

**Homework R21-ALT****[56 points]**

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

1. (5) Which year does the Prophet (S) start sending letters to the leaders of neighboring empires and **why was this the right time to send such letters?**
2. Regarding the letter sent to the Negus of Abyssinia:
  - a. (3) In the letter to the Negus, king of Abyssinia, what is meant by: “Should you reject this invitation ... of your people”?
  - b. (3) What, in your opinion, is the significance of including the 64<sup>th</sup> ayah from Surah Al-Imran in this letter?
  - c. (4) How does the Negus respond when he receives the letter from the Prophet?
3. (5) How does Muqawqis (king of Egypt) respond to letter sent to him?
4. Regarding the letter sent to Chosroes, emperor of Persia:
  - a. (3) What is Chosroes’s response to his letter?
  - b. (3) Why is the Quran 3:64 **not** included in this letter?
  - c. (4) Why does he send 2 soldiers to the Prophet (S) and what does the Prophet (S) tell them?
5. Regarding the letter sent to Heraclius, emperor of the Byzantine empire:
  - a. (2) Which Quraishi leader is called into the court of Heraclius?
  - b. (3) Before asking this Quraishi leader any questions, how does Heraclius make sure that the Quraishi leader will tell the truth?
  - c. (5) What is the Quraishi leader’s response when asked about the Prophet’s (S) character and mission – **and why is this amazing?**
  - d. (3) What is Heraclius’ response after hearing a description the Prophet (S)?
  - e. (3) What does the Quraishi leader say after leaving the emperor’s court?
6. (5) What is Jizyah and who has to pay it? (Ask your parents for help, if necessary.)
7. (5) Which 2 people in Oman is a letter sent by the Prophet (S) and what are each of their responses?