

## CRIME AND PUNISHMENT



Name

Class

Key info from topic

**THEME E CRIME AND PUNISHMENT - KEY WORDS AND FACTS - Multiple Choice Questions**

<b>1. The belief that the right action is the one that brings the least suffering or the greatest happiness</b>			
a. sanctity	b. quality	c. dominion	d. utility

<b>2. Punishment that involves inflicting physical pain on the wrongdoer</b>			
a. corporal punishment	b. capital punishment	c. conjugal punishment	d. collateral punishment

<b>3. Some Christians support the death penalty in serious cases because “___” is written in the Old Testament</b>			
a. you shall not murder	b. love your neighbour	c. eye for an eye	d. turn the other cheek

<b>4. Jesus taught that we should forgive ___ times</b>			
a. 7x7	b. 70x7	c. 70x70	d. 700x7

<b>5. The ___ says that Christians should forgive others as they want God to forgive them</b>			
a. Lord’s prayer	b. Liturgical prayer	c. Informal prayer	d. Private prayer

<b>6. Serial killer who was forgiven by the Buddha and became an enlightened monk</b>			
a. Siddhartha	b. Bodhisattva	c. Mara	d. Angulimala

<b>7. Jesus said that looking at someone lustfully is committing _____ in your heart</b>			
a. bigamy	b. monogamy	c. polygamy	d. adultery

<b>8. NOT a reason which could explain why someone has committed a crime</b>			
a. greed	b. hatred	c. mental illness	d. reformation

<b>9. Crime against a person specifically because of their race, gender, religion, sexuality etc</b>			
a. hate crime	b. white collar crime	c. anti-social behaviour	d. petty crime

<b>10. When the aim of punishment is to allow retaliation or a counterattack against the criminal</b>			
a. deterrence	b. reformation	c. retribution	d. recrimination

<b>11. When the aim of punishment is to stop the crime from being committed again</b>			
a. deterrence	b. reformation	c. retribution	d. recrimination

<b>12. When the aim of punishment is to change the person for the better</b>			
a. deterrence	b. reformation	c. retribution	d. recrimination

**THEME E RELIGION, CRIME & PUNISHMENT – SHOULD WE USE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT?**

**ARGUMENT A**

There is a reason why corporal punishment has been used in schools and homes for thousands of years; it works. Administering a smack to a naughty child quickly teaches them the difference between right and wrong and is an effective deterrent. Behaviour in schools and on the streets has gone downhill because we have stopped corporal punishment.

**ARGUMENT B**

Corporal punishment is a form of physical abuse and there is no evidence that it is effective as a deterrent. When it is used on children it teaches them to use violence to solve their problems and so leads to more violence in future. Corporal punishment can result in mental health problems in later life. There's a reason why it is illegal in the UK.

Which argument do you find most persuasive and why?

**THEME E RELIGION, CRIME & PUNISHMENT – SHOULD WE BRING BACK THE DEATH PENALTY?**

**ARGUMENT A**

If there is the death penalty it is inevitable that innocent people will occasionally be killed because of mistakes in the justice system. Unlike a prison sentence, these mistakes cannot be rectified. Furthermore, there is little evidence that the death penalty is effective as a deterrent. It is cruel and unjust and should not be a feature of any civilised society.

**ARGUMENT B**

Some people simply deserve to die. People who commit heinous crimes such as child murder should not be allowed to live and their death brings closure to the family of the victims. Furthermore, executing dangerous criminals means they will never be able to commit such crimes again.

Which argument do you find most persuasive and why?

**THEME E RELIGION, CRIME & PUNISHMENT – ARE SOME CRIMES UNFORGIVEABLE?**

**ARGUMENT A**

Everyone deserves a second chance. In the past people who have committed heinous crimes have been reformed and given back to society. A famous Buddhist teacher once said that holding on to anger is like picking up a hot piece of coal, intending to throw it at someone. You mean to hurt the other person but end up hurting yourself.

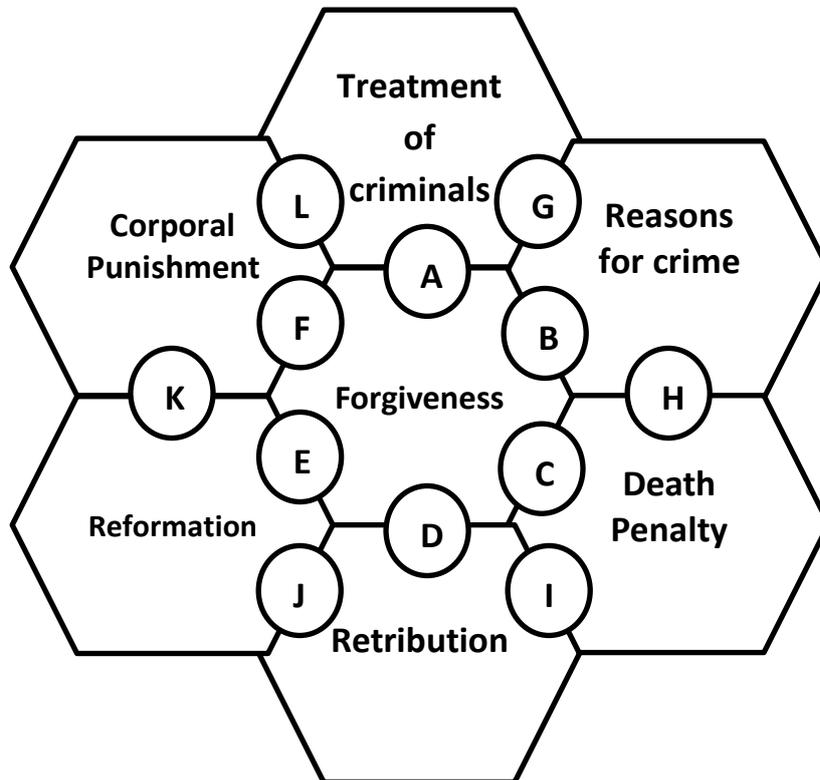
**ARGUMENT B**

Some crimes are literally unforgiveable. For example, the mother of Jamie Bulger can't forgive his murderers even if she wanted to. Some crimes simply should not be forgiven. What about serial child abusers like Jimmie Saville? Should we forgive them? No. If God wants to forgive him, that's up to Him but we should not.

Which argument do you find most persuasive and why?

**CONNECTION HEXAGONS – THEME E – RELIGION, CRIME & PUNISHMENT**

In each hexagon there is a different key term linked to **religion, crime and punishment**. Using the table at the bottom see if you can write about the link between each term according to the letter.



A.	B.	C.	D.
E.	F.	G.	H.
I.	J.	K.	L.

## THEME E – RELIGION, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Some Christians support the use of corporal punishment in certain circumstances. Why?

Some Christians support the use of the death penalty in certain circumstances. Why?

Most Christians believe that, although criminals should be punished, they should also be forgiven. Why?

Some people argue that it is sometimes good to cause suffering. Why?

Some people argue that we should take into account the reasons why a person committed a crime when deciding on the fairest punishment. Why?

Many Christians believe that reform is a better aim of punishment than retribution. Why?

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**Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment**

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Religious believers accept the idea of punishment.

Which **one** of the following is **not** an aim of punishment?

**[1 mark]**

- A Forgiveness
- B Reformation
- C Retribution
- D Deterrence

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Give **two** causes of crime.

**[2 marks]**

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Explain **two** similar religious beliefs about the use of community service as a punishment.

In your answer you must refer to one or more religious traditions.

**[4 marks]**

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Explain **two** religious beliefs which show that all hate crimes are wrong.

Refer to sacred writings or another source of religious belief and teaching in your answer.

**[5 marks]**

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