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| **Points: 150** | **Assignment 1: Improvements to the Correctional System** | | | | |
| **Criteria** | **Unacceptable**  **Below 60% F** | **Meets Minimum Expectations**  **60-69% D** | **Fair**  **70-79% C** | **Proficient**  **80-89% B** | **Exemplary**  **90-100% A** |
| 1. Suggest two (2) actions that the corrections system can take in order to attain higher levels of professionalism. Provide a rationale for your response.  Weight: 15% | Did not submit or incompletely suggested two (2) actions that the corrections system can take in order to attain higher levels of professionalism. Did not submit or incompletely provided a rationale for your response. | Insufficiently suggested two (2) actions that the corrections system can take in order to attain higher levels of professionalism. Insufficiently provided a rationale for your response. | Partially suggested two (2) actions that the corrections system can take in order to attain higher levels of professionalism. Partially provided a rationale for your response. | Satisfactorily suggested two (2) actions that the corrections system can take in order to attain higher levels of professionalism. Satisfactorily provided a rationale for your response. | Thoroughly suggested two (2) actions that the corrections system can take in order to attain higher levels of professionalism. Thoroughly provided a rationale for your response. |
| 2. Take a position as to whether or not conditions of correctional facilities circumvent the "cruel and unusual punishment standard" of the Eighth Amendment. Provide a rationale for your response. Weight:15% | Did not submit or incompletely took a position as to whether or not conditions of correctional facilities circumvent the "cruel and unusual punishment standard" of the Eighth Amendment. Did not submit or incompletely provided a rationale for your response. | Insufficiently took a position as to whether or not conditions of correctional facilities circumvent the "cruel and unusual punishment standard" of the Eighth Amendment. Insufficiently provided a rationale for your response. | Partially took a position as to whether or not conditions of correctional facilities circumvent the "cruel and unusual punishment standard" of the Eighth Amendment. Partially provided a rationale for your response. | Satisfactorily took a position as to whether or not conditions of correctional facilities circumvent the "cruel and unusual punishment standard" of the Eighth Amendment. Satisfactorily provided a rationale for your response. | Thoroughly took a position as to whether or not conditions of correctional facilities circumvent the "cruel and unusual punishment standard" of the Eighth Amendment. Thoroughly provided a rationale for your response. |
| 3. Support or refute the removal of corporal punishment from the U.S. corrections system. Provide a rationale for your response.  Weight:15% | Did not submit or incompletely supported or refuted the removal of corporal punishment from the U.S. corrections system. Did not submit or incompletely provided a rationale for your response. | Insufficiently supported or refuted the removal of corporal punishment from the U.S. corrections system. Insufficiently provided a rationale for your response. | Partially supported or refuted the removal of corporal punishment from the U.S. corrections system.Â Partially provided a rationale for your response. | Satisfactorily supported or refuted the removal of corporal punishment from the U.S. corrections system. Satisfactorily provided a rationale for your response. | Thoroughly supported or refuted the removal of corporal punishment from the U.S. corrections system. Thoroughly provided a rationale for your response. |
| 4. Create an argument for or against intermediate sanctions as a deterrent of crime. Support your viewpoint with one (1) example of intermediate sanctions that reflects your opinion.  Weight: 20% | Did not submit or incompletely created an argument for or against intermediate sanctions as a deterrent of crime. Did not submit or incompletely supported your viewpoint with one (1) example of intermediate sanctions that reflects your opinion. | Insufficiently created an argument for or against intermediate sanctions as a deterrent of crime. Insufficiently supported your viewpoint with one (1) example of intermediate sanctions that reflects your opinion. | Partially created an argument for or against intermediate sanctions as a deterrent of crime.Â Partially supported your viewpoint with one (1) example of intermediate sanctions that reflects your opinion. | Satisfactorily created an argument for or against intermediate sanctions as a deterrent of crime. Satisfactorily supported your viewpoint with one (1) example of intermediate sanctions that reflects your opinion. | Thoroughly created an argument for or against intermediate sanctions as a deterrent of crime. Thoroughly supported your viewpoint with one (1) example of intermediate sanctions that reflects your opinion. |
| 5. Debate whether or not correctional facilities are adequately equipped to deal with mentally ill inmates. Provide a rationale for your response.  Weight: 20% | Did not submit or incompletely debated whether or not correctional facilities are adequately equipped to deal with mentally ill inmates. Did not submit or incompletely provided a rationale for your response. | Insufficiently debated whether or not correctional facilities are adequately equipped to deal with mentally ill inmates. Insufficiently provided a rationale for your response. | Partially debated whether or not correctional facilities are adequately equipped to deal with mentally ill inmates.Â Partially provided a rationale for your response. | Satisfactorily debated whether or not correctional facilities are adequately equipped to deal with mentally ill inmates. Satisfactorily provided a rationale for your response. | Thoroughly debated whether or not correctional facilities are adequately equipped to deal with mentally ill inmates. Thoroughly provided a rationale for your response. |
| 6. 2 references  Weight: 5% | No references provided | Does not meet the required number of references; all references poor quality choices. | Does not meet the required number of references; some references poor quality choices. | Meets number of required references; all references high quality choices. | Exceeds number of required references; all references high quality choices. |
| 7. Clarity, writing mechanics, and formatting requirements  Weight: 10% | More than 8 errors present | 7-8 errors present | 5-6 errors present | 3-4 errors present | 0-2 errors present |