Routing Decision Questionnaire (RDQ)

**Please take a moment to read the article below:**

Throughout the Middle East and North Africa, organized criminal gangs have taken advantage of political instability to steal ancient artifacts from historical sites. Once stolen, these items are transported across multiple countries where they are sold on the black market.

Looting presents two major issues. First, looting leads to the destruction of important cultural sites that are a part of the history of the people who live in that area. Second, the profits from selling these artifacts is a source of funding for terrorism.

One way to prevent looting it to intercept the smugglers while they are traveling with the artifacts. However, it is not clear what type of paths these smugglers take when they are trying to remain hidden.

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**Part - 1**

**Directions:** For this survey, we ask you to take on the point of view of a smuggler who is trying to avoid detection. Try to consider what would be important for you when deciding where to travel.

The following items are all things that smugglers might care about when deciding which cities to travel through. Rate each on a scale of 1 (not important at all) to 5 (extremely important). Then, provide a brief explanation of your reasoning.

Distance \_\_\_\_

Crime Rate \_\_\_\_

Population Density \_\_\_\_

Presence of competing gangs \_\_\_\_

How direct (or indirect) the path is \_\_\_\_

**Part - 2**

**Directions:**  Consider the ratings you provided above. Rank each those items based on which of them would be the most important for you when deciding a route.

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