of Parole:

- Parole conditions often mirror those of probation, such as
- i. Regular check-ins with a parole officer
 - ii. Maintaining employment
 - iii. Staying within a specific area
 - iv. Avoiding contact with known criminals
 - v. Attending rehabilitation programs.

“Violations can lead to re-incarceration”

4. Supervision of Probation and Parole:

i. Supervision of Probation:

Probation officers are responsible for supervising probationers. They ensure compliance with court-ordered conditions, provide guidance, support and resources to help probationers stay on track and avoid criminal activity.

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ii- Supervision of Parole :-
 Parole Officers oversee parolees, monitoring their activities and ensuring adherence to release terms. They assist parolees in finding employment, housing and accessing community resource to support successful reintegration.

"Parole supervision is designed to provide a structured, supportive transition from incarceration to community life, reducing recidivism and promoting public safety."
(APPA)

5. Differences Between Probation and Parole :-

Probation :-

- i- It granted by a judge as a alternative to incarceration
- ii offenders remain in the community under supervision
- iii- It focuses on rehabilitation and prevention of future crimes

Parole:

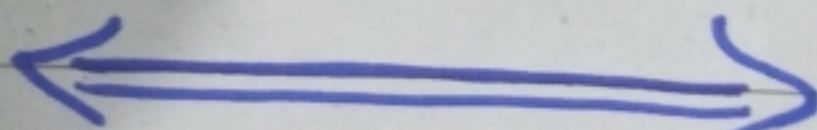
- i- Granted by a parole board after serving part of a prison sentence.
- ii- Offenders transition from prison to the community under supervision.
- iii- Parole aims to support reintegration and reduce recidivism.

6. Summary of the Ideas Presented:

In summary, both probation and parole are forms of supervised release intended to rehabilitate offenders and facilitate their successful reintegration into society, albeit at different stages of the criminal justice process.

"If death row is a sharp punishment, life without parole can be an endless torture"

(Rene Denfeld)



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