

Intro to Criminology Basics

Criminology · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What is the formal scientific study of crime, criminals, and the justice system called?

- A) Sociology
- B) Criminology**
- C) Psychology
- D) Forensics

2. Who is often referred to as the 'father of criminology' for his work in the 18th century?

- A) Cesare Beccaria**
- B) Sigmund Freud
- C) Charles Darwin
- D) Albert Einstein

3. What is the term for a crime that is considered inherently evil or wrong, such as murder?

- A) Mala prohibita
- B) Mala in se**
- C) Actus reus
- D) Mens rea

4. Which term refers to the 'guilty mind' or the criminal intent behind an action?

- A) Actus reus
- B) Modus operandi
- C) Mens rea**
- D) Habeas corpus

5. Which of these is considered a 'white-collar crime'?

- A) Shoplifting
- B) Embezzlement**
- C) Aggravated assault
- D) Vandalism

6. What does the abbreviation 'FBI' stand for in the context of law enforcement?

- A) Federal Bureau of Investigation**
- B) Federal Bureau of Inquiry
- C) Foreign Bureau of Investigation
- D) Federal Body of Inquiry

7. Which term describes the pattern of behavior used by an offender to commit a crime?

- A) Mens rea
- B) Modus operandi**
- C) Alibi
- D) Recidivism

8. What is 'recidivism' in the context of the criminal justice system?

- A) The reduction of a sentence
- B) The tendency of a convicted criminal to reoffend**
- C) The study of DNA evidence
- D) The process of trial by jury

9. Which of the following is a type of crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year?

- A) Felony**
- B) Misdemeanor
- C) Infraction
- D) Violation

10. What is the primary purpose of a 'pre-sentence report' in court?

- A) To determine guilt
- B) To help the judge decide an appropriate sentence**
- C) To choose the jury members
- D) To prove the innocence of the suspect

11. What is the Latin term for the 'guilty act' required for a crime to occur?

- A) Mens rea
- B) Actus reus**
- C) Pro bono
- D) Ad hoc

12. Which branch of science applies medical and scientific techniques to investigate crimes?

- A) Criminology
- B) Forensics**
- C) Penology
- D) Victimology

13. What is the study of victims of crime called?

A) Victimology

B) Penology

C) Criminology

D) Sociology

14. Which of these is generally classified as a 'victimless crime'?

A) Robbery

B) Fraud

C) Public intoxication

D) Assault

15. What is the name for a minor wrongdoing, such as a traffic ticket?

A) Felony

B) Infraction

C) Grand larceny

D) Burglary

16. What is the process of attempting to change a criminal's behavior through treatment or education?

A) Retribution

B) Rehabilitation

C) Incapacitation

D) Deterrence

17. Which term refers to the physical removal of a criminal from society to prevent further harm?

A) Rehabilitation

B) Incapacitation

C) Restitution

D) Probation

18. What does a 'summons' represent in the legal system?

A) An arrest warrant

B) A notice to appear in court

C) A verdict of guilt

D) A request for a lawyer

19. What is 'corporate crime' defined as?

- A) Crimes committed by individuals on the street
- B) Crimes committed by or on behalf of a company**
- C) Crimes committed by minors
- D) Crimes committed against the government

20. Which of these is the most common form of crime reported in most global statistics?

- A) Homicide
- B) Property crime**
- C) Espionage
- D) Terrorism