GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

PAPER 2: THEMATIC STUDIES

PERSONAL LEARNING CHECKLISTS

2022
## Theme B: Religion and Life

### Origins of the universe
- Religious views of creation
- Big Bang theory
- Relationship between religion and science
- Evolution

### Value of the world
- Stewardship
- Dominion
- Awe and wonder

### Environment
- Recycling
- Natural resources
- Pollution

### Animals
- Food
- Experiments
- Animal abuse

### Human life
- Sanctity of life
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Fertility treatments
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  - Omniscient                            |
  - Personal                              |
  - Impersonal                            |
  - Immanent                              |
  - Transcendent                          |

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  - Peace                               |
  - Justice                              |
  - Forgiveness                          |
  - Reconciliation                       |
| Violence, including violent protest   |
| Terrorism                              |
| Reasons for war                       |
### Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment

#### Religion, crime and the causes of crime

**Good and evil intentions and actions**

**Reasons for crime:**
- Poverty
- Upbringing
- Mental illness
- Addiction
- Greed
- Hate
- Opposition to an unjust law

**Views about people who break the law**

**Views about the different types of crime:**
- Hate crimes
- Theft
- Murder

#### Religion and punishment

**The aims of punishment:**
- Retribution
- Deterrence
- Reformation
The treatment of criminals:
- Prison
- Corporal punishment
- Community service

Forgiveness

The death penalty

Ethical arguments relating to the death penalty
- Principle of utility
- Sanctity of life