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Q1 What is your own on the nature vs nurture debate in criminology?

Introduction:-

Criminology is the study of crime and criminal behaviour, so the criminologist can effectively come out the ways to curb it. Many theorist argues that it genetically inherent with distinct features and attributes from a normal person. However, some other believes criminology is a learned process because it can not be inherent but learn from the surroundings. Since, from the beginning an individual learn traits and behaviours from his home, school and peers. The more the person start socialising the new ways of actions he gets adopted, from eating to treating others. That's why I believe criminal behaviour and crime is more of a learned phenomenon from the family to social institutions and norms of a society. Therefore criminals are not born but becomes ones due to many socio-political and religious factors.

② Distinct features of nature versus nurture in criminology:-

In the late 19th and early 20th century, criminological studies

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Inclined towards nature, the biological explanations of criminality rather than nurture, the environment justification of crime. For instance, Cesare Lombroso gave greater significance to defects in the genetics of an individual lead towards criminality. Along with it Charles Darwin's theory of *Survival of the fittest* and evolution also supported Lombroso's arguments. However, in the late 20th century sociologists like Karl Marx and Emily Durkheim emphasised on how the society expose an individual to the conditions which makes him criminal and influence by criminal behaviour.

③ Nurture has various factors that lead towards criminal behaviour:-

The environment around us is what affect the individual the most. It shapes the personality, attitudes and the way a person behaves. Environment including the socio-culture and treatment of people towards the other makes them either an obedient citizen or lead them towards deviance. Today, the perspective of pleasing people have caused a havoc in environment. Some of the factors are discussed below.

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(31) Broken family:-

Family is the first Institution for every individual from where a child learns how to speak and act accordingly. Family is the cornerstone for the upbringing of an individual. Nevertheless, today broken families can be seen widely due to many factors but this broken family disrupt a child's mental capacity. Most of the juveniles reported to come from the broken or disrupt families. Broken families lose cohesion and left a room for other sources to act and succumb persons way of behavior.

(32) Conflict theory of Karl Marx:-

Marxist Conflict

They see society as divided along the lines of economic class between the proletarian working class and the bourgeois ruling classes. He argued that societal divide will never encourage equal and equitable distribution of wealth, resource, and opportunities. This further added the fuel to fire because the gaps will only increase. In criminology the social divide lead towards criminality as people feel outnumbered and their purchasing power did not fulfil the basic needs. This creates a chaos in the society.

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3.3 Rejections from peer groups:-

Peer groups are the first people person interacts with after his family. It can be the people playing or living in the same society. A person learns a lot of things from his friends. From sitting to eating and gets influenced by their behaviours. Nevertheless, the rejection from the peer group make him more autistic and depressed. Some times due to social sinde or a new group enter to it. which changes the behaviour of an individual by incalculating hatred and jealousy.

3.4 Labelling Theory of Durkheim:-

Labelling theory of Emile Durkheim explains the importance on labelling one individual whom he or she is not that lead him to become a one. In our society deviance often stigmatised as criminals offenders and they get excluded from the mainstream society and left with no alternative but to sink deeper in crime and ⁱⁿ criminal behaviour.

3.5 Strain Theory and Crime:-

Robert Merton a sociologist proposed a strain theory that defines

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and it derived from the social factors, such as lack of income, unequal education and social mobility drives him towards crime. He said when the person shows inability to achieve those goals was considered as driving factor in committing a crime. For example if a person is unable to meet basic needs of his family and his threshold remains below the poverty will force him to find illegitimate ways to fulfil needs.

3.6 Frail LEA's:-

Institutions like law enforcement agencies are made to protect every citizen regardless of their status and wealth in the society.

However, the failing of these institutions has created a trust deficit between the state and its people.

These agencies target the weak and vulnerable without any solid proofs and then harsh treatment turn the right citizen of the country onto the path of criminality.

3.7 Theory of Anomie by Emile Durkheim:-

This concept emerged in 1893 when Emile Durkheim found out that the modernization creates a unclear expectation from the person. The lack of normal ethical or social standards creates a sense of unclear roles and

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responsibility defined by a society. When the social fabric of a society loses the cohesion and force that binds the society altogether becomes weak left room for negative forces to collide into. A normal person with no definite roles and responsibility becomes a deviant and this deviance behaviour lead them towards criminal conduct.

3.3 Vague life of social media:-

Social media has the power to change and alters individual thoughts, beliefs and perception. It has no boundary and people can connect from anyone around the world. The real threat lies in misinformation and propaganda. The partial or lack of knowledge inclined the individual to become extremist and intolerant towards other people and their behaviour and beliefs. Social media has worst side effects.

3.1 Absence of proper Criminal Justice System:-

Criminal becomes explicit of doing what they do as they are aware of the weaknesses of the criminal justice system. Criminal justice system of the country ought to be robust and efficient in preventing crimes. Nevertheless, the weak and unprofessional justice system with no implementation

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rules and procedures encourage the criminals to threaten the people and its institutions. The lack of proper attention, fund and efficient human resources is the need of the hour.

(4) Conclusions-

Crime learned by the environment and people around it. It is a learned phenomenon. In this world everything has learned from others. Human is a social animal and he needs people for interaction and relations to survive on. From family to the society every step and institutions play their roles in shaping up an individual's personality and its traits. The economic imbalance to labelling someone for minor act of misconduct pushes them on the line of conducting criminal behaviour. Along with it absence of proper rules and forces that binds a person in the social fabric disrupt the natural order and crime and criminal behaviour increases.