

Homework R21**[56 points]**

Read **pp. 412-427** in “Nectar” and answer the following **neatly** on a separate sheet of paper(s).

Spreading Islam Beyond Arabia: Letters to the Kings

1. (1) In which year does the Prophet (S) start sending letters to the leaders of neighboring empires?
2. (2) Why was this the right time to send such letters?
3. (2) Why was a seal made for the Prophet’s (S) letters?

4. (1) Who delivers the letter sent to the Negus, king of Abyssinia?
5. (3) In the letter, what is meant by: “Should you reject this invitation ... of your people”?
6. (3) What, in your opinion, is the significance of including the 64th ayah from Surah Al-Imran in this letter?
7. (2) How does the Negus respond when he receives the letter from the Prophet?

8. (3) What is the response of Muqawqis (king of Egypt) to letter sent to him?
9. (2) Who is Mariah (R)?

10. (2) Why is the Quran 3:64 **not** included in the letter sent to Chosroes, emperor of Persia?
11. (3) What is Chosroes’s response to his letter?
12. (2) Why does he send 2 soldiers to the Prophet (S) ?
13. (3) What does the Prophet (S) tell the 2 Persian soldiers?

14. (1) What is the name of the emperor of the Byzantines?
15. (1) Which Quraishi leader is trading in Jerusalem and is called into the court of Heraclius?
16. (2) Before asking this Quraishi leader any questions, how does Heraclius make sure that the Quraishi leader will tell the truth?

17. (3) What is the Quraishi leader’s response when asked about the Prophet’s (S) character and mission?
18. (2) Why is this response amazing?
19. (3) What is Heraclius’ response after hearing a description the Prophet (S)?
20. (3) What does the Quraishi leader say after leaving the emperor’s court?

21. (3) What is Jizyah? (Ask your parents for help, if necessary.)
22. (2) Upon whom does the Prophet (S) say that Jizyah is due?
23. (2) What is the response of Al Harith, king of Damascus, upon receiving his letter?

24. (2) Which 2 people in Oman is a letter sent by the Prophet (S)?
25. (3) What are each of their responses? (Extra credit for a ‘full’ answer.)