

Sample question

Which of the following is considered one of the "Modified Smith Principles" as discussed in class?

- a. Criminal law should preserve the public space.
- b. Criminal law should be based on scientific fact.
- c. Criminal law should punish for violations of fundamental values.
- d. Criminal law should protect morality in society.

Essay question

There is a statement and you are asked to discuss this statement in the context of the theoretical perspectives discussed in Chapter 2 (sections 2.1-2.3) and in class. The essay should focus on your arguments and thoughts about this statement, using the relevant text (at least 2 readings) and lecture materials to back them up or reinforce them. I am looking for a thoughtful, well argued and well written essay constructed around the statement. Remember that effective argumentation requires a clear and concise expression of your ideas and a well organized structure.

Question

"The principal problem confronting criminal law and the criminal justice system is confusion, at the most basic level, about what it is that the criminal law is doing, what it can do and what it ought to be doing."

Discuss this statement in the context of the assertions and debates within the critical and consensus perspectives as discussed in the lecture and in Chapter 2 (sections 1, 2 and 3), using arguments and examples from the lectures and the text. The essay should focus on your arguments and thoughts about this statement, using the relevant text (making reference to at least 2 readings) and lecture materials to back them up or reinforce them. I am looking for a thoughtful, well argued and well written essay constructed around the statement.
