Foundations of Criminology

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1. In what year did Cesare Beccaria publish his seminal work 'On Crimes and Punishments'?

A) 1748
B) 1764
C) 1789
D) 1802

2. Who is widely considered the 'father of criminology' and the founder of the Italian School of Positivist Criminology?

A) Cesare Lombroso
B) Jeremy Bentham
C) Edwin Sutherland
D) Robert Merton

3. In his 1939 work 'Principles of Criminology', Edwin Sutherland officially defined which criminological theory?

A) Strain Theory
B) Social Disorganization Theory
C) Differential Association
D) Rational Choice Theory

4. What is the specific age threshold often used in legal systems to distinguish 'juvenile' status from 'adult' status in many international jurisdictions?

A) 14
B) 16
C) 18
D) 21

5. The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, which tracks crime statistics in the United States, was established by the FBI in what year?

A) 1920
B) 1930
C) 1945
D) 1952

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6. Which famous sociologist published 'Suicide' in 1897, analyzing the impact of social integration on deviant behavior?

A) Emile Durkheim
B) Max Weber
C) Auguste Comte
D) Karl Marx

7. How many primary categories of 'anomie' did Robert Merton identify in his 1938 essay 'Social Structure and Anomie'?

A) 3
B) 4
C) 5
D) 6

8. The concept of 'atavism', which suggests criminals are evolutionary throwbacks, was introduced by Cesare Lombroso in which decade?

A) 1850s
B) 1860s
C) 1870s
D) 1880s

9. What is the number of 'neutralization techniques' identified by Gresham Sykes and David Matza in their 1957 study?

A) 3
B) 5
C) 7
D) 9

10. The 'Peelers', the first organized police force in London, were established by Sir Robert Peel in what year?

A) 1822
B) 1829
C) 1835
D) 1840

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