

| Topic target words         |  |
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| <b>Community service</b>   | Punishment involving the criminal doing a set number of hours of physical labour/work in their local community |
| <b>Corporal punishment</b> | Punishment in which physical pain is inflicted on the criminal   |
| <b>Deterrence</b>          | The threat of punishment as a way to put a person off committing crime   |
| <b>Hate crime</b>          | A crime committed because of prejudice views about a person or group   |
| <b>Prison</b>              | A form of punishment where a criminal is locked in a secure guarded building (prison) for a period of time     |
| <b>Murder</b>              | Unlawfully killing another person  |
| <b>Reformation</b>         | Helping the criminal see how and why their behaviour was wrong, so that their mindset changes for the better   |
| <b>Retribution</b>         | Getting the criminal back for their crimes   |
| <b>Theft</b>               | Taking something without the owner's consent   |

| Useful words           |   |
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| <b>Blood money</b>     | Money paid by the offender to the victim of a crime as a way of repaying the damage caused  |
| <b>Crime</b>           | Action which breaks the law; can be against the person (eg murder), against property (eg vandalism), or against the state (eg treason). |
| <b>Death penalty</b>   | Capital punishment; the execution of a criminal which is sanctioned by the state  |
| <b>Evil intentions</b> | Having the desire to deliberately cause suffering or harm to another  |

| Useful words                    |   |
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| <b>Forgiveness</b>              | Letting go of blame against a person for wrongs they have done  |
| <b>Free will</b>                | The belief that God gives people the opportunity to make decisions for themselves   |
| <b>Justice</b>                  | Bring about what is right and fair according to the law   |
| <b>Law</b>                      | The rules a country demands its citizens follow, the breaking of which leads to punishment  |
| <b>Major crimes</b>             | Serious crimes such as murder or burglary   |
| <b>Mercy</b>                    | Compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone instead of punishing or harming them  |
| <b>Minor crimes</b>             | A crime which is less serious, such as graffiti   |
| <b>Mitigating circumstances</b> | Things beyond your control that have led to you committing a crime  |
| <b>Offender</b>                 | A person who is found guilty of breaking the law  |
| <b>Pardon</b>                   | The action of forgiving or being forgiven for a crime   |
| <b>Principle of utility</b>     | The concept of acting out of the greater good for the most people. (eg removing a dangerous criminal from society in order to protect others) |
| <b>Repentance</b>               | Being truly sorry for what you have done  |
| <b>Sanctity of life</b>         | Belief that life is sacred/special because it was created by God, or because we are each unique individuals                                   |
| <b>Secular</b>                  | Not connected with religious or spiritual matters   |
| <b>Shari'ah Law</b>             | Islamic law based on the Qur'an, Hadith and Sunnah  |
| <b>Ten Commandments</b>         | Laws given by God to Moses  |
| <b>Victim</b>                   | The one who has a crime committed against them  |

**Paper 2: Thematic Studies**

**E: Religion, crime and punishment**

**Crime**

| Reasons for crime     |  |
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| <b>Upbringing</b>     | Not being taught right from wrong/   |
| <b>Mental illness</b> | Not understanding the difference between right and wrong due to a medical condition that affects a person's feelings, emotions, and moods. |
| <b>Poverty</b>        | Not having enough money or food.   |
| <b>Addiction</b>      | Committing a crime to get money to pay for it.   |
| <b>Greed</b>          | Committing crimes to have something they cannot afford.  |
| <b>Opposing a law</b> | Breaking the law because it is unfair.   |

| Attitudes to different types of crime |   |
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| <b>Hate crime</b>                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christians:</b> Wrong because they target individuals and everyone should be treated <b>equally</b>.</li> <li><b>Muslims:</b> Everyone should be treated <b>equally</b>, and no individual or group is inferior.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Murder</b>                         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christians:</b> It breaks one of the <b>Ten Commandments</b>.</li> <li><b>Muslims:</b> No one has the right to deliberately take human life.</li> </ol>   |
| <b>Theft</b>                          | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christians:</b> It breaks one of the <b>Ten Commandments</b>.</li> <li><b>Muslims:</b> There should be no reason to steal because <b>charity</b> is given to the poor.</li> </ol>   |

| Christian sources of belief   |
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| "Let everyone be subject to governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established." (Romans 13:1)              |
| "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Mark 12:31)   |
| "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28) |
| "Do not murder." (Exodus 20:13)   |
| "Do not steal." (Exodus 20:15)  |

| Muslim sources of belief   |
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| "God commands justice and prohibits wrongdoing and injustice." (Qur'an 16:90)      |
| "Competing for more distracts you until you go into your graves." (Qur'an 102:1-2) |
| "And do not kill one another." (Qur'an 4:29)                                       |
| "As to the thief... cut of their hands." (Qur'an 5:38)                             |

| Attitudes to reasons for crime  |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All <b>religions</b> say the <b>law</b> should be followed.</li> <li><b>Christians:</b> Follow the laws of your country, unless it is morally wrong. Then it should be challenged.</li> <li><b>Christians:</b> Sometimes there a valid reason for breaking the law. Those that commit crimes should be <b>forgiven</b> and helped.</li> <li><b>Muslims:</b> <b>Shari'ah law</b> is <b>secular</b> and religious. Breaking the law breaks <b>God's</b> law and man's law.</li> <li><b>Muslims:</b> <b>Mitigating circumstances</b> such as <b>poverty</b> or <b>upbringing</b> should be considered.</li> </ol> |

| Attitudes to law breakers |  |                |   |
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| <b>Christians</b>         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A person who breaks the <b>law</b> should be <b>punished</b> appropriately.</li> <li><b>Protects</b> people from crime and <b>deters</b> others from offending.</li> <li>An <b>offender</b> with good intentions is treated with <b>mercy</b>.</li> </ol> | <b>Muslims</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>God</b> is <b>just</b> and all are accountable for our actions.</li> <li>Law breakers should be <b>punished</b> for breaking their responsibility to <b>God</b> and their community.</li> <li><b>Reasons for crime</b> will be taken into account when deciding the <b>punishment</b>.</li> </ol> |

| Paper 2: Thematic Studies  |  | E: Religion, crime and punishment   |  | Punishment                            |   |
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| <b>Attitudes to aims of punishment</b>   |  | <b>Attitudes to treatment of criminals</b>  |  | <b>Attitudes to the death penalty</b> |   |
| <b>Deterrence</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christians:</b> Accepts as it prevents future harm.</li> <li><b>Muslims:</b> Harsh <b>Shari'ah</b> punishments act as a deterrence.</li> </ol>   | <b>Corporal punishment</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christians:</b> Most do not agree with it because it does not aim to <b>reform</b>.</li> <li><b>Christians:</b> Some accept it as a way of rebuking children.</li> </ol>   | <b>Christians</b>                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>For:</b> It follows <b>Old Testament</b> teachings and acts as a <b>deterrence</b> and <b>retribution</b>.</li> <li><b>Against:</b> it does not give the chance to <b>reform</b>, it breaks the <b>ten commandments</b>, and goes against the <b>sanctity of life</b>.</li> </ol>   |
| <b>Reform-ation</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christians:</b> Helping offenders so they will not offend again fits with teachings.</li> <li><b>Muslims:</b> Harsh <b>Shari'ah</b> punishments aim to reform the offender.</li> </ol> | <b>Community service</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christians:</b> It allows the offender to make up for their crimes and encourages reform.</li> <li><b>Muslims:</b> Acceptable for <b>minor crimes</b> but not enough of a <b>deterrence</b> to protect society.</li> </ol> | <b>Muslims</b>                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>For:</b> <b>God</b> sanctions it for <b>major crimes</b>.</li> <li>If the offender <b>repents</b> and pays <b>blood money</b> the family of the victim can show <b>mercy</b> and <b>pardon</b> the <b>offender</b>.</li> </ol>  |
| <b>Retribution</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christians:</b> Some accept due to <b>Old Testament</b> teachings.</li> <li><b>Muslims:</b> The <b>death penalty</b> can be used as retribution.</li> </ol>                            | <b>Prison</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christians:</b> Accept if the offender is given help to <b>reform</b>.</li> <li><b>Muslims:</b> They <b>protect</b> society but are not for <b>reform</b>.</li> </ol>  |                                       |   |
| <b>Christian sources of belief</b>   |  | <b>Muslim sources of belief</b>   |  | <b>Ethical arguments</b>              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>For:</b> It acts as a <b>deterrence</b>, brings <b>justice</b>, and protects society. Executing those who have committed violent crimes brings happiness to the victim's family and to society. (<b>Principle of utility</b>)</li> <li><b>Against:</b> Killing a murderer is hypocritical, it does not act as a <b>deterrence</b>, it is inhumane and degrading.</li> </ol> |
| "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)  |  | "As to the thief... cut off their hands." (Qur'an 5:38)   |  |                                       |   |
| "If there is a serious injury you are to take life for life..." (Exodus 21:23-24)  |  | "Take not life, which God has made sacred, except by way of justice and law." (Qur'an 6:151)  |  |                                       |   |
| "He who spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them." (Proverbs 13:24) |  | "If a woman or man is guilty of adultery, flog each of them 100 stripes." (Qur'an 24:2)   |  |                                       |   |
| "If your brother sins, rebuke him, if he repents forgive him." (Luke 17:3)   |  | "But if the culprit is pardoned by his aggrieved brother, this shall be adhered to fairly, and the culprit shall pay what is due in a good way." (Qur'an 2:178) |  |                                       |   |

**Paper 2: Thematic Studies**

**E: Religion, crime and punishment**

**Ethical issues**

| Attitudes to forgiveness |  |
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| <b>Christians</b>        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Forgive</b> those who have done them wrong as well expecting a fair <b>punishment</b>.</li> <li>2. Forgiveness is an ongoing process.</li> <li>3. Some believe only the person directly affected can forgive, and if they are no longer alive it is not the family's place to forgive. <b>Justice</b> is sought instead.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Muslims</b>           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Forgiveness</b> is a quality of <b>Allah</b>. He will show <b>mercy</b> and forgiveness to those who have shown mercy and forgiveness.</li> <li>2. It is conditioned on the wrong being recognised, a commitment to not repeat it is made, and the culprit must seek forgiveness.</li> </ol>  |

| Explanations for evil |  |
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| <b>Christians</b>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Evil</b> is caused by the abuse of <b>free will</b> <b>God</b> gave humans.</li> <li>2. Some humans choose to have <b>evil</b> thoughts and perform <b>evil</b> actions and commit <b>crimes</b>.</li> <li>3. Avoiding <b>sin</b> and <b>temptation</b> will prevent <b>crime</b>.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Muslims</b>        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <b>devil (Iblis)</b> tempts humans to be wicked.</li> <li>2. Humans fail to show self-discipline and give into these temptations.</li> <li>3. Avoiding <b>sin</b> and temptation steers <b>Muslims</b> away from <b>crime</b>.</li> </ol>  |

| Christian sources of belief  |
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| "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21)   |
| "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12)  |
| "We are never really happy until we try to brighten the lives of others." (Helen Keller)   |
| "One of [the disciples] struck the servant of the High Priest cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered 'No more of this!' And he touched the man's ear and healed him." (Luke 22:50-51) |
| "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." (The Lord's Prayer)   |

| Helping those suffering from crime  |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Victims</b> and <b>witnesses</b> are supported by the <b>justice system</b>.</li> <li>2. They are offered emotional and practical support and practical tips to keep safe.</li> <li>3. <b>Christians</b> and <b>Muslims</b> will support those suffering from <b>crime</b>, and organisations that help <b>victims</b>.</li> </ol> |

| Attitudes to suffering |  |
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| <b>Christians</b>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do not deliberately cause <b>suffering</b>. If you cause <b>suffering</b>, apologise.</li> <li>2. Treat others with kindness and <b>compassion</b> and in the same way they would like to be treated.</li> </ol>             |
| <b>Muslims</b>         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Suffering can be caused by the selfishness and <b>evil</b> of human beings which leads to bad decisions.</li> <li>2. Follow God's path to prevent and overcome <b>suffering</b> and ease the suffering of others.</li> </ol> |

| Muslim sources of belief   |
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| "If a person forgives and makes reconciliation, his reward is due from God." (Qur'an 42:40)  |
| "None of you believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself." (Hadith)  |
| "Be compassionate towards the destitute." (Hadith)   |
| "... let them pardon and forgive. Do you not wish that God should forgive you? God is most forgiving and merciful." (Qur'an 24:22) |