

Some people believe that there should be a fixed punishment for each type of crime. Others, however, argue that the circumstances of an individual crime and the motivation for committing it should always be taken into account when deciding on the punishment.

Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

Comment [Dave1]: I'll send you the PDF for this one on WeChat so that you can review too.

In contemporary society, some people claim that a fixed punishment should be assigned to each kind of crime, while others hold the opinion that specific conditions and motivations should be taken into consideration. From my point of view, there are good reasons for both claims, but I would agree with the latter.

Comment [Dave2]: Great!

In terms of the former claim, it is undeniable that having fixed punishments ~~to-for~~ each form of crime ~~is beneficial to make the sanction to be~~ makes law impartial. When the ~~stated~~ punishment is ~~stated~~ clear and be immutable, there will be little space for the judges to make a judgement according to his or her ~~own-personal~~ opinion. Moreover, it also helps prevent judgements from being influenced by emotions like compassion for the guilty. For example, teenagers and celebrities are more likely to be ~~receive~~ compassionated ~~by~~ ~~due to their~~ the popularity, while their ~~contradictions-violations with-against~~ the law ~~cannot-should not~~ be justified ~~due to such a feeling by such bias~~. Therefore, setting fixed rules for judgements and punishments is a workable way to ensure impartiality.

Comment [Dave3]: Careful with is + the adjective or verb + adverb, this sentence could be written either way

However, fixed punishments without considering ~~the~~ specific situations and a criminal's motivations ~~can barely be~~ are often unfair. This is because the extent of ~~guiltiness-guilt~~ can vary from person to person. For instance, there should be a different punishment for a man who kills a person by a mistake from a murderer who ~~kill a person by deliberation~~ commits deliberate and premeditate homicide, as the former do not mean to disobey the law and do harm to ~~the~~ society. If that person kills someone by mistake who is intending to attack him or her, it would even be much less serious, because the action ~~could-can~~ be considered as a self-defense. With regard to these differences mentioned, it is reasonable for us to compare the motivation and condition, otherwise the punishment ~~can be unfair~~ may be unjust to some criminals who commit ~~lighter~~ crimes ~~with mitigating circumstances~~.

Comment [Dave4]: Great – really well developed and clear ideas – great example – close to band 9 for TA!

In conclusion, even if impartiality may be achieved by fixed punishments, it is of great significance to take more factors into account so that fair sanctions ~~can be made~~ are applied. ~~Add in a final thought here, something like – This will ensure that law can both ensure safety and be just.~~

Comment [Dave5]: Good! The example is very strong as well and good to generalize at the end to apply it to different crimes. Really well developed!

Comment [Dave6]: Close to 9 but add a final thought to your conclusion!

Comment [Dave7]: Good flow of ideas, very clear, a few small mistakes with referencing and articles hold this back.

Task achievement: 8

Cohesion/Coherence: 7

Vocabulary: 7

Grammar: 7

Overall: 7

Comment [Dave8]: Great vocabulary throughout, close to 8 but a few mistakes in key areas keep it at 7.

Comment [Dave9]: Great complexity but some simple mistakes.

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Band Score	Task Achievement (Opinion and ideas)	Cohesion and Coherence (Organisation and linking of ideas)	Lexical Resource (Vocabulary and spelling)	Grammar: Range & Accuracy (Grammar and punctuation)
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully answers all parts of the question. Overall opinion - very clear, consistent and fully explained throughout the essay. Ideas - well-supported, very suitable and very relevant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisation - very clear and very easy to follow throughout. Linking of ideas - very good throughout. Paragraphing - very natural. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wide range of vocabulary, used very naturally and very flexibly Mistakes are very rare and similar to a native-speaker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wide range of grammar, used very naturally and flexibly Mistakes are very rare and similar to a native-speaker
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answers all parts of the question very well. Overall opinion - clear, consistent and well-explained throughout the essay. Ideas - well-supported, suitable and relevant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisation - very clear and logical throughout. Linking of ideas - good throughout. Paragraphing - very good. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wide range of vocabulary, used naturally and flexibly to explain exact meanings Rare mistakes with incorrect words and collocations Rare mistakes with spelling and incorrect form of words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wide range of grammar. Mistakes are very rare - most sentences are 100% correct.
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answers all parts of the question well. Overall opinion - clear, consistent and supported throughout the essay. Main ideas - relevant and clearly supported. Supporting ideas - some are too general or less relevant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisation - clear and logical throughout. Linking of ideas - overall good but occasionally linking phrases are repeated or missing. Paragraphing - good, with one clear topic for each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good range of vocabulary, sometimes used naturally and flexibly to explain exact meanings. Some good use of more natural collocations. Rare mistakes with incorrect words, spelling and/or incorrect form of words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good range of complex grammar. Many sentences are 100% correct. Rare mistakes with punctuation.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some parts of the question are not answered fully. Overall opinion - relevant and supported but may be unclear, inconsistent or repetitive. Main ideas - relevant but not always clearly supported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisation - clear and logical overall but not throughout Linking phrases - some good use but some are incorrect or robotic. Referencing - may be unclear or incorrect. Paragraphing - not always logical. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OK range of topic vocabulary. Tries to use less common and more natural vocabulary, sometimes successfully. Some mistakes with incorrect words, spelling and/or incorrect form of words but meaning is always clear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A good range of complex and simple grammar. Some mistakes but meaning is nearly always clear. Some mistakes with punctuation.