

Final Mock-2026

Criminology

Part-II

Section-IV

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Write short notes on;

- 1) Cyber Space and youth crime
- 2) Smuggling as a transnational crime

2) Smuggling as a Transnational crime:

Smuggling is illegal transportation or movement of goods or people from one sovereign territory to another without taking into account rules, regulations and customs of states.

Some common forms of smuggling include Human and drugs trafficking.

Smuggling: A network based crime

Smuggling involves movement of goods or human from one country to another. Therefore, it shows involvement of groups and smugglers from multiple ^{regions} ~~places~~ who form an organized network to make this process convenient. A single person or smuggler could not perform this activity all alone because this process requires multiple persons

to be present at multiple regions. Therefore, it could be labelled as network based activity. This network is present at least in two countries and could even more.

Smuggling: A transnational Activity:

Smuggling involves movement across the territory of a state; therefore, it is a transnational activity that requires presence of its perpetrator in two or more countries.

To have better understanding of smuggling as transnational activity, let's consider some examples.

1) Human Trafficking:

Human trafficking is smuggling of human from one country to another against rules of governments. This activity is sometimes involve consent of human being trafficked. Human traffickers commonly known as Donners in South Asian region, lure young minds to better work destination in low prices.

They trap them and traffick them across multiple borders with the help of their network present in multiple countries. Within this trafficking activity, not only people of different

Countries are involved, but also of different professions. Traffickers ^{transport} ~~transfer~~ human in secret compartments in cargo ships, Busses, large trucks with almost no ventilation. This whole activity is performed by multiple people in multiple countries.

2) Drug Trafficking:

Drugs Trafficking also involves whole network of transporters, smugglers, sellers, buyers, and producers. Drugs trafficking involves illegal and illicit supplying of banned or illegal labelled drugs. This whole system is not possible without having a proper organised network in multiple regions specifically production area, selling area, transit region. This is done to evade tax. Also, it is seen most commonly for drugs that are banned or declared illegal by state machinery. Therefore, this also requires involvement of multiple groups from multiple regions. Therefore, trafficking is a transnational activity.

3) Goods Smuggling: Tax evasion

In addition to drugs and human, goods including food items, electric appliances, precious

metals are transported illegally to avoid heavy taxes imposed by government. For instance, In Pakistan multiple Iranian food products are smuggled and sold across the country on unregistered seller shops. Therefore, the entire chain involved in such smuggling is beyond the limit of border; transnational.

Way Forward:

Since smuggling is not a national activity, it is a transnational activity. To deal with it and effectively combat it, multiple governments and states need to take collaborative action. Only then ~~also~~ trafficking could be controlled.

1) Cyberspace and Youth crime:

With increasing exposure to cyberspace, youth crimes have increased. young minds start with gaming and later on proceed on online platforms to perform illegal activities like frauds, data theft, cyberbullying. Another major factor contributing to increased youth crime is inability of youth to

Perceive digital crime as a crime. Moreover, unemployment, poverty have also pushed young minds to involve in online scams. These online scams involve mainly data theft, blackmailing, online harassment, Ponzi schemes, cyberbullying, fake reviews, fake social media impressions (likes, subscribers, downloads, followers), monetary scams, hacking. In addition to this, mainstream media channels and famous celebrities also promote such applications, businesses further luring young minds to such organised criminal groups. Some groups even trap young minds under the guise of job but they don't let them know that ^{such} job is neither morally acceptable nor legally allowed. Multiple call centres also hire youth for such crimes. In 2025, multiple such gangs were caught including a gang that rented house in G-10, a prestigious sector in Islamabad.

To deal with such crimes, awareness of cybercrimes and digital crimes among youth is very important. This could be done by including a ^{compulsory} subject related to cyberspace

and cybersecurity in bachelor's level.