

1. Lesson10. Teacher: After the student reads the instructions, help the student generate ideas and write an outline before writing an essay as described in the instructions. Correct any spelling, grammar or punctuation mistakes.

## 4[A] – Prisons



G1 10-3

- Write an essay on the given TOPIC covering three of the POINTS below the space provided on your answer sheet.
- **Structure:** Three or more paragraphs, including an introduction and conclusion.
- **Length:** Around 200 words.

### TOPIC

Are prisons an effective way to deal with criminals?

### POINTS

- Costs
- Crime deterrence
- Human rights
- Public safety
- Punishment
- Rehabilitation



### 2. Example Answer

3. *Prisons are an ineffective way to deal with criminals. Societies that rely heavily on prisons are inevitably harmed by them; tax dollars are wasted people are dehumanized, criminals reoffend, and crime rates remain unchanged.*
4. *Funding the large prison population in the United States, for example, costs billions of dollars a year, and most of this money is provided by taxpayers. State budgets become strained, as inmates must be provided not only with accommodations and food but health-care services as well.*
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6. *Attempts to cut costs have led to widespread human rights violations. Many U.S. prison populations exceed double the maximum occupancy, leading to awful conditions. Extreme violence among inmates is commonplace. Considering that the majority are imprisoned for nonviolent crimes, it seems clear that the atmosphere itself is responsible for causing this violence.*
7. *The prison system is also self-perpetuating, as inmates become more prone to commit crimes again after experiencing the harsh conditions inside prisons. Rather than rehabilitate offenders, prisons turn them into more hardened, habitual criminals, and being incarcerated provides them the change to form or join criminal networks.*



8. *Prisons do nothing to rid society of crime, and in fact only cate more crime while siphoning tax money that is badly needed elsewhere.*