**[Question]**

**Some people believe that there should be fixed punishments 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 these views and give your own opinion.**

Nowadays, one of the most controversial issues is whether the extent of punishment for each type of wrongdoing should be predefined or not. In this essay, I am going to discuss the merits of both views and give my own perspective. [great introduction]

Some people hold the opinion that there should be fixed punishments for each type of crime. The main reason they take this stand is that they believe all human beings are created equally, which means there shouldn’t exist any privilege for those who commit crimes with different motivations. For example, if a person murders another in order to protect his friend, we should convict this person with the same penalty as those who commit homicide with other intentions. These criminals would go outrageous if our law enforcement forgives them because of their protective motives. [Argument here is weak due to the weak and unclear example - ideally you should have two main points here and not just one]

On the other hand, there are others who believe that all prosecutions should take the motivations into consideration. They state that the current law system should be revolutionized to be more flexible. That is, if someone does something wrong without intent, it is advisable a second chance is given to them. Furthermore, some people may kill others accidentally by their car. They should not be treated in the same way as those who kill people for their own interests.

To sum up, both views have their reasons that are very persuasive. Some state that all human beings should be judged equally without privilege. While others state that law system should be revolutionized to be more flexible. [do not make a summary in this paragraph because you need the extra words/time to give your opinion] In my opinion, I support the idea that motivation matters when committing a crime. This is Because only in this way are we able to punish evil people and forgive good-natured people. You could state more clearly which side you support. I know which it is from "motivating", but still, you could directly state it.

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|  | **Estimated**  **Grade** |  |
| Task response | 6-7 | Fixed punishments - ideally you should have 2 reasons (quicker and cheaper) and the example you used did not clearly illustrate the point you were making  Your opinion could have been stronger - try to spend the whole final paragraph on this.  To get to 7 you really need to address both the highlighted parts below:  **circumstances of an individual crime, and the motivation** |
| Cohesion and coherence | 7 | Good overall structure, except I would not include a summary in the final paragraph for this type of essay.  Fixed punishments - the example you used did not clearly illustrate the point you were making |
| Vocabulary | 7 | **Errors with word choice:**  These criminals would go ~~outrageous~~  if someone does something wrong without intent,  I support the idea that motivation matters when committing a crime.  **Errors with word endings:**  if our law enforcement forgives them |
| Grammar | 6-7 | **Errors with sentence structure**  one of the most controversial issues is whether the extent of punishment for each type of wrongdoing should be predefined or not  if a person murders another in order to protect his friend, we should convict this person with the same penalty as those who commit homicide with other intentions.  This is Because only in this way are we able to punish evil people and forgive good-natured people.  **Errors with articles (a, an, the)** you can do a quiz here:  [**http://www.ieltsanswers.com/IELTS-Grammar.html**](http://www.ieltsanswers.com/IELTS-Grammar.html)  They state that the current law system should be revolutionized to be more flexible. |
| overall | 6.5-7 | This essay is more likely to reach 7 than the previous one, as overall there are less errors with vocabulary and grammar.  I suggest you start the final paragraph as "In conclusion, I believe…" and make the whole paragraph about your opinion. Also try to always have 2 main points for each side of the argument. |