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Explain the nature and importance of criminology in detail.

INTRODUCTION:

Criminology is a significant field which studies about the causes and effects of crime. Moreover, with time, its scope has broadened and has been interlinked with subjects like anthropology, feminism, global studies, etc. It plays an important role for policymakers as well who need suggestions to improve accountability organizations. Edwin Sutherland has explained criminology in a very easy way. He defines criminology:

"It is a field which studies the nature and causation of crimes.

Nature of Criminology:

Criminology is an interdisciplinary field and it works on the principles of objectivity. Following is the brief detail on nature of criminology:

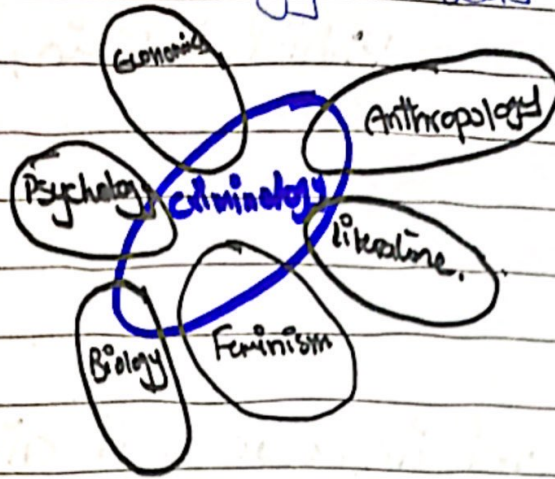
- The subject is objective in nature:

Widely, it has been known that criminology ~~is~~ takes a subjective view but this opinion is completely wrong. These types of biases, expressions and favouritism is only observed in line of different politicians. Contrarily, criminologists take an objective view and study why crime takes place and what are its reasons.

- An interdisciplinary field:

Criminology is an interdisciplinary field and according to Larry Siegel, criminologists do not study criminology alone. Instead, they have to study other fields as well. Following are the subjects with

which criminology intersects :



- **Criminology and Feminism:**

Criminology helps in studying feminism as well. For instance, it studies why rapes take place and what is the objective of the criminal. For instance, according to different researches, rapists are usually those people who watch pornography and they tend to release their sexual tension via rape.

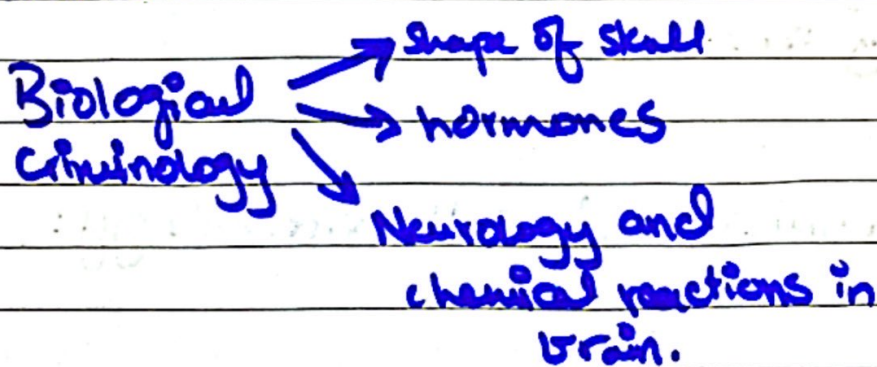
- **Economics and Criminology:**

There is a deep connection between economic condition of an individual and crimes. Criminologists link deprivation of people with crime. It has been proven in case of Balochistan where people are choosing crime and

terrorism due to economic deprivation. According to an **Zahid Hussain**, a news analyst, Balochi people need to be provided more share in the NFC awards to put a halt to criminal activities around the country.

• Biology and importance of criminology:

Biology and criminology have deep relations. **Cesare Lombroso** has deeply examined the shape of an individual's skull and how the shape indicates an individual's chances of committing a crime. Moreover it studies the hormonal, chemical and neurological causes of committing crimes.



• Important role of psychology in criminology:

Psychology of a person determines

either he is vulnerable of committing crimes or not. Criminologists study different human behaviours and past traumas of people and how they commit crimes. In India, a man's **toxic family environment** and ~~pro~~ less access to meat enabled him to kill chickens and eat their flesh.

Importance of Criminology:

Criminology holds utmost importance in daily lives. Following chart shows the importance of criminology:



- **Nature of crime is deeply studied in criminology:**

Criminologists study the nature of crime and help prevent crimes in future. Furthermore, they help policymakers in the US to improve criminal justice system.

- Gives a global perspective on crimes:

Criminologists not only study a restricted area or region, but they give global perspective on crimes. For example, cyber crime has been widely spread around the world which further leads to pornography, theft and data leakage. For such reasons, criminology plays an essential role.

- It also plays a significant role in helping the victims out:

It aims to study the effect of crimes on victim. Crimes leave people in a devastated situation. According to Larry Siegel's book on Criminology, victims are given therapy and psychological assistance through criminologists.

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• Conduction of Surveys to prevent crimes:

The very fundamental responsibility of criminology is to conduct surveys. Criminologists conduct surveys to examine the number of unreported cases and how these surveys also study the psychological impacts on victims.

Conclusion:

Hence, criminology helps people in day-to-day life. Unluckily, the role of criminology remains invisible in Pakistan which is why the criminal justice system fails to hold the culprits accountable.

Thus, criminology has an important role to play in global crimes, victim's psychological analysis, conduction of surveys and studying nature of crimes.