

Criminology Basics for Young Minds

Criminology · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which of the following is a key area of study within criminology?

- A) The history of ancient civilizations
- B) The causes and prevention of crime**
- C) The development of modern art
- D) The study of plant biology

2. What does the term 'recidivism' refer to in criminology?

- A) The rate of successful rehabilitation
- B) The tendency of a convicted criminal to re-offend**
- C) The process of fingerprint analysis
- D) The study of historical crime patterns

3. Which sociological perspective suggests that crime results from a breakdown in social order and a lack of socialisation?

- A) Conflict Theory
- B) Rational Choice Theory
- C) Social Disorganisation Theory**
- D) Labeling Theory

4. According to routine activity theory, for a crime to occur, three elements must be present. Which of these is NOT one of those elements?

- A) A motivated offender
- B) A suitable target
- C) The absence of a capable guardian
- D) A belief in karma**

5. What is the primary focus of 'positivist criminology'?

- A) Examining the moral choices of offenders
- B) Identifying biological and psychological factors that contribute to criminal behavior**
- C) Analyzing media portrayals of crime
- D) Debating philosophical concepts of justice

6. Which theory suggests that individuals learn criminal behavior through interactions with others, particularly in close relationships?

- A) Strain Theory
- B) Social Learning Theory**
- C) General Deterrence Theory
- D) Control Theory

7. What does 'situational crime prevention' aim to achieve?

- A) To completely eliminate all crime from society
- B) To increase the severity of punishments for all crimes
- C) To reduce opportunities for crime by altering the environment**
- D) To rehabilitate offenders through intensive therapy

8. In the study of criminology, 'white-collar crime' typically refers to:

- A) Crimes committed by juveniles
- B) Crimes involving physical violence
- C) Illegal activities committed by individuals or corporations for financial gain, often in a professional context**
- D) Crimes that occur in public spaces