C​‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌​RJ 202 CORRECTIONS TAKE-HOME SHORT ESSAY MIDTERM EXAM DUE 10/22 The midterm exam requires you to write about two readings. For each reading you must write a summary (indicated with a heading) and a response to the question listed below (also use a heading). The complete exam consists of TWO separate responses to questions on two separate readings. The exam must be written in 12-point font, using standard margins, and double- spaced. The midterm is worth 20 points toward the final grade (10 points per essay). You must save both essays in ONE document, as Microsoft Word or as a PDF, and you must upload these through “attach file”, “browse computer”. Improperly submitted essays will not be graded. NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS ACCEPTED. • For each reading and question, copy and paste the entire title and question as listed below. • Then, write the heading “Summary”. You must write a page and a half summary of the whole reading. Provide an overview of the entire reading, including the author’s main argument and key points. Each summary is worth 5 points. • After writing your summary, write the heading “Response”. You must write a page and a half response to the specific exam question. Your response must explore the reading in more detail than your summary and must include a thesis statement – a sentence or two that directly an​‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌​swers the question. Please indicate your thesis statement by putting it in italics. Each response section is worth 5 points. • Please note: points will be deducted if you do not use section headings and/or do not italicize your thesis statement. All your exams need to be written in your own words. You may quote directly from the text but only sparingly. No more than a sentence or two in each essay. Remember to use quotation marks and put the page number in parentheses. Please choose TWO from the following questions: 1. CULLEN: “Assessing the Penal Harm Movement”: Explain the rise of the penal harm movement. How does this relate to broader issues in corrections today? 2. BECKETT AND SASSON: “The Politics of Crime”: Beckett and Sasson argue that in 60s, in Nixon’s era, Republican politicians began to make crime a political issue. Why do they think this happened? What were the underlying objectives of this strategy? (pages 48-56). How does this relate to broader issues in corrections today? 3. BECKETT AND SASSON: “Crime and Public Policy”: Beckett and Sasson describe six broad policy developments since the 1980s. Which do you think is the most troubling? Why? 4. ALEXANDER: “Introduction”: What are some of the main reasons Alexander thinks mass incarceration can be compared to the Jim Crow south? (be sure to def​‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌​ine mass incarceration). Why is this troubling?