

Q.No:1 What is the difference between crime, deviance, sin and vice? Do you believe that crime is one of the major social problems of Pakistani society? Discuss.

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Introduction :

Some kind of illegal activities are always be present in any society, that are usually came in the definition of crime. In any society, there is some main reasons that insists people to commit crime. As far as crime is one of the major problem of Pakistani society because it imposing negative impact on society, whether it is related to theft which render the public deprived of their valuable property or murder, which lets families of their loved ones. It is also affecting government departments that lose their capable workers who are working brilliantly in a society. Thus, it affects all of society in a negative way.

Understanding the difference between crime, deviance, sin and vice.

Crime:

An action or omission which constitutes an offence and is punishable by the law of the country is called a crime.

Deviance:

Deviance is the socially disapproved behaviour of the masses in society.

According to the above mentioned definitions, the major difference is that,

Crime

Refers to the violation of rule and law.

It is always punishable by law.

Deviance

Refers to the violation of social rules, norms and conventions.

It usually results in stigma and social stigma.

It is viewed as immoral in society

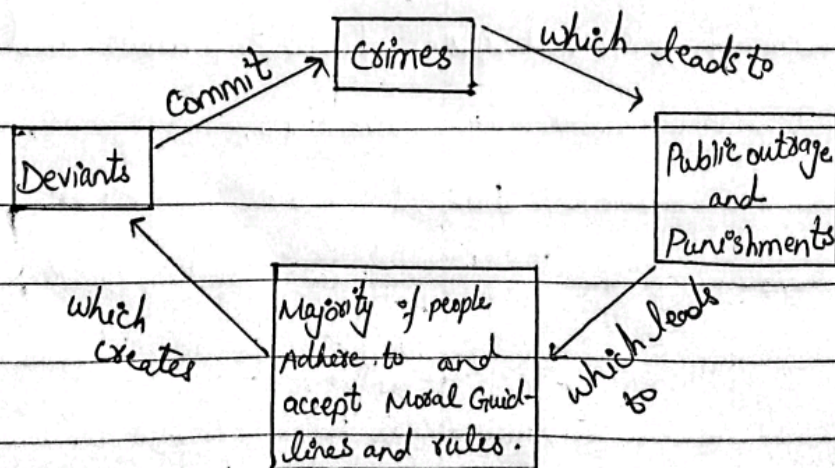
It may be viewed as immoral in one society. On the other hand, it is considered normal in other society.

For example, Robbery, murder etc.

For example, walking with shoes in a holy place such as a mosque, smoking in public etc.

However, crime and deviance are used interchangeably because, in some cases, deviance often results in criminal behaviours.

A structural-Functionalist Understanding of Deviance.



Sin:

Sin is a religious concept that refers to an act that violates the divine law.

Vice:

Vice refers to a habit, behaviour or action that is considered immoral, unethical, or harmful.

The major difference between sin and vice is that:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sin is the wrongdoing of divine laws which are mentioned in the Holy books. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice is any undesirable action that provides harm to the person which is involved in it. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> often seen as a moral failing or weakness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> refers to character flaws like greed, envy, lust or anger. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, Shirk is the greatest sin in Islam. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, prostitution, drinking etc. |

Most vices are considered sins, but not all. It depends on the state. For example, prostitution is legal in the USA, but in Pakistan, it is a sin.

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Crime is considered one of the major social problems of Pakistani society because every social problem like poverty, unemployment, high rate of urbanization etc., in the end ultimately leads to the committing of crime in order to meet that need. Let us discuss below how crime is a social problem in Pakistani society.

1. Unemployment:

Out of many factors, unemployment is number one. Due to unemployment, individuals are unable to

meet their lives needs. In order to fulfil their basic needs, people do commit crimes. The positive association between crimes and unemployment is observed by Ehrlich (1973). He mentioned that unemployment is an indicator of income opportunities, (for people to achieve normal) from legal sector. Also according to strain theory, crime occurs when people do not have legitimate opportunities for people to achieve normal success goals in society.

2. Poverty:

Poverty is associated with high rates of crime. It is not wrong to say that poverty is the mother of crime. According to Shaw and McKay neighbourhood with the highest incidence of crime rates have at least three common problems:

Poverty, physical dilapidation and ethnic and cultural mixing.

3. Role of Media:

Despite showing a positive image of society, the media has played a significant role in promoting crime among the masses. There is a number of ways through which media is promoting crime. For example; by transferring criminal techniques, advertisement stimulates the desire to get unaffordable goods. Taking the influence of these means, people often commit crimes in society, as is also happening in Pakistani society.

Conclusion:

Because of limited resources, people commit crime to achieve their basic needs in society. In that society, each below-average social factor leads towards crime. This is the reason why crime is considered one of the major problems of the Pakistani society.