

Chapter 01: Crime and Criminology

Completion

1. _____ are required to employ valid and reliable experimental designs and sophisticated data analysis techniques.

ANSWER: Criminologists

Multiple Choice

2. Criminologists use _____ methods to study the nature, extent, cause, and control of criminal behavior.

- a. economic
- b. scientific
- c. sociological
- d. psychological

ANSWER: b

3. The study of agencies of social control such as the police, courts, and corrections is:

- a. criminal justice.
- b. criminology.
- c. sociology.
- d. law inquiry.

ANSWER: a

Essay

4. Define and explain the difference between criminology and criminal justice.

ANSWER: Criminology is the scientific approach to studying criminal behavior. It explains the etiology, extent and nature of crime in society. Criminal justice refers to the study of the agencies of social control—police, courts and corrections. Criminology is more focused on identifying the suspected cause of crime while criminal justice scholars focus on identifying the effective methods of crime control.

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5. Criminology is also related to the study of _____ or those actions that depart from social norms, values, beliefs, and customs.

ANSWER: deviant behaviors

Multiple Choice

6. Deviant behavior:

- a. violates the legal code.

- b. can be considered a felony.
- c. is mala in se.
- d. is all of the above.

ANSWER: d

7. The quality of being fair under the law is referred to as:

- a. casebook method
- b. legality
- c. justice
- d. criminology

ANSWER: c

True / False

8. Deviant behaviors are those actions that depart from social norms, values, and beliefs.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

Essay

9. Criminology is related to the study of deviance. Explain how criminology, deviant behaviors and crime overlap.

ANSWER: Deviant behaviors deviate from the social norm; however, these behaviors are not necessarily illegal. In addition, not all crimes are considered deviant behaviors; although, they often overlap. Criminologists are concerned with the concept of deviance and its relationship to criminality. Sociologists who study deviant behaviors often want to understand or identify the line that separates criminal from unusual behaviors.

Completion

10. Criminologists have been trained in diverse fields—sociology, criminal justice, political science, psychology, public policy, economics and even the natural sciences because criminology is a _____ science.

ANSWER: multidisciplinary

11. A major difference between criminology and criminal justice is that criminal justice refers to the study of agencies, while criminology refers to the _____ of crime.

ANSWER: etiology

Multiple Choice

_____ is an academic discipline that makes use of scientific methods to study the

nature, extent, cause, and control of criminal behavior.

12. is an academic discipline that makes use of scientific methods to study the nature, extent, cause, ...

- a. Sociology
- b. Criminal Justice
- c. Criminology
- d. Psychology

ANSWER: c

True / False

13. Criminal justice explains the etiology, extent, and nature of crime in society.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

14. All crimes are deviant behaviors.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

Completion

15. Hans von Hentig and Stephen Schafer believed that the role of the _____ had to be considered before a full understanding of crime could be developed.

ANSWER: victim

16. Gross and colleagues found that exonerations of death row inmates are more than _____ times more frequent than exonerations for other prisoners.

ANSWER: 25

17. _____ are based on verified social facts and readily observed phenomena that can be consistently quantified and measured.

ANSWER: Theories

Multiple Choice

Marvin Wolfgang and this criminologist are quoted as saying "A criminologist is one whose professional training, occupational role, and pecuniary reward are primarily concentrated on a scientific approach to study the phenomenon of crime and criminal behavior."

18. Criminologists who devote their studies to how the system operates, how criminals

are treated, and h...

- a. Lawrence Driscoll
- b. Franco Ferracuti
- c. Paul Klenowski
- d. Robert Kruse

ANSWER: b

True / False

19. The media are often involved with downplaying crime and report lower numbers of true crime statistics to help society feel less fearful.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

20. The development of valid methods to measure crime and the accuracy of crime data are crucial aspects of criminology in action.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

21. Criminological theories use a method referred to as the Symposium Method for testing theories.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

22. Criminals have a greater likelihood of being victims than noncriminals.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

23. In a sample of death row inmates, Gross found that none of the exonerated inmates in his sample of 340 were innocent.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

24. Mental illness is not a critical factor in explaining terrorist behavior.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

25. Crime typologies refer to the study of criminal behavior involving research on the links between different types of crime and criminals.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

26. Heath Miller and Gregory Polanco were the first to suggest that victim behavior is often a key determinant in crime.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

Objective Short Answer

27. The subarea of criminal statistics and crime measurement involves devising valid and reliable measures designed to calculate the amount and trends of criminal activity. What must criminologists do to understand how much crime occurs? Who commits in? When and where does it occur?

ANSWER: Criminologists must:

28. For those studying the role of the victim in crime, to which areas should one pay particular attention?

ANSWER: (1) Using victim surveys to measure the nature and extent of criminal behavior not reported to police

Multiple Choice

29. The influence of _____ leads to an increase in the public's fear of crime.

- a. criminologists
- b. the media
- c. society
- d. police

ANSWER: b

Criminologists try to create valid and _____ measurements of criminal behavior by accessing records, research, and statistical data to understand patterns and trends.

30. In order for the criminal enterprise to successfully conduct studies of crime and develop criminolog...

- a. innovative
- b. open-minded
- c. reliable
- d. experimental

ANSWER: c

31. _____ are tested using scientific methods to validate criminological theories.

- a. Opinions
- b. Times
- c. Ideas
- d. Hypotheses

ANSWER: d

According to Hans von Hentig and _____, victim behavior is often a key determinant of crime, and a victim's actions may precipitate crime.

32. According to this view, socialization rather than social structure is key to understanding crime....

- a. Stephen Schafer
- b. Lisa Briggs
- c. Stephen Brown
- d. Helmet Belnisch

ANSWER: a

Completion

33. The _____ view of crime states that crimes are behaviors that are believed to be repugnant to all elements of society.

ANSWER: consensus

34. Behaviors such as drug use and prostitution are problematic because the harm they inflict is only on those who are willing participants, but punishment is justified because these acts undermine the _____ and threaten the general well-being of society.

ANSWER: social fabric

Multiple Choice

_____ theory states that people learn behavior by observing how other people act.

35. New Question

- a. Social learning
- b. Power-control
- c. Social construct
- d. Behavioral

ANSWER: a

Completion

36. The consensus view of crime links illegal behavior to the concept of _____.

ANSWER: social harm

37. According to the _____ of crime, society is a collection of diverse groups. Groups able to assert their political power use the law and the criminal justice system to advance their economic and social position.

ANSWER: conflict view

38. According to the conflict view, _____ is a political concept designed to protect the power and positions of the upper class at the expense of the poor.

ANSWER: crime

39. Marvin Wolfgang's famous 1958 study was titled Patterns in Criminal _____.

ANSWER: Homicide

40. The interactionist view of crime traces its antecedents to the symbolic interaction school of sociology, first popularized by pioneering sociologists Charles Cooley, W.I. Thomas, and _____.

ANSWER: George Mead

41. According to the interactionist view of crime, individuals or groups who wage campaigns to control behaviors viewed as immoral or wrong are referred to as _____.

ANSWER: moral entrepreneurs

Multiple Choice

42. According to the _____, crimes are behaviors believed to be repugnant to all elements of society.

- a. consensus view
- b. individualist view
- c. conflict view
- d. interactionist view

ANSWER: a

According to the text, which view of crime is best portrayed in the Hollywood hit film The Wolf of Wall Street?

43. A _____ is punishable by over a year in prison....

- a. perceptionist view
- b. common-core view
- c. interactionist view
- d. consensus view

ANSWER: c

44. _____ refer(s) to research that is conducted on the links between different types of crime and criminals.

- a. Critical theory
- b. Crime typologies
- c. Crime patterns
- d. Legal studies

ANSWER: b

45. According to the consensus view, deviant behavior is illegal if it causes:

- a. disparities.
- b. social harm.
- c. legal concerns.
- d. conflict.

ANSWER: b

The interactionist view of crime is similar to the _____; both suggest that behavior is outlawed and considered criminal when it offends people who hold social, economic, and political power.

46. Several subareas of criminology exist within the broader areas of criminology. These subareas are t...

- a. David Miller perspective
- b. consensus perspective
- c. conflict perspective
- d. justice-offender perspective

ANSWER: c

Under this view, groups able to assert their political power use the law and criminal justice system to advance their economic and social positions.

47. Under this view, groups able to assert their political power use the law and criminal justice system...

- a. conflict
- b. consensus
- c. interactionist
- d. common

ANSWER: a

This man argued that the deviant is one to whom that label has successfully been applied, meaning that those who hold power will reflect the opinions and perceptions of others.

48. Studying the correction and control of criminal behavior is found within:...

- a. Keith Bell
- b. Albert Cohen

- c. Michael Heise
- d. Howard Becker

ANSWER: d

_____ can be defined as a systematic set of interrelated statements or principles that explain some aspect of social life.

49. New Question

- a. Social theory
- b. Relative deprivation
- c. Utilitarianism
- d. Sociology of law

ANSWER: a

True / False

50. The critical view of crime links illegal behavior to the concept of social harm.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

51. The consensus view of crime is the belief that the majority of citizens in a society share common ideas and work toward a common good.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

52. Moral entrepreneurs are interest groups that attempt to control social life and the legal order in such a way as to promote their own moral views.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

53. Crime, according to the interpersonal view, states that the political power and position of the upper class is used at the expense of the poor.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

54. The conflict view of crime states that human behavior is shaped by interpersonal issues and that those who maintain social power will use it to further their own needs.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

Essay

55. Define the consensus view of crime, the conflict view of crime, and the interactionist view of crime. Compare and contrast these three perspectives.

ANSWER: The consensus view of crime links illegal behavior to social harm. It is agreed that some behaviors are harmful to other people and society in general must control them. The conflict view depicts society as a collection of diverse groups who are in constant conflict with each other. Criminal laws are viewed as acts created to protect the haves from the have-nots. The interactionist view of crime argues that people act according to their own interpretations of reality and observe the way others react. They then reevaluate and interpret their own behavior according to the meaning and symbols they have learned from others.

Completion

56. Acts that are inherently evil are referred to as _____; are outlawed because they violate basic moral values.

ANSWER: mala in se

57. The concept of criminal law has been recognized for more than 3,000 years, with the creation of the most famous set of written laws of the ancient world known as _____.

ANSWER: Code of Hammurabi

58. The concept of guilt and innocence was determined during the Dark Ages by several methods; one of these methods called _____, consists of an accused person swearing an oath of innocence with the help of 12–25 oath helpers who would attest to his or her character.

ANSWER: compurgation

Multiple Choice

59. The first known written law code of the ancient world was called the:

- a. Code of Babylon
- b. Ten Commandments
- c. Code of Justinian
- d. Code of Hammurabi

ANSWER: d

This method of determining guilt was based on the principle that divine forces would not allow an innocent person to be harmed.

60. The crime category of _____ emerged from Edward Sutherland's criminal behavior analysis

of business-relat...

- a. Code of Hammurabi
- b. Trial by Ordeal
- c. Compurgation
- d. Magna Carta

ANSWER: b

Early English law, developed by judges, that incorporated Anglo-Saxon tribal customs, feudal practices, and everyday rules of behavior is referred to as:

61. Research on criminal behavior systems and specific categories of crime provides criminologists with ...

- a. common law.
- b. customary law.
- c. criminal law.
- d. procedural law.

ANSWER: a

62. The act of illegal gambling, because it violates law or clashes with current norms or public opinion, is referred to as:

- a. actus reus.
- b. vino de casa.
- c. mala prohibitum.
- d. mala in se.

ANSWER: c

Acts that are outlawed because they violate basic moral values, such as rape, murder, assault, and robbery are referred to as:

63. Acts that are outlawed because they violate basic moral values...

- a. mens rea
- b. actus reus
- c. mala in se
- d. mala prohibitum

ANSWER: c

True / False

64. Common law originated in early England, where royal judges would use local rules and customs to decide cases.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

Essay

65. Identify and discuss the four categories of contemporary law.

ANSWER: Contemporary law is divided into four categories. The first is substantive criminal law and involves such issues as the mental and physical elements of crime. The second is procedural criminal law and is concerned with the basic rules of practice in the criminal justice system. Civil law is the third and concerns the rules governing relations between private parties. The last is public or administrative law and involves the government and its relationships with individuals or other governments.

Completion

66. _____ is the branch of law that defines crimes and punishments and involves such issues as the mental and physical elements of crime, crime categories, and criminal defenses.

ANSWER: Substantive criminal law

67. The branch of law that deals with the government and its relationships with individuals or other governments and governs the administration and regulation of city, county, state, and federal agencies is referred to as _____.

ANSWER: public law

68. _____ torts are injuries caused because a person's actions were unreasonably unsafe or careless, such as a traffic accident caused by a reckless driver.

ANSWER: Negligent

Multiple Choice

The branch of the law that defines crimes and their punishments, _____ involves such issues as the mental and physical elements of crime, crime categories, and criminal defenses.

69. The consensus view of crime links illegal behavior to the concept of...

- a. political law
- b. sabbatical law
- c. substantive criminal law
- d. procedural criminal law

ANSWER: c

True / False

70. Civil law refers to a set of rules governing relations between private parties, which often are the results of contract disputes, wills, and property.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

Essay

71. Explain the relationship between criminal law and the United States Constitution.

ANSWER: All criminal law in the United States must conform to the rules and dictates of the U.S. Constitution. Criminal laws have been interpreted as violations of constitutional principles if they are too vague or too broad to give clear meaning of their intent. The Constitution also prohibits laws that make a person's status a crime. Instead, only acts can be crimes. The Constitution also limits laws that are overly cruel or unusual.

Completion

72. In the 2008 case of _____, the Court upheld the use of lethal injection unless there is a substantial risk of serious harm that the drugs will not work effectively.

ANSWER: Baze and Bowling v. Rees

Multiple Choice

73. Regardless of its source, all criminal law in the United States must conform to the rules set forth in the:

- a. Code of Hammurabi.
- b. Bible.
- c. U.S. Constitution.
- d. Affordable Care Act.

ANSWER: c

74. The case of Baze and Bowling v. Rees (2008) dealt with:

- a. the use of lethal injection.
- b. immigration rights for children.
- c. the use of the electric chair.
- d. the legality of Obamacare.

ANSWER: a

True / False

75. Criminal law constantly evolves to reflect social and economic conditions.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

Completion

76. A serious offense, such as rape, murder, or robbery, that is punishable by a prison

sentence—or in the case of first-degree murder, death by capital punishment—is known as a _____.

ANSWER: felony

Multiple Choice

A serious offense that is punishable by a prison sentence or in the case of first degree murder, capital punishment, is known as a:

77. The perspective that views crime as the reflection of the preferences and opinions of people who hol...

- a. consensus.
- b. misdemeanor.
- c. felony.
- d. mandatory minimum.

ANSWER: c

_____ involve crimes in which the accused is guilty simply by doing what a statute prohibits and intent does not enter the picture nor is it required.

78. Crimes less serious in nature and punished with a fine or a period of incarceration in a jail are re...

- a. Strict liability offenses
- b. Misdemeanors
- c. Felonies
- d. Wrongful offenses

ANSWER: a

True / False

79. Substantive criminal law involves the rules of evidence and the law of arrests and investigations.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

Essay

80. Explain the difference between a felony and a misdemeanor.

ANSWER: The difference between a misdemeanor and a felony can be distinguished by the punishment associated with each. A misdemeanor is a minor crime usually punished with a short jail term, a community sanction and/or a fine. A felony is a serious offense that carries a penalty of imprisonment. The length of imprisonment might involve a sentence that is over a year long. Individuals who are convicted of felonies might also lose some of their political rights.

Completion

81. In order for a crime to occur, the state must show that the accused committed the guilty act; this is known as _____.

ANSWER: actus reus

82. The organization known as the _____, is responsible for prosecuting significant violations with regard to pollution, spills, and devastation to U.S. water, wetlands, forests, and lands.

ANSWER: The Environmental Protection Agency

83. The Supreme Court ruled in 2005 in the case of _____ that the federal government can prosecute medical marijuana patients, even if states with compassionate use laws exist.

ANSWER: Gonzalez v. Raich

Multiple Choice

84. Mens rea refers to an individual's:

- a. criminal act.
- b. risk of flight.
- c. social standing.
- d. guilty mind.

ANSWER: d

To satisfy the requirements of _____, guilty actions must be voluntary.

85. To satisfy the requirements...

- a. mala reus
- b. mala prohibitum
- c. actus reus
- d. mens rea

ANSWER: c

86. Defense of duress, self-defense, and entrapment are considered a type of defense called:

- a. association.
- b. magnification.
- c. adjudication.
- d. justification.

ANSWER: d

87. As the result of the murder of actress Rebecca Schaeffer in 1989, 25 states enacted these laws:

- a. mala prohibita laws
- b. stalking statutes
- c. limited liability statutes
- d. rape shield laws

ANSWER: b

88. In 2003, this case heard by the Supreme Court ruled that sodomy could not be ruled illegal because it violated the due process rights of citizens.

- a. Curton v. Gastric Bypass Inc
- b. Heise v. Utah
- c. Wellman v. South Carolina
- d. Lawrence v. Texas

ANSWER: d

A battered wife who kills her mate might argue that she acted out of duress—committing her crime to save her own life. She would be using a/an _____ defense.

89. A battered wife who kills her mate might argue that she acted out of duress - committing her crime t...

- a. justification
- b. excuse
- c. denying the actus reus
- d. denying mens rea

ANSWER: a

90. Jack Kevorkian began practicing what he called _____, or helping people take their own lives.

- a. Jack's law
- b. Bardo assisted death
- c. obitiatry
- d. plakent

ANSWER: c

A revision of this 1994 act, which required states to register individuals convicted of sex crimes against children, also established a community notification system.

91. When referring to the evolution of criminal law, which statement is inaccurate?...

- a. Joseph Antwine Act
- b. Twin Falls, Idaho Act
- c. Jacob Wetterling Act
- d. Kevin Ward Jr. Act

ANSWER: c

92. A modification to Virginia's Computer Crimes Act in 2005 made the action of sending out bulk email messages designed to trick consumers into revealing personal information and accounts illegal. What is this act called?

- a. netting
- b. dumpster diving
- c. widening the net
- d. phishing

ANSWER: d

93. New Jersey Senate Bill 119, signed into law on January 18th, 2010, is most associated with:

- a. capital punishment.
- b. medical marijuana.
- c. stalking laws.
- d. environmental crime.

ANSWER: b

In which case in 2005 did the Supreme Court rule that the federal government can prosecute medical marijuana patients even in states with compassionate use laws?

94. In 2005 the Supreme Court ruled that the federal government can prosecute medical marijuana patients...

- a. United States v. Booker
- b. Plessy v. Furgeson
- c. Gonzales v. Raich
- d. Jackson v. The Citadel

ANSWER: c

According to the Drug Policy Alliance, which of the following states has NOT created laws that remove state-level penalties for growing or possessing medical marijuana?

95. New Question

- a. West Virginia
- b. Alaska
- c. Washington
- d. Maine

ANSWER: a

True / False

96. Actus reus refers to "a guilty mind."

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

97. The criminal defense of "duress" is associated with acts in which the individual admits committing the criminal act but is not liable.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

Essay

98. Beginning with common law and concluding with contemporary law, explain how criminal law has evolved as society has evolved.

ANSWER: Hammurabi created the most famous set of written laws in the ancient world, known as the Code of Hammurabi. The code established a system of crime and punishment based on physical retaliation. The severity of punishment depended on social standing. The formal legal codes were lost during the Dark Ages; however, early German and Anglo-Saxon societies developed legal systems featuring monetary compensation for criminal violations. Under normal law, royal judges began to travel throughout the land holding court. The royal judge would decide what to do in each case. Precedent was used in later cases to make decisions. This practice is still used today by the courts. Contemporary law is divided into four categories. The first is substantive criminal law and involves such issues as the mental and physical elements of crime. The second is procedural criminal law and is concerned with the basic rules of practice in the criminal justice system. Civil law is the third and concerns the rules governing relations between private parties. The last is public or administrative law and involves the government and its relationships with individuals or other governments.

Multiple Choice

A highly controversial book authored by Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray was called:

99. New Question

- a. The Bell Curve
- b. Race and Crime
- c. The Rabbit Hole
- d. To Kill a Mockingbird

ANSWER: a

Essay

100. What ethical issues should criminologists consider when conducting criminological research and why should these issues be considered?

ANSWER: Major ethical issues include what to study, whom to study, and how to study. What to study can be influenced by the availability of federal money. Areas that are not funded might be ignored. Government officials are also unlikely to fund research that involves government corruption or wrongdoing. When deciding who to study, criminologists often focus on minorities and the poor. Crimes of the wealthy are less often studied. In regards to how to study, subjects are rarely told the purpose of the research

project. In addition, subjects in control groups might not be given a particular treatment; although, they would benefit from it.