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The way of punishing criminals is written in laws and regulations to warn citizens what should not be done. Some people believe that these rules should be applied to everyone fixedly, while others argue that the condition and motivation of criminals should be considered before judging them. ~~The latter point stands on a more reasonable and sound ground.~~ This essay discusses both sides of this argument and then I will give my own perspective.

Fixed punishments are helpful to regulate the behaviours of individuals. As they know the consequences of doing criminal acts clearly, citizens will manage their manners properly following the rule. It is manifest that the punishment can also improve the stability, security and harmony of the community by limiting offences. The specific punishment of different criminal acts results in a decreasing number of those activities.

By contrast, the implementation of laws should be various according to different circumstances. That's why there usually are ranges of penalty for individual crimes in laws and regulations, such as penalties ranging from \$500 to \$2000. First-time offenders, for instance, may get a lighter penalty than repeat criminals. In addition, those who break the law for self-defence should not be punished less severely because the crime happens unpredictably and indeliberately. Moreover, principle criminals should receive heavier punishments than accessory criminals to alarm individuals not to require encourage others to violate the law.

~~It is controversial that fixed punishments are better to address issues of crime than flexible penalties.~~ I personally believe that both sides of the argument have their merits. However if I had to pick one, I think the condition and the incentive of offenders should be taken into account in each judgement, and fixed punishments are not the most justice and impartial way.

Comment [z1]: In this context it is uncountable

Comment [z2]: This is true with both types of punishments

Comment [z3]: It's better to make a comparison with "fixed" punishments. If you just say "no punishment then it starts to get off topic"

Comment [z4]: Start with something like this to send a signal to the examiner that this part is your opinion.

Grade Criteria	Estimated Grade	Comments
Task response	6	All parts of the question are covered. Unfixed is covered fully. However FIXED needed another point (fairer as everyone gets the same punishment, or cheaper and more efficient as judges and juries are not needed). And note how I changed the last paragraph so you have two opinions. Without this your opinion is probably not strong enough to get to 7.
Cohesion and coherence	6-7	Note the change to the last sentence of the introduction, which tells the reader what the essay is about. This is generally the best way to finish an

		introduction for an essay.
Vocabulary	7	You have the right words, but you have frequent errors with 's' endings that prevent an 8.
Grammar	8	The majority of sentences are error free. A couple of errors with "the"
overall	6.5-7	You seem almost ready to take an exam. Work on reducing errors with "s" and otherwise you just have to work more in the planning stage of the essay to get lots of relevant points and to learn how to structure the three types of essays.



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