

Historical Criminology Milestones

Criminology · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which Italian physician and jurist is credited with founding the positive school of criminology, emphasizing empirical observation and scientific methods in studying crime?

A) Cesare Lombroso

- B) Enrico Ferri
- C) Raffaele Garofalo
- D) Adolphe Quetelet

2. The 'Classical School' of criminology, emerging in the 18th century, is most closely associated with the philosophical ideas of which Enlightenment thinker, who advocated for rational choice and deterrence?

A) Cesare Beccaria

- B) Jeremy Bentham
- C) John Locke
- D) Jean-Jacques Rousseau

3. The 'Chicago School' of sociology, a significant contributor to urban criminology, conducted seminal research on the spatial distribution of crime and social disorganization. Which of the following is a key publication from this era?

A) The Polish Peasant in Europe and America

- B) Crime and Punishment
- C) On Liberty
- D) The Social Contract

4. Edwin Sutherland's 'Theory of Differential Association' proposed that criminal behavior is learned. Which of his verified case studies heavily influenced the development of this theory?

A) The Professional Thief

- B) The Jack-Roller
- C) The Gang
- D) Street Corner Society

5. The 'atavism' theory, a central tenet of early positivist criminology, proposed that criminals possessed certain physical characteristics suggesting a regression to an earlier stage of evolutionary development. Who was the primary proponent of this theory?

A) Cesare Lombroso

- B) Adolphe Quetelet
- C) William Sheldon
- D) Henry Goddard

6. The 'labeling theory' of deviance, which posits that societal reactions play a crucial role in shaping criminal identities, was significantly influenced by the work of which sociologist, particularly concerning the concept of the 'self-fulfilling prophecy'?

A) Howard Becker

- B) George Herbert Mead
- C) Erving Goffman
- D) Emile Durkheim

7. The establishment of the first dedicated school of criminology in the world occurred in 1907 at which university?

A) University of Paris

- B) University of Bologna
- C) University of Berlin
- D) University of Oxford

8. Which historical event significantly impacted the development of criminology by highlighting the need for more systematic data collection and analysis of crime patterns, leading to the creation of early statistical approaches?

A) The French Revolution

B) The Industrial Revolution

- C) The Napoleonic Wars
- D) The American Civil War

9. The concept of 'anomie,' referring to a state of normlessness that can lead to increased deviance, was originally introduced by which sociologist in his study of suicide?

A) Emile Durkheim

- B) Max Weber
- C) Karl Marx
- D) Georg Simmel

10. The establishment of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the United States, a pivotal institution in modern law enforcement and criminal investigation, was formally created in which year?

A) 1908

B) 1915

C) 1924

D) 1935