

Candidate 8 – Morality and justice (Question 14)

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	Section 2
	part A - Morality and Justice
(14)	<p>There are four purposes of punishment: Retribution, Retention, Deterrence and protection. This essay will discuss each of the purposes of punishment as well come to an overall conclusion on whether 'Retribution is as morally acceptable as any other purposes of punishment'.</p> <p>The first purpose of punishment is Retribution. Retribution can be linked to revenge as it is a way of showing someone what they have done and in some cases taking revenge. by</p> <p>A moral issue arising from this is</p>

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	<p>would be pointless and worthwhile.</p>	
	<p>A benefit of Deterrence as a</p>	
	<p>purpose of punishment as it is</p>	
	<p>a good way to scare people and</p>	
	<p>stop them from committing more</p>	
	<p>serious crimes. For example if someone</p>	
	<p>sees that murder could result in</p>	
	<p>capital punishment it is likely that</p>	
	<p>they will deter them from doing it.</p>	
	<p>After analysing the moral issues of</p>	
	<p>Deterrence I agree with the</p>	
	<p>statement 'Retribution is as morally</p>	
	<p>acceptable as any other purposes of</p>	
	<p>punishment' to an extent as it is</p>	
	<p>widely held that Deterrence has moral</p>	
	<p>issues just as bad as Retribution.</p>	
	<p>The next purpose of punishment is</p>	
	<p>protection. This means to prevent</p>	

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	<p>punish criminals in order to protect the greater society. The most common way to do this would be by putting the criminals in prison.</p> <p>A moral issue arising from this would be that who protects the criminals, it could be argued that criminals are often their own worst enemy and without the right help and chance to reform they might be a danger to themselves.</p> <p>Furthermore having criminals all in one place might add</p> <p>Christians would agree that Jesus worked with the outcasts in society and that although they have made mistakes they should not be punished in a way which will harm them.</p>	

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	<p>second chance.</p> <p>A moral issue arising from Retomation as a purpose of punishment is that it can be argued 'a leopard doesn't change its spots'. This can be interpreted to suggest that people are not capable of of change and no matter what will always be the same. This is a moral issue because if for people cannot change after time and effort there is no point investing so much of into it. Furthermore people may be able to manipulate us into thinking they have changed in order to benefit themselves. This is a moral issue as society is then again put in great danger.</p>	

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With regards to Retomation I again disagree with the statements 'Retribution is as morally acceptable as any other purpose of punishment as the moral issues arising from Retomation are not as bad from those from ~~the~~ Retribution.

In conclusion I disagree with the statement 'Retribution is as morally acceptable as any other purpose of punishment' as it is evident from this essay that Retribution is the most morally wrong.