

Seerah Midterm Study Guide

Chapter 1-8

Chapter 1 Teaching of Hijrah

1. Define the word Seerah
 - a. The study of the life of the Prophet Muhammad(S)
2. True or False : The people of Yathrib were excited to meet Prophet Muhammad (S) and his followers when they arrived for the first time after the Pledges of Aqabah
 - a. True
3. What did the Quraish tribe do when they learned Prphet Muhammad (S) was planning on relocating?
 - a. They planned on killing him (know how and who took his place in the bed)
4. What are the two types of Hijrah ?
 - a. Spiritual and Physical
 - b. Be able to give an example of each
5. Does Allah swt reward you for only one or both?
 - a. Both

Chapter 2 Politics of Madinah

6. What is the original name of the city of Madinah
 - a. Yathrib
7. What was the main source of income for the people of Makkah?
 - a. Trade to Syria
8. What was the main source of income for the people of Madinah
 - a. Farming and Agriculture
9. Which one of the two were more tolerant of other religions?
 - a. Madinah – they were mostly Pagans but were also other religions already present in here
 - i. In Makkah almost everyone was Pagan (idol worshipping)
10. What were the main Arab tribes of Madinah?
 - a. Aws and Khazraj (they fought a lot between each other until the Prophet came.)
11. What were the main three Jewish tribes of Madinah?
 - a. Banu Nadi, Banu Qanuqa, Banu Qurayzah – they were the wealthiest people of Madinah
12. Why was the way the Arabs borrowed money from the Jewish tribes unfair?
 - a. Be able to explain the usurious transactions
13. What were some of the things the Madinanans used for currency?
 - a. Bronze, gold, silver, dates

Chapter 3 Settlement of Madinah

14. Be able to describe the process how Muhammad (S) choose where to live when he arrived to Madinah – why did he do this ?

15. What was the first thing Mhammad (S) do when he arrived in Madinah and had a place to live
 - a. Built a Masjid- bought it from the orphans – not for free!
16. What was some of the ways the masjid was used?
 - a. Political center, school and a place for gathering
17. What were the nicknames for the Makkans and Madinans given to by the Prophet?
 - a. Muhairin and Ansars
18. True or False: The bond between the new Makkans and Madinans was not strong at all
 - a. False

Chapter 4 The Constitution of Madinah

19. Who did the Constitution of Madinah, written of the Prophet address?
 - a. Muslims, non Muslim Arabs, Jews, everybody in Makkah
20. What were some of the things it included?
 - a. Freedom of Religion, establishing Madinah as a sacred place, security of women, tax system, political alliance with other tribes and the Quraish, over all security of the entire community
21. What were two main reasons Muhammad (S) intended to draft a constitution
 - a. He was cetain the Makkan Quraish would try to attack them soon
 - b. He needed to make sure the non muslims of Madinah were not scared or intimidated by Islam

Chapter 5 Permission to fight

22. What is the difference between Islamic State and State of Islam
 - a. Islamic State-where are morally with yourself
 - b. State of Islam- the place where you live has an Islamic government
23. Why did Muhamad (S) send surveillence missions in Makkah when he was in Madinah?
 - a. To tell them they Muslims were not intending to harm them
 - b. Sever the trade route to Syria for Makkans so they can't built an army against the Muslims
 - c. For Muslims to become familiar with the land
24. Know the events of Mission Nakhlah
25. What are the three other main events that happened during this time period?
 - a. Qiblah changed from Jerusalem to the Kabah
 - b. Fasting was made required for Muslims in Ramadan – they paid Zakatal Fitr at the endof the month
 - c. Zakatal Mal- required charity was also made compulsory that year

Chapter 6 Battle of Badr

26. What did the Qiblah being changed from Jerusalem to the Kabah infer for the people of Makkah?
 - a. They realized the Muslims were now focused on the Makkah and the Kabah

27. Why did Muhammad (S) want to intercept the caravans coming back from Syria to Makkah?
 - a. Rasulluah could collect some of the goods and give it to his Makkan followers who had nothing
 - b. He wanted to demonstrate to the Makkans that their trade route was no longer safe
28. How did Abu Sufyan avoid the Muslims with his caravan? Hint: camel poop
29. Why did Abu Jahl want to stay even though the Makkans knew the caravan was safe?
 - a. He wanted to intimidate the Muslims and establish himself as the leader
30. Was the Muslim army strong or weak?
 - a. Only 313 men
31. How did Muhammad (S) calculate the number of men that was present in the Makkan army. Hint: camel for food.
32. Why did one of the companions of the Prophet want to move up from where they were sitting as the Muslim Army?
 - a. The further up they moved, the less wells the Makans had to get water so it would be harder on the Makkans
33. How did rainfall affect each side?
 - a. For the Muslim- it was amazing, very relaxing
 - b. Makkans- heavy, wet, and made everything harder
34. Know actual strength vs Muslims though vs Enemies though for the size of the armies
35. Who won the battle?
 - a. Muslims
36. Which important Muslim enemy died during this battle
 - a. Abu Jahl

Chapter 7 Prisoners of War

37. What Surah talks about distributing the spoils of War?
 - a. Surah An Fal
38. How did the Muslims treat the prisoners from the battle of Badr?
 - a. They were treated extremely kindly which was not a common practice for that time.
39. One of the companions of the Prophet wanted to break the teeth of Suhayl ibn Amr because he was known for giving beautiful speeches against Islam, was he allowed to?
 - a. No, mutilation of the body is haram of any kind.

Chapter 8 Banu Qaynuqa

40. What does the word Munafiqin mean?
 - a. Hypocrite
41. Who did Banu Qaynuqa start a fight between?
 - a. Aws and Khazraj
42. What was the reason the Jewish tribes hated the Muslims?

- a. Because Prophet Muhammad(S) claimed to be a messenger. The Jews believed a messenger would come but did not want to believe the messenger would be Arab.
43. Know the details with the incident of the Muslim women
- a. She was walking toward a Jewish store, the man if the store tore her clothes of, a Muslim man saw, killed the Jewish man, and other Jewish men saw and killed the Muslim man.
 - b. This broke the treaty between the Jews and the Muslims
44. Did the Jewish tribe want to protect the treaty?
- a. No, when Muhammad (S) wanted to talk things out, he said “we are still more powerful to you”
45. How long did the blockade last when all of the members of Banu Qaynuqa retreated to their headquarters?
- a. 15 days
46. Why didn't the other Jewish tribes want to help them?
- a. Even though they hated the Muslims as well, they knew it was Banu Qaynuqa's fault
47. What was the final decision for the people of Banu Qaynuqa?
- a. They were exiled from Madinah and never allowed to return again.