

## IELTS Writing Task 2 Sample 088

### WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

**Some people believe that there should be fixed punishments for each type of crime. Others, however, argue that circumstances of an individual crime and the motivation for committing it should always be taken into account. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.**

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.

Nowadays, the rate of crime is progressively increasing throughout the world. However, authorities are looking for solutions to dwindle crime's rate, replacing it with security augmentation in the society. Some people claim that there should be a pre-determined punishment for each crime. While others believe that punishments should be flexible and adjustable and should depend on the situation that the subject was in and the purpose behind them.

On one hand, laws are established to define the framework in which people can freely act without breaking them. Since law is one of the fundamental bases of a country that introduces discipline and stability to that social system, it should be fixed in order to be taken serious by everybody. In particular, murder is murder, no matter who has committed the crime or why, he should be punished according to the law. Moreover, if someone thinks of the law as an adjustable element, the possibility that he commits crime will raise.

On the other hand, sometimes a crime may be committed by a person inadvertently. Furthermore, we are not born as a criminal but, if every one of us encounters a critical situation that ceases our ability of thinking, he/she may do something out of rules. Imagine a situation where someone has attacked you in the middle of the night in a dark and empty alley. You are frightened and all you want to do is to try to defend yourself and get rid of the situation. Meanwhile, there is no guarantee that you don't hurt the attacker in any way, even if you are not intending to. Therefore, in such cases authorities should consider the motivation and the circumstance of the crime to mediate the intensity of punishment.

Taking all above in to the account, in my opinion, rules are laid down equally for everyone. However, if individuals be aware of consequences of breaking rules, they will be less likely to commit crimes. If this trend continues, there is a chance that number of crimes which are committing, decline considerably in the future.