

## Homework R2

**[37 points]**

- In answering the questions, be as complete with your answer as you can.
- Good writing style, correct spelling and neatness are expected.
- Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper(s).

**Read pp. 45-51 in 'Nectar'.**

1. (1) What is the name of the idol that Amr bin Luhai brought from Syria into Mecca?
2. (2) Why did he think it was “righteous” to have idols?
3. (2) What happened as a result of this idol coming into Mecca?
  
4. (1) Where was “Al-Lat” located?
5. (1) By the time of the Prophet (S), how many idols existed near the Kabah?
6. (3) List 3 ways in which the Meccans used the idols?
  
7. (2) What does the word “divination” mean? (Use a dictionary if necessary.)
8. (2) Give an example of how divination was used by the Quraish?
9. (2) What did ‘astrologers’ do in Mecca?
  
10. (4) The Quraish were in charge of leading the pilgrims during the Hajj (pilgrimage).  
List three things they did that were not part of the ‘Abrahamic’ tradition.

**Read pp. 59-62 in 'Nectar'.**

11. (2) List the 4 ‘Sacred Months’ ?
12. (2) What was or was not allowed during the Sacred Months?
13. (2) What was the primary way in which the Quraish earning a living? (What was the economic system of Mecca based upon?)
  
14. (2) What does ‘hospitality’ mean? (Use a dictionary if necessary.)
15. (2) How did Quraish/Arabs feel about ‘hospitality’?
  
16. (3) Give an example of Arab hospitality during this pre-Islamic time.
17. (4) Other than hospitality, list 3 other positive qualities of Quraishi/Arab character