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achievements of the great train robbers, it makes you wonder whether you are reading about some glorious resistance movement. The hardened criminal is cuddled and cosseted by the sociologists on the one hand and adored as a hero by the masses on the other. It

's no wonder he is a privileged person who expects and receives VIP treatment wherever he goes. Capital punishment used to be a major deterrent. It made the violent robber think twice before pulling the trigger. It gave the coldblooded poisoner something to ponder about while he was shaking up or serving his arsenic cocktail. It prevented unarmed policemen from being killed while pursuing their duty by killers armed with automatic weapons. Above all, it protected the most vulnerable members of society, young children, from brutal violence. It is horrifying to think that the criminal can literally get away with murder. We all know that "life sentence" does not mean what it says. After ten years or so of good conduct, the most desperate villain is free to return to society where he will live very comfortably, thank you, on the proceeds of his crime, or he will go on committing offences until he is caught again. People are always willing to hold liberal views at the expense of others. It ' s always fashionable to pose as the defender of the under-dog, so long as you, personally, remain unaffected. Did the defenders of crime, one wonders, in their desire for fairplay, consult the victims before they suspended capital punishment? Hardly, you see, they couldn't, because all the victims were dead. 21. According to the passage, which of the following is the author 's opinion? A) All criminals should be required to carry cards read : " Fragile : Handle with Care.

" B) Capital punishment is the only way to deter criminals.C) Society is to blame.D) All criminals need hospital treatment.22. The tone taken by the author towards these defenders of crime in the passage is \_\_\_\_\_\_. A) ironical B) critical C) agitated D) controversial 23. "Capital punishment "most probably means \_\_\_\_\_.A) life sentence B) severe punishment C) fine D) sentence of death 24. Which of the following is true according to the passage?A) There has been a marked trend in society towards the humane treatment of less fortunate members.B) Everyone in society thinks it reasonable that all criminals should be punished.C) The author sympathizes with all criminals. D) Robbers usually think twice before shooting. 25. What conclusion can be drawn from the passage?A) Professional killers should not be treated with humane treatment. B) The violent robbers should think twice before pulling the trigger.C) We should give the poisoner time to ponder about while he is shaking up or serving his arsenic cocktail.D) Severe punishment, even death penalty, should be given to criminals.答案: BADAD 100Test 下载频道开通, 各 类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com