

Criminology and penology

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- What do you mean by the concept of crime?

State the characteristics and classification of crime.

① - Meaning and Definition of crime.

Crime is an unlawful act which is an offence against the public and the perpetrator of that act is liable to legal punishment.

① According to Gross Jones -

Crime is a legal wrong the remedy for which is punishment of the offender.

Thus Crime is an offence against the law of Land.

According to Donald Taft -

Crime is a Social injury and an expression of subjective ~~op~~ opinion varying in time and place.

② Classification of Crime.

① Legal crimes

Political
crimes

Economic
crimes

Social
crimes

① Legal crimes can be termed as traditional crimes like theft, robbery, dacoity, rape, hurt

2. Political crimes committed in violation of the election laws.

3. Economic Crimes - includes white collar crimes - Tax evasion, Smuggling, gambling

4. Social crimes, are those which are committed under social legislation such as child marriage Restraint act, Dowry prohibition act - 1961, civil right act - Sati Prohibition laws etc.

Other crimes which are committed under local or special acts - such prevention of food adulteration act, consumer protection act.

Classification of offences under I.P.C. Indian Penal Code -

In the Indian penal code, various offences have been ~~categorif~~ classified into ~~seven~~ several categories -

- ① - offences against person or body.
2. offences against property.
3. offences relating to Documents.
4. offences against public Tranquillity.
5. offences against state.
6. offences relating to public Servents.

What do you understand by criminology?

Criminology means the study of crime; the causes of the crime, The prevention of the crime, and the effects of punishment on criminals and the

treatment of the criminals.

The punishment and the reformative patterns have the effects on the criminals and society both.

According to Sutherland ④

criminology is the body of knowledge regarding crime as social phenomenon.

It can be said that criminology is that branch of science which deals with the crime, criminals and the punishment or treatment of the criminals.

Penology, the study of punishment and of the problem of preventing crime.

What is

what is the importance of the study of criminology?

① To know the reasons which make a man criminal

It is generally believed that the criminal is not born but the circumstances and social surrounding make a man criminal.

(2.) Knowledge of criminology is essential for professionals and social workers such as - for the

magistrates, the police, the prison officials,

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The Probation and parole authorities . It is necessary to have the adequate knowledge of crime and the criminal behaviour.

(3) - Knowledge of criminology is essential for legislators -

→ If our legislators have the knowledge of criminology they will enact the laws for the well being of society.

(4) - Knowledge of criminology is necessary for Magistrates, Judges, and Students of Law.

5. Knowledge of criminology is necessary to know
 A The new techniques of crime and punishment

6. To know the classification of crimes.

and cause of crimes — such as

1. Unhealthy atmosphere —

2. Defective motherhood and fatherhood

3. Lack of education

4. Poverty

5. Association with criminals.

6. Broken Home —