

Profiling of criminals

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Total 45 points

Read the texts on 3 websites and do 2 exercises connected with the texts.

Watch one video and do 1 writing task connected with the film.

1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FBI_method_of_profiling

FBI method of profiling

2. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forensic_profiling

Forensic profiling

3. <https://www.apa.org/monitor/julaug04/criminal>

Criminal profiling: the reality behind the myth

Watch the film:

4. <https://youtu.be/63VYNbytzWs>

Criminal Profiling Methods

Exercise I

Decide if the sentences are TRUE or FALSE

1. One of the first American profilers was CIA agent John E. Douglas, who was also instrumental in developing the behavioral science method of law enforcement.

True /False

2. According to the text "an assimilation phase includes photos of the crime scene, autopsy reports, victim profiles, police reports, and witness statements"

True /False

3. The "class stage", which involves integrating the information collected into a framework which essentially classifies the murderer as "organized" or "disorganized.

True /False

4. Organized murderers never engage in sexual acts with the victim before the murder.

True /False

5. According to the text "the disorganized offender is described as impulsive, with few social skills. They might engage in sexual acts after the murder, because they lack knowledge of normal sexual behaviour"

True /False

6. According to the text "profilers reconstruct the behavioral sequence of the crime, in particular, attempting to reconstruct the offender's modus operandi or method of committing the crime"

True /False

7. The profiler generates a profile which may contain detailed information regarding only the offender's demographic and family characteristics.

True /False

8. According to the text "much criticism surrounding the FBI process of profiling focuses on the validity of the classification stage. The criticism targets the organized versus disorganized dichotomy and its theoretical and empirical foundations and assumptions"

True /False

9. In 1956, the frustrated investigators asked psychiatrist James Brussel, New York State's assistant commissioner of dental hygiene, to study crime scene photos and notes from the bomber.

True /False

10. According to the text "some of Brussel's predictions were simply common sense, others were based on psychological ideas"

True /False

11. According to the text "in the following decades, police in New York and elsewhere continued to consult psychologists and psychiatrists to develop profiles of particularly difficult-to catch offenders"

True /False

12. Nowadays profiling is placed somewhere between law enforcement and psychology.

True/False

13. The term "profiling" has caught on among the general public, largely due to movies like "The Silence of the Sheep" and TV shows like "Profiler"

True /False

14. Informal criminal profiling has a long history. In 1880 two physicians, George Phillips and Thomas Bond, used crime scene clues to make predictions about British serial murderer Jack the Ripper's personality.

True /False

15. In 1947, the FBI formed its Behavioral Science Unit to investigate serial rape and homicide cases.

True /False

Exercise II

15 points

Fill in the following sentences with a missing word. The words are hidden in the reading texts.

1." FBI method of profiling is a system created by FBI used to _____ and classify the major personality and behavioral characteristics of an individual based upon analysis of the crime or crimes the person committed" (6 letters)

2. The FBI classification system is _____ from a single interview-based research study with a small sample of apprehended serial killers who operated in North America. (7 letters)
3. "Forensic profiling is the study of _____ evidence in order to develop information which can be used by police authorities" (5 letters)
4. "Forensic profiling is generally conducted using datamining technology, as a means by which relevant _____ are discovered, and profiles are generated from large quantities of data" (8 letters)
5. _____ drug profiling, which refers to the systematic extraction and storage of chemical attributes of drugs seized in order to obtain indications on the manufacture and distribution processes. (7 letters)
6. The use of profiling techniques represents _____ to the privacy of the individual and to the protection of fundamental freedoms. (7 letters)
7. Organized criminals, according to the classification scheme, are antisocial but know right from wrong, are not _____ and show no remorse. (6 letters)
8. What was the method and manner of murder: shooting, _____ strangulation or something else? (8 letters)
9. Did the murder and body _____ take place all at one scene, or multiple scenes? (8 letters)
10. Everything about the crime, from the sexual acts the _____ forces on the victim to the order in which they're performed, offers a clue about the perpetrator. (6 letters)
11. The serial murderers can be divided into categories based on the way they interact with their victims: through sexual control, mutilation, execution or _____. (7 letters)
12. The researchers found that the types of sexual violation and physical _____ did not distinguish rapists from each other; these were the core variables that occurred in most rape cases. (7 letters)
13. Psychologists need to work from the ground up to gather data and classify offenders in areas as various as _____ burglary, rape and homicide. (5 letters)
14. In recent years, the FBI has begun to work closely with many _____ psychologists -in fact, it employs them. (8 letters)
15. "Police looking at the first type of crime might want to look for _____ burglars in the area", Pinizzotto explains. (9 letters)

15 points

Exercise III

Watch the video. Answer 2 questions connected with the video:

<https://youtu.be/63VYNbytzWs>

Criminal Profiling Methods from The Psychology of Criminal Justice

15 points

1. What is the difference between the organised and disorganised offender?

Write 8-10 sentences

2.What elements will be included in the resulting profile ? Write 5-6 sentences.
