

National curriculum or specification coverage

EDEXCEL GCSE Religious Studies B Beliefs in Action

- **2F Judaism Section 2: Crime and Punishment**

- 2.1 Jewish attitudes towards justice
- 2.2 Jewish attitudes towards crime
- 2.3 Jewish teachings about good, evil and suffering
- 2.4 Jewish attitudes towards punishment
- 2.5 Jewish attitudes towards the aims of punishment
- 2.6 Jewish teachings about forgiveness
- 2.7 Jewish teachings about the treatment of criminals
- 2.8 Jewish attitudes towards the death penalty

- **Section 4: Peace and Conflict**

- 4.1 Jewish attitudes towards peace
- 4.2 The role of Jews in peacemaking
- 4.3 Jewish attitudes to conflict
- 4.4 Jewish attitudes to pacifism
- 4.5 Jewish attitudes to the Just War theory
- 4.6 Jewish attitudes to Holy War
- 4.7 Jewish attitudes to weapons of mass destruction (WMD)
- 4.8 Jewish attitudes to issues surrounding conflict

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Date	Exams/ Assessments	Learning Intentions	Core Task / Assessments
31/08/26		2.1 Jewish attitudes towards justice ☐ The nature of justice and why justice is important for Jews, including Deuteronomy 19:19–21 ☐ Jewish responses to why justice is important for the victim ☐ Non-religious attitudes (including atheist and Humanist) about why justice is important, regardless of religion and belief and Jewish responses to these attitudes.	
07/09/26		2.2 Jewish attitudes towards crime ☐ Jewish teachings about and responses to the nature, causes and problem of crime, including Deuteronomy 11 ☐ What action is taken by Jewish individuals and Jewish groups to end the causes of crime, including Jewish Care and the work of synagogues.	
14/09/26		2.3 Jewish teachings about good, evil and suffering ☐ Jewish teachings about the nature of good actions and how they are rewarded, including Exodus 33 ☐ Teachings about the nature of evil actions and how they are punished ☐ Non-religious attitudes (including atheist and Humanist) about why people suffer, including believing in religion, and Jewish responses to them ☐ Divergent Jewish teachings and responses to why people suffer.	
21/09/26			
28/09/26		2.4 Jewish attitudes towards punishment ☐ The nature of punishment, why punishment is important for Jews ☐ Jewish teachings about punishment, including Leviticus 24:19–23 ☐ Why punishment can be regarded as justice, ☐ Why punishment might be needed in society 2.5 Jewish attitudes towards the aims of punishment ☐ Divergent Jewish attitudes towards the use of punishment, ☐ The nature and meaning of Jewish teachings about punishment, with reference to Genesis 9:1–6 ☐ Jewish teachings on why punishment can be regarded as justice ☐ Why punishment might be needed in society.	
05/10/26			
12/10/26	Y11	ASSESSMENT – PPE1	
19/10/26	Y11		
26/10/26			
HALF TERM			
			PPE – PAST PAPER QUESTIONS

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02/11/26		2.6 Jewish teachings about forgiveness ☐ Jewish teachings and responses to the nature of forgiveness, including Psalm 130 and Isaiah 55:6–8 ☐ How offenders are forgiven by the community and why this is needed ☐ Jewish teachings about the nature of restorative justice and why is it important for criminals, including Isaiah 55:6–8.	End of topic test – past paper questions
09/11/26			
16/11/26			
23/11/26		2.7 Jewish teachings about the treatment of criminals ☐ Jewish teachings about the treatment of criminals ☐ divergent Jewish attitudes towards the use of torture, human rights, fair trial and trial by jury, including reference to Deuteronomy 19:9 21 ☐ The application of ethical theories, such as situation ethics, which may accept use of torture if it is for the greater good.	
30/11/26		2.8 Jewish attitudes towards the death penalty ☐ The nature and purpose of capital punishment ☐ Divergent Jewish attitudes and teachings for and against capital punishment, including Exodus 21:12–25 and Mishnah Makkot 1:10 ☐ Non-religious (including atheist and Humanist) attitudes towards the use of capital punishment, including the application of ethical theories, such as situation ethics, and Jewish responses to them.	
07/12/26			
14/12/26		End of topic test	
21/12/26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
28/12/26			
04/01/27		4.1 Jewish attitudes towards peace ☐ Divergent teachings about the importance of peace for Jews ☐ Jewish teachings about peace, including Deuteronomy 20:10–12. 4.2 The role of Jews in peacemaking ☐ Jewish teachings about peacemaking ☐ The importance of justice, forgiveness and reconciliation for Jews in peacemaking, including Perkei Avot 1:18 ☐ The work of Jews working for peace today, what they do and why they try to work for peace.	PPE – PAST PAPER QUESTIONS
11/01/27			
18/01/27		4.3 Jewish attitudes to conflict ☐ Jewish teachings and responses to the nature and causes of conflict ☐ Jewish responses to the causes, including Isaiah 2:1–5 and links to situation ethics ☐ Non-religious (including atheist and Humanist) attitudes about the role of religion in the causes of conflict and Jewish responses to them.	
25/01/27			
01/02/27	Y11	ASSESSMENT – PPE2	
08/02/27	Y11		
15/02/27	HALF TERM		

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22/02/27		4.4 Jewish attitudes to pacifism ☐ Jewish teachings and responses to the nature and history of pacifism ☐ Divergent Jewish teachings about passive resistance, including interpretations of Micah 4:1–6 and an example of its use, including Emanuel Ringelblum.	
01/03/27		4.5 Jewish attitudes to the Just War theory ☐ Jewish teachings and responses to the nature, history and importance of the Just War theory ☐ The conditions of a Just War, including Milchemet reshut and the implications of Deuteronomy 20 ☐ Divergent Jewish opinions on whether a Just War is possible, including the application of ethical theories such as situation ethics.	
08/03/27		4.6 Jewish attitudes to Holy War ☐ Jewish teachings and responses to the nature of a Holy War ☐ The nature and meaning of Jewish teachings about war and peace, including ideas about Milchemet mitzvah and 2 Samuel 22 ☐ Divergent Jewish teachings about war ☐ Non-religious (including atheist and Humanist) attitudes towards Holy War and Jewish responses to them.	
15/03/27		4.7 Jewish attitudes to weapons of mass destruction (WMD) ☐ Jewish teachings and responses to the problems and benefits of WMD ☐ Jewish attitudes towards the use of such weapons, including the concept of Purity of Arms and interpretations of Deuteronomy 20 ☐ Non-religious attitudes (including atheist and Humanist) and the application of ethical theories (such as utilitarianism) which support the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction, and Jewish responses to them.	
22/03/27		4.8 Jewish attitudes to issues surrounding conflict ☐ Jewish teachings and responses to the nature and history of problems involved in conflict – violence, war and terrorism, including interpretations of Psalm 10:12–18 ☐ How Jews have worked to overcome these issues ☐ Non-religious (including atheist and Humanist) views towards the issues surrounding conflict and Jewish responses to them. END OF TOPIC TEST	
29/03/27	SPRING BREAK		End of topic test – past paper questions
05/04/27			
12/04/27		REVISION	
19/04/27			
26/04/27		REVISION	

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03/05/27			
10/05/27		REVISION	
17/05/27			
24/05/27		REVISION	
31/05/27	HALF TERM		
07/06/27		EXAMINATIONS	
14/06/27			
21/06/27			
28/06/27			
05/07/27			
12/07/27			