

Q1: Write a note on increasing importance of criminology in Pakistan. Also discuss the historical development of criminology as a scientific discipline.

## 1. Introduction :

Criminology is the study of crime, its causes and procedures. The discipline adopted the shape of subject in early nineteenth century and was given it a separate discipline due to its increasingly vast scope in general and Pakistan in particular. It developed after continuous emergence in the 19th and 20th centuries.

## 2. Criminology:

Criminology is derived from two words 'crimen' meaning 'crime' and 'logos' means 'the study of'. Thus, it is the study of crime, its causes, criminal behaviour and the theoretical perspectives involving

criminality.

### 3. Importance of Criminology in Pakistan:

Criminology holds immense importance in controlling crime and criminal rehabilitation. Some of the significant applications of criminology are:

#### 1- Detect the causes of crime:

The discipline is important to detect the causes of crime, the reasons behind ~~the~~ committing crime. It is helpful as it improves the social progress.

#### 2. Rehabilitation and criminal behaviour:

Criminology also holds importance in establishing rehabilitation of the offenders and determining criminal behaviours responsible for crimes.

#### 3. Development of criminal justice

system:

The criminal justice system deals with the crimes, their institutional rulings and the criminal procedures involved. In Pakistan, it is important to determine and ensure accountability on from individual to institutional level through the development of criminal justice system.

4. Aids in collecting Evidence, issues rulings regarding the cases:

Criminology aids in collecting evidence and information regarding the cases. It is helpful thus, in the long run for ensuring justice and criminal investigation.

5. Helps in detection of social factors responsible for criminal behaviours:

Criminology holds the credit in detection of social factors i.e. unemployment, which are responsible for criminal behaviours in a society. The policies thus can be

framed in accordance with ~~the~~ considering these factors.

#### 4. Historical development of Criminology:

Criminology was prevalent since the ancient civilizations but it emerged as a discipline in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. It reached its theoretical phase in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and is still evolving. Some major developmental era of criminology is explained as follows:

##### 1. The Classical School of thought in the classical era:

The classical school was prevalent in the 18<sup>th</sup> century with Cesare Beccaria and Jeremy Bentham as its founders. It emphasized on the idea of free will and rationality, which forms the basis of criminal behaviour.

##### 2. Positivist School of criminology.

The positivist school was common during the late 19th century, which advocates the biological and ~~inter~~ inheritance factors responsible for committing crime.

### 3. Chicago School of Sociology:

The school was functional during the early 20th century. It held the strain, social control and labeling as the responsible factors behind crimes in the society.

### 4. New Classical School:

This school was common during 19th and 20th century. It proposed the ~~ind~~ internal individual factors responsible for crimes. It negated the previous beliefs ~~p~~ regarding the justification of crime.

### 5. Contemporary criminology:

The contemporary status of criminology is its interdisciplinary nature, incorporating insights

froms different fields, with a wide range of research methods and approaches, leading to the diversity in the subject.

In short, the field of criminology continues to evolve and seeks to address the complex nature of crime, ~~for~~ its consequences and societal responses.

## 5. Conclusion:

In conclusion, criminology; the study of crimes and societal misconducts, deals with crimes in ~~the~~ varied ways. Moreover, its importance is widespread in Pakistan, necessitating its role in societal reform process. It continues to evolve since the 18th century till now with different approaches and various techniques.

