

Homework R18**[45 points]**

Read **pp. 362-379** in “Nectar” and answer the following **neatly** on a separate sheet of paper(s).

Battle of the Trench

1. (1) What was the total size of the Confederate army?
2. (1) Which side of Medina was the most vulnerable (easy to attack)?
3. (1) Who suggests the idea of building a trench around Medina to better protect it?
4. (3) Who is Jabir ibn Abdullah (R) and what happens to/with him?

5. (3) What signs is the Prophet (S) given when he breaks the large rock?
6. (1) How many soldiers are on the Muslim side?
7. (3) In your opinion, what made the trench so effective? (Why was it a good idea?)
8. (2) During the Battle of the Trench, what kind of fighting was taking place?

9. (3) What does Huyai convince Kab ibn Asad to do?
10. (3) What is the Prophet’s (S) purpose in sending 4 Sahabah on an investigation?
 - a. (3) What lesson can WE learn from this?

11. (2) What did the Muslims feel when they learned about Bani Quraizah’s decision?
12. (2) What offer does the Prophet (S) consider giving to Bani Ghatafan to ease the battle?
13. (2) How do the Sahabah respond when they hear the offer that the Prophet (S) may give?

14. (3) How does Nuaym ibn Masud (R) cause confusion & mistrust between the Quraish and Jewish tribes?
15. (2) What help does Allah send to completely frustrate the Confederates (and cause them to go home)?
16. (2) When did the Battle of the Trench take place and how long did it last?

Bani Quraizah

17. (1) After the battle, who tells the Prophet (S) that Bani Quraizah must be punished?
18. (3) While the Muslims are attacking the forts of Bani Quraizah, what are the 3 options that Kab ibn Ashraf gives to his people?

19. (1) Whose advice to the leaders of Bani Quraizah ask for?
20. (2) Why does this person feel so bad after advising Bani Quraizah?
21. (1) Once Bani Quraizah has surrendered, who is chosen to decide the punishment?
22. (2) What is the punishment for Bani Quraizah (for treachery in the Battle of the Trench)?

EXTRA CREDIT (20 points): Dig a Trench: Just before the Battle of the Trench, several hundred Sahabah dug a ditch across the northern part of Medina to protect it. In just 1 week, they moved thousands of pounds of earth to create the trench that was over 1 mile long, about 8-10 feet deep and 12 feet across.

To get a little idea of how this could have felt, dig a small ‘*trench*’ in your backyard with the dimensions: **3 ft long x 1 ft wide x 1 ft deep**. In order to receive the extra credit, either bring

in a picture of your 'trench', or have you parents write and sign a note that you did it. ***Be sure to get permission from your parents first!***