*Theme E: Crime and punishment*

**Causes of crime**

* ‘for love of money is the root of all evil’
* ‘no authority except that which God has established
* ‘Competing for more distracts you until you go into the grave.’ (Qur’an)

**Attitudes to Law breakers**

* ‘For I was in prison and you came to visit me’ (Parable of the sheep and goats)
* ‘you are all one in Jesus Christ’
* ‘God helped put the law in place’
* ‘let justice roll on like a river’
* ‘We must obey God rather than human beings’
* ‘God commands justice…and prohibits wrongdoing, and injustice.’ (Qur’an)
* ‘He has prepared for them [the wrongdoers] a painful punishment’ (Qur’an)

**Aims of Punishment**

* ‘An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth’
* ‘If someone is caught in a sin…restore that person gently’
* ‘ Cut off the hand of thieves whether they are man or woman, as punishment for what they have done – a deterrent from God.’ (Qur’an)
* ‘If a woman or man is guilty of adultery, flog each of them 100 stripes’ (Sharia law)

**Suffering**

* ‘Love thy neighbour’
* ‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.’
* ‘Be compassionate towards the destitute.’ (Qur’an)

**Treatment of criminals**

* ‘He who spared the rod, hates their children.’
* ‘Treat others how you would like to be treated’
* ‘do not repay anyone evil for evil’
* ‘Love your enemies’
* ‘Cut off the hand of thieves whether they are man or woman, as punishment for what they have done – a deterrent from God.’ (Qur’an)
* ‘whoever kills a believer by mistake must…pay the blood-money to the family of the slain’ (Qur’an)

**Forgiveness**

* ‘Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.’ (Lord’s prayer)
* Forgive ‘not seven times but seventy-seven times’
* ‘God is most forgiving and merciful.’ (Qur’an)
* ‘Pardon each other’s faults and God will grant you honour.’ (Qur’an)
* ‘whosoever forgives and makes amends, his reward is upon Allah’ (Qur’an)

**Corporal and capital punishment**

* ‘Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed’
* ‘all who draw the sword die by the sword’
* ‘Thou shalt not kill’ (10C)
* ‘Cut off the hand of thieves whether they are man or woman, as a punishment for what they have done – a deterrent from God’ (Qur’an)
* ‘If a woman or man is guilty of adultery, flog each of them 100 stripes’ (Qur’an)
* ‘Do not take life, which God has made sacred.’ (Qur’an)
* ‘Do not take life, unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief’ (Qur’an)
* ‘Whoever kills a soul…it is as if he had slain mankind entirely’ (Qur’an)