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## **Crime & Criminal behaviour**

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## Crime

### Topics:

**Definition of Crime**

**Characteristics of Crime**

**Various types of crime**

**Criminal Behaviour- Causes & Theories**

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## What is Crime?

According to Blackstone: Crime is an act committed or omitted in violation of a public law forbidding or commanding it.

According to Donald Taft: “ Crime is a social injury and an expression of subjective opinion varying in time and place.”

According to cross & Jones: crime is a legal wrong the remedy for which is punishment of the offender at the instance of the state.

According to Austin: “ a wrong which is pursued at the discretion of the injured party and his representatives is a civil injury; a wrong which is pursued by the sovereign or his subordinates is a crime.

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## Interpretation of Crime....

Leaving aside definitional context, we can say that a crime has 3 attributes:

1. it is a harm brought about by anti social act of a human being;
2. the preventive measures taken by the state appears in the form of a threat of a sanction or punishment;
3. the legal proceedings wherein the guilt or otherwise of the accused is determined are a special kind of proceedings governed by special rules of evidence.

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## Etymology of Crime:

Crime is derived from Latin word 'crimen' which means 'charge'. The ancient Greek word krima, from which the Latin word is derived, typically referred to an intellectual mistake or an offence against the community, rather than a private or moral wrong.

*Think over. How Can we differentiate crime with tort, ethics, morality and sin?*

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## Characteristics of Crime...

1. Mens rea.
2. Actus reus.
3. Human being.
4. Injury- in relation to mind, body, person, property, reputation
5. External consequence- crimes always have a harmful effect on society, may it be social, personal, emotional or mental. Such harm should be outlawed. Any immoral or reprehensible behaviour is not crime unless it is outlawed.
6. Prohibited act- the act or conduct should be prohibited or forbidden under the law.
7. Punishment- punishment shall be given for the prohibited act

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## Types of Crime:

Property crimes- traditional & modern.

Corporate crime: Insider trading, false representation of accounts, escalation of assets and liabilities.

Violent crimes- violent crimes against body, property, public safety and affecting women.

Inchoate crime- abetment, attempt and criminal conspiracy.

Statutory crime- selling tobacco to a minor.

Cyber crime- stalking, hacking etc.

Hate crimes- offence which manifest evidences of prejudices based on religion, race, ethnicity, MOB LYNCHING, disability or sexual orientation. (Broadly against minorities).

Victimless crimes- ex. Prostitution , begging, drunkness, vagrancy, soliciting, homosexuality.

Organised crimes. (MCOCA )

Occasional crimes- pick pocketing during certain gathering or festivals.

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## Causes of Criminal Behaviour

Causes of criminal Behaviour could be a single following reason or a complex of few ones:

1. Social
2. Psychological
3. Economical
4. Biological
5. Political

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## **Theories of criminal Behaviour & Schools of Criminology:**

- 1. Pre-Classical school.**
- 2. Classical School.**
- 3. Neo- Classical School.**
- 4. Positivist School.**
- 5. Sociological School.**
- 6. Economical School.**
- 7. Psychological School.**

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