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Q: Differentiate between crime, deviance, sin and vice. Discuss that crime is one of the major social problems of Pakistani society.

Introduction:

The central core of law and enforcement is to maintain peace by any mean and avoid any possibility of crime. Crime is known as an act against any law described by society; breaching laws lead to punishment. At the same time, sin regards an activity against religious doctrines or principles that causes the wrath of God. Moreover, vice is a term used to describe any immoral activity of a person which brings questions to the integrity. Furthermore, deviance is acknowledged as breaking the laws of society; in this informal methods are devised to control deviant behavior. Most of the time friends and family of the person make sure that person should not go toward deviance. Crime is a social evil which is present in every society in one or another way, Pakistan is no exception.

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Drug cases, Rape cases, terrorism, murder, homicides, theft and many more are reported continuously to show the terrible condition of the state. Crime is a social disease which does not live alone but put other items with itself, it invites poverty, unemployment, distrust, decrease of belongingness and cooperation, and diminishing quality of life as well as rule of law.

"Every single thing is crime in a society if it brings a minor feel of dissatisfaction in your soul. Does not matter than even if you spoke rude to the next."

(Larry Siegel book : Criminology)

a. **Crime:**

Crime is an 'act' or 'omission' which is prohibited by criminal law. Every state sets out a limited set of acts as criminal. In order to do so, certain kinds of punishments would be given including fine, imprisonment or some other form of punishment.

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According to criminologist Paul Tappan (1960)

"An intentional act or omission in violence of criminal act or law, committed by without defense or justification, and sanctioned by the state as a felony or misdemeanour."

For Example:

Murder of someone without self-defense or under the law is considered as a crime.

How to control this?

Proper laws under penal code to punish murder should be implemented irrespective of any division. Moreover, enforcement should be strong enough to call in action against murder.

b. **Sin:**

Sin is any activity which is against religious principles. Religious rules and laws

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are not followed by someone and breaching religious laws are termed as sin.

For Example:

Breaking promises, telling alie and not offering prayess are sins.

How to resolve sins?

Religious sanctions are devised to control religious sins e.g., Hadood ordinance Act in Zia-ul-Haq's period is an example in this regard.

c. **Deviance:**

Deviance is a violation of social norms defining appropriate or proper behavior under particular set of circumstances. It encompasses sharply different behavior from a customery, traditional or generally accepted standards of a society.

For Example:

Do not obey the elders, eating with left hand and do not keep silence while Azan are considered as deviant behavior. Deviant behavior can be caused by keeping company of such friends who promote deviance.

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How to control deviance?

Deviance can be controlled by parents and friends. Parents and good friends make sure that a deviant person should not go towards deviance.

d. Vice:

Vice is an immoral act of a person, that causes harm to the society in some way. People who commit vice faces strong and harsh criticism by the society.

For example:

Prostitution is a vice that is prevailed in different societies in order to beat the poverty.

How to resolve issue of vice?

Informal society rules can assist to control vices of people, in another way, society calls negative terms for them that can hurt the integrity of people. In this way, people can avoid committing a vice for their honour and respect in the society.

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Aspects	Crime	Deviance	Vice	Sin
Against/ Definition	Crime is against law and regulations.	Deviance is against norms of a society	Vice is against moral standards of a society	Sin is against religious norms
Controlled by/ Punished by	By state	By God punishment of family	Through negative labels of a society	By punishment of family God.
Consequences:	Disturbs the balance of society	Alienated by a group	Brings question to the honor	Cause inner dis-contentment
Examples:	Murder or Theft	Drinking while standing	Prostitution	Breaking promises

Crime is one of the major social problem of Pakistani society.

Every society is somehow indulged in various kinds of crimes, Pakistani society is not prone to crimes. Rates of crimes are falling because of law and enforcement, there are two reasons behind this either law is

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efficiently works to control this or cases are not reported effectively.

How crime is a social problem?

Crime is an evil that cannot stand alone rather invites its fellows to develop it like a virus.

(a.) **Brings a culture of poverty**

Poverty leads to crime and crime also causes poverty, they go hand in hand. Shaw and McKay examine that neighbourhood have the highest level of crimes have at least three common problems.

- Poverty
- Physical dilapidation
- Ethnic and cultural mixing.

Crime are caused by poverty further aggravate the rates of poverty, people get frustrated by their poverty, they choose to take the path of crime. According to a report, when people finds good result after crime instead of spending energy in doing work, they

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prefer crimes. Moreover, another reason of crime due to poverty in Pakistan is a large number of people living in urban areas, they live in very severe and malnourished environment which forces them to take the path of crime.

According to UN world cities report, Karachi's slum areas have atleast 2.3 million people, world's fifth highest.

Due to poor living conditions, crime rate increase, in Pakistan 12.2% crime rate increased from 2012 - 2018. When the stomach is not filled by any mean, in order to get food, people are inclined towards criminal behavior.

"Poverty is mother of all evils."

(b) Increasing street crimes because of mass urbanization and unemployment:

Most of the youth are unemployed in Pakistan. A large number of youth come out of universities but unemployment causes

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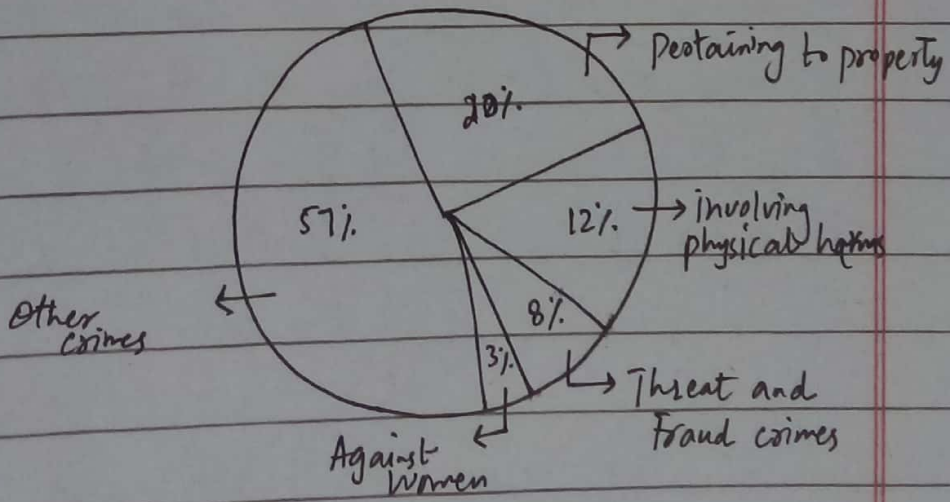
anxiety and frustration. They get narrow opportunities to meet the basic standards of life. To fulfill their basic needs, they incline toward street crimes.

According to Strain theory, crimes occur when people do not have legitimate opportunities to achieve normal success goals in society. There is always a positive association between crime and unemployment. Moreover, urbanization is also a contributing factor, a mass number of people move toward cities; no proper management increases the ratio of crimes. That's why, safety of cities are compromised in this process.



A picture to demonstrate ratio of various crimes in Pakistan

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c. Sense of belongingness and cooperation diminishes due to crime

Crimes mitigate the feelings of connectedness and cooperation; officers who commit white collar crimes cause decrease of sense of integrity in subordinates. According to National Bureau, atleast Rs.10 million corruption is caused by high officials each years.

Furthermore, social disorganization theory of Shaw and McKay explains the due to criminal behavios of parents, children faces negelect, and sense of otherness which lead them to continue the footsteps of theis pareuts. Moreover, weak role of state institution can aggravate the situation of crime. Crimes increase distance, and it gets very difficult for the person to get genuine help from another person. Nowadays, there is a culture of living own life in urban cultuse of Pakistan.

"Criminologists are the right people to bring such domains which can prevent happening of crime in future. Though calculating Present." "Civil society"

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Conclusion:

In a nutshell, crime is breaking the law and regulation, similarly, sin, vice and deviance are also part of an uncultured society. They are looked through informal ways to control. Despite these, crime is becoming a major concern in Pakistani society, it leads people toward poverty, mass urbanization uplifts street crimes as well as there is unemployed youth bulge in society. They are the reason behind the disturbance of social fabric of the society. However, state can devise modern ways to control crimes in efficient way.

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