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Q: Define criminology. Discuss the nature and importance of Criminology.

## 1. Introduction:

Criminology is the scientific study of crime. It deals with the nature of crime, criminal behaviour, causes of crime and the strategies to prevent crimes in the society. It holds immense importance ~~and~~ regarding the understanding of crimes, policies regarding its control and other factors such as juvenile delinquency.

## 2- What is Criminology?

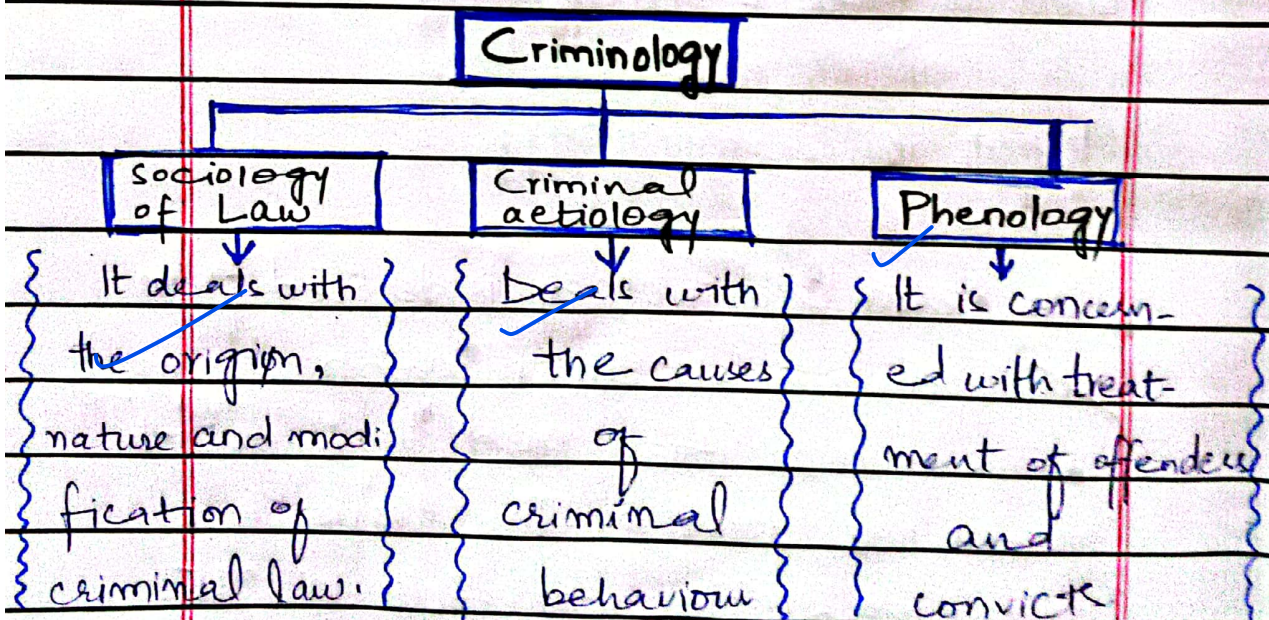
The term criminology is derived from ~~two~~ Latin words 'crimen' which means crime or accusation and 'logia' <sup>Greek word,</sup> which means 'the study of'. This term was coined by Raffaele ~~Graffolo~~ in 1885. Thus the word criminology means the study of crime.

According to Oxford English Dict-

ionary: "Criminology is the scientific study of crime and it is an action or omission which constitutes an offence and is punishable by law."

### 3. Nature of Criminology:

1- Criminology is an interdisciplinary science that studies crime, and criminal behaviour, alongwith the integration of its various aspects. The classical divisions of criminology include:



This is how it draws knowledge from various other fields like sociology.

law, economy etc. By using multiple perspectives, criminologists get a well-rounded understanding of crime and its causes.

2. **Empirical**: Criminology relies on research methods that involve gathering real-world data and evidence to study criminal behaviour and the criminal justice system. This approach helps discover crime patterns, ~~the~~ factors responsible and evaluate the effectiveness of crime prevention methods.

3. **Theoretical**: Criminology is based on theories that attempt to explain why people commit crimes. Some theories focus on the idea of deterrence, while others explore how social influences or personal experiences lead to criminal behavior.

4. **Applied**: Criminological research is practical and applied to real-world problems. Criminologists work with law enforcement agencies, ~~policy~~ policy makers, and ~~so~~ organizations which develop

crime prevention strategies and improve criminal justice system.

#### 4. Importance of Criminology:

Criminology holds significance in vast areas such as:

- Aids in understanding causes of crime:

Criminology is helpful in understanding the reasons and causes of crime.

This is because crimes pose serious threats on the lives and property of humans, thus their causes need to be identified in order to deal with them.

- Policies for the control of crime in society

Criminology holds effective value in formulating policies to control the crimes in society.

- Study of socio-economic factors responsible for instilling criminal behaviour:

Criminology studies the relationship between the socio-economic factors and their role in criminal behaviour.

For example: unemployment can lead

to crimes in society. Such factors are crucial in criminology.

- Aids in the study of Juvenile delinquency:

Criminology aids in the study of crimes committed by children. It identifies the causes of and suggests measures for juvenile delinquency.

- Rehabilitation and treatment of offenders:

Criminology is helpful in the treatment of offenders. It can formulate mechanisms such as rehabilitation, parole etc for the treatment of offenders.

## 5. Conclusion:

Criminology is the study of accusations or crimes in the society. It has interdisciplinary nature, consisting of theories and policies for crime causes and criminal behaviours. Moreover, it is important in policy formulation, study of socio-economic factors and rehabilitation for crime control in the society.

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