

QUESTION No. 1

Scope of Criminology and its Significance in Pakistani Society.

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- Introduction -

Criminology is an interdisciplinary field of study that deals with scientific study of crime, its causation and strategies for its prevention.

Criminology is an integrated, multidisciplinary study of the causes, prediction and control of crime and other harmful behaviour constituting a breach of societal norms at local, national and international level.

~ Oxford definition

Criminology deals with crime, its cause prevention and scientific study of criminal behaviour. Its scope includes deviance, child delinquency, Bio criminology and Criminal justice.

In Pakistani society criminology has been able to bring reforms at policy making and in justice systems. Due to its nature it helps in deterring crime and identification of factors that

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Scope of Criminology

1 Criminology played a Reforming role

Criminology has historically played a reformative role in relation to criminal law and the criminal justice system. As an applied discipline, it has produced findings that have influenced Legislatures, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, probation officers and prison officials prompting them to better understand crime and criminals and to formulate policy to restrict crime and to develop more humane sentences.

2.2 Development of theories

One ultimate goal of criminology has been the development of theories expressed with sufficient precision that they can be empirically tested. Also help in determining cause behind criminal behaviour.

2.3 Cause and prevention of Criminal behaviour

As a subdivision of larger field of sociology, criminology draws on psychology, economics, anthropology, biology, statistics and other disciplines to explain the causes and prevention of crime.

behaviour.

2.4 Crime detection and Control

Research in Criminology enhances official understanding of criminals, offenders the types and prevalence of offences committed, generally or specifically by a class of people or in certain localities. This kind of understanding supported by data is important for crime detection and control.

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Significance of Criminology in Pakistani Society

As a multidisciplinary field of study Criminology has a significance world wide and from the ancient times. But specifically with respect to Pakistan this subject has given reformation to existing laws and also introduced new tools to curb crimes and criminal behaviour.

Significance of Criminology In Pakistani Society

3.1 Creation of CCD-2025

Creation of Crime Control Department shows Pakistan's shift from reactive policing to preventive intelligence led and crime specific policing as core principle of modern criminology.

Creation of NCCIA

Creation of FIA

Creation of CCD

Justice system-Reforms

CCD was established to deal with organized crime, habitual offender gangs and violent crime hotspot. It emphasise crime mapping, data analysis and profiling aligning with criminological theories of Organized Crime, social integration theory.

3.2 Creation of NCCIA

Marks Pakistan's response to the

evolving nature of crime in digital age where traditional policing tool are insufficient. It also addresses Cyber Crime such as online fraud identity theft Cyber terrorism and financial scam.

It reflects expansion of Criminology in Cyber Criminology and recognizes Cyber Crime as new Crime environment. It reflects changing and expanding dimension of Crime and Palestine's response to counter it.

3.3 Creation of FIA

Federal Investigation Agency deals with ~~cyber~~ Crime and organized ^{white collar} Crimes. FIA embodies that

Crime is influenced by economic, political and global factors. This institution also strengthens

Deterrence theory by increasing certainty of punishments for sophisticated Crime.

3.4 Justice system - Reforms

Palestine's justice system is continuously reforming for betterment in controlling the criminal behaviour and criminal activities ~~but~~ like Prison Reforms effort were made to reduce overcrowding

through probation and parole. This reform is based on social learning theory the more person stays with criminals there are more chances of him being influenced.

For quick processing of Criminal Cases different Courts have been established like anti terrorism Court, family Court and Banking Courts.

Along with that ADR is also introduced to resolve civil and family disputes outside court.

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Conclusion

Criminology deals with crime its causes and prevention. It has multiple theories that explain reasons behind criminal behaviour and it also gave ways to deal with crime in order to prevent it from flourishing. As an applied study in Pakistan it has helped a lot in reforming justice system and also aided in creation of institutions like FIA, CCD and NCCIA. These institutions help in controlling the crime rate in Pakistan and also bring higher conviction rate.