GCSE Religious Studies - Theme E: Crime and punishment 2024

Religion, crime and the causes of crime	RED	AMBER	GREEN
Good and evil intentions and actions, including whether it can ever be good to cause			
suffering.			
Reasons for crime, including:			
poverty and upbringing			
mental illness and addiction			
greed and hate			
opposition to an unjust law.			
Views about people who break the law for these reasons.			
Views about different types of crime, including hate crimes, theft and murder.			
Religion and punishment			
The aims of punishment, including:			
retribution			
deterrence			
reformation.			
The treatment of criminals, including:			
• prison			
corporal punishment			
community service.			
Forgiveness.			
The death penalty.			
Ethical arguments related to the death penalty, including those based on the principle of utility and sanctity of life.			