

1. Which of the following means crimes that are targeted at a person because of their race etc? [1 mark]  
A) hate crimes                      B) greed                      C) murder                      D) punishment
2. Give two different types of crime. [2 marks]  
Crimes against the person: murder, rape, assault etc  
Crimes against property: arson, burglary, vandalism etc  
Crimes against the state: terrorism, treason, perjury etc
3. Explain two beliefs about how criminals should be treated. [4 marks]  
With a fair punishment> Justice should be done> “The Lord is a God of justice”> justice for victim of crime etc  
With compassion> there may be understandable reasons to commit a crime, e.g. poverty> people should be given a second chance> Jesus forgave his executioners> Forgiveness is at the heart of Christianity
4. Explain two religious teachings about hate crimes. [5 marks]  
Christians are called to love their neighbour regardless of race/gender/age/background etc> “the Good Samaritan”  
“Treat others the way you would like to be treated”> the Golden Rule> hate crimes are never acceptable

5. 'Christians should love the criminal but hate the crime.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

Jesus taught "love your neighbour"> agape (selfless sacrificial love) is at the heart of Christianity> The Good Samaritan teaches that Christians must love indiscriminately

There may be understandable reasons to commit a crime, e.g. poverty  
You can love a criminal but still punish them> deterrence, retribution, reformation etc

People should be given a second chance> Jesus forgave his executioners>  
Forgiveness is at the heart of Christianity

Some Christians disagree:

Criminals have abused their free will. The Bible teaches that there are clear punishments for this> e.g. in the Old Testament many crimes result in the death penalty for offenders

Criminals may have harmed others> this is unacceptable> human's are Gods creation and should not be harmed

The Bible is clear the rulers should be feared because they keep order and punish crime