

# Discuss the scope of criminology and its significance in Pakistani society.

## Introduction:

Criminology is a study of crime, criminal, causes of crime, and criminal justice system. The scope of criminology is broader, due to its multidisciplinary nature. Criminology includes study of crime, scientific study of criminal behaviour, victimology etc. Nevertheless, it has not only affirmative effects on society, but to help eradicate crimes. Especially, in Pakistan.

"Criminology is a body of knowledge regarding crime as a social phenomenon."

(Edwin).

The focus of criminology asserts that, crime is socially created; includes law making and law breaking, and society's reaction to breaking of law.



## Scope of criminology :

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Study of crime

Scientific study of criminal behaviour

Juvenile delinquency

Criminal Justice system

Penology

Victimology

Theory construction and testing.

Scope of criminology



## i) ~~Study of crime~~:

Crime is the central subject matter of criminology. Criminologists seek to study:

- 1) Why crime happens.
- 2) Factors leading toward criminality.
- 3) Strategies to eradicate crime.

## ii) Scientific study of criminal behaviour:

The scientific study of criminal behaviour includes personality, social and environmental influences and behavioural patterns. If an individual frequently commits traffic violations (traffic breaches) is a factor that leads towards crime, according to the research.

## iii) Juvenile delinquency:

Juvenile delinquency is a crucial part of criminology. The criminologists seek to study why under age children commit crime, not just the stem of it, but also how the society should rehab those children. Another important factor is how to prevent crime.



#### iv) Criminal Justice System:

Criminal Justice system is the study of Police, role of police, courts, prisons, and prosecution. Criminologist seek to study how the law works in different areas. How police is treating a criminal, and how courts are making decisions.

#### v) Phenology:

Phenology is the sub-branch of criminology. Phenology interprets punishments, prison system, and alternative of prisons. Criminologist in phenology branches conveys the idea of different system, rather than punishment. Phenologist seek to find other methods to rehabilitate criminals.

#### vi) Victimology:

Victimology delineates the victims. It provide services to victims. Criminologist in victimology creates strategies to help victims and to improve the relation between victims and offenders. Moreover, they studies the right and compensation of victims as well.



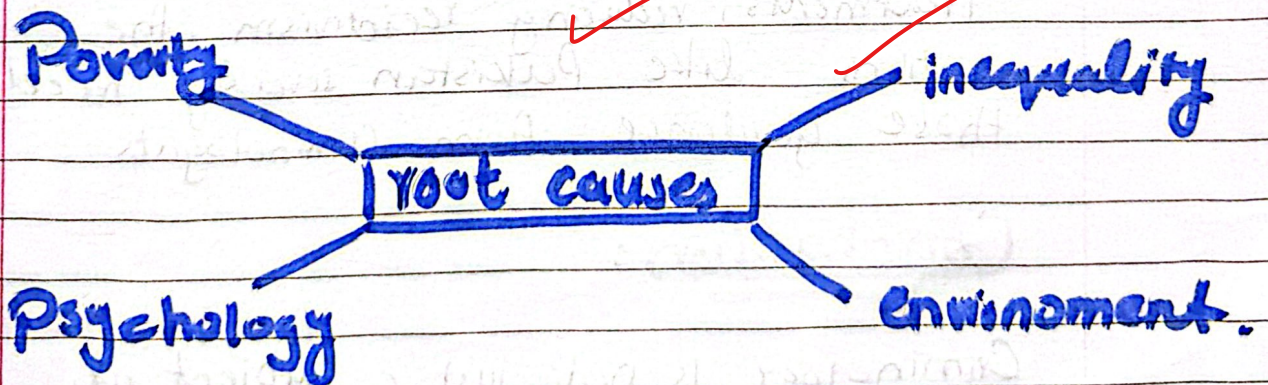
## vii) Theory construction and testing:

Criminologist develops and tests theories, interpreting crime and its causes. This is one of the most important scope of criminologist that also leads toward Biological, sociological and psychological theories of criminology.

## Significance of criminology in Pakistan:

### i) Help understand the crime:

Criminology helps a country to understand the root causes of crime.



Criminology helps Pakistan to understand the factors responsible for crimes.



## ii) Guides policy formation of crime:

Criminology helps to create crime effective control policies. For the developing countries, especially Pakistan where crime rates are high, they need to develop those policies to control crime.

"Crime rates in Pakistan are around 60%". (USAC).

## iii) Guides in Rehabilitation of offenders:

Criminology helps in rehabilitation of offenders, so they do not commit crimes again. They provide model for treatments, reducing recidivism. The nations like Pakistan severely need those guidance from criminologists.

## Conclusion:

Criminology is not just a subject or learning discipline, it has its own value to society. Criminology not only underscores the importance to understand the nation's biggest



problems, but how to resolve those problems. Pakistan and other developing countries can have a greater profit from criminologist and to ameliorate their nations growth.

"It is better to prevent crimes than to punish them".

(Cesare).

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