UNIT – D  CHAPTER – 1
THE PEACEFUL MARCH TO MAKKAH

VOCABULARY

Al-ash-hur-ul-Hurum  
الأشهـر الحرام (محرم/رجب/ذوالقعدة/ذوالحجة)

Al-Masjid-ul-Haram  
المسجد الحرام

Hadiy  
هدي

Al-Hudaybiyah  
الحديدية

Bayat-ur-Ridwan  
بيـعـة الرضوان

Al-ash-hur-ul-Hurum were months sacred so that people could visit Makkah during these times without fearing being killed or attacked. According to arab custom every Arab was entitled to visit Al-Masjid-ul-Haram or the sacred mosque in Makkah, unarmed. Fighting of any kind was prohibited during these months.

Q.1. When did the Prophet head to Makkah and why?
Ans: The Prophet headed to Makkah in the month of Thul-Qidah in the 6th year after Hijrah.

Q.2. Why did he choose the month of Thul-Qidah to perform his visit to Makkah?
Ans: He chose the month of Thul-qidah as this month was one among the Al-ash-hur-ul-Hurum in which, according to Arab custom every Arab was entitled to visit Al-Masjid-ul-Haram. Fighting was prohibited during these months.

Q.3. What was the Prophet's main motive for visiting Makkah, additional to worshiping in Al-Masjid-ul-Haram?
Ans: Additional to worshiping in Al-Masjid-ul-Haram, the main Motive of the Prophet was to find a peaceful way to resolve the conflict between the Muslims and the pagans of Quraysh.

Q.4. What was the Quraysh’s reaction to Prophet Muhammad's initiative?
Ans: The Quraysh breached all the Arab traditions. They prepared to prevent the peaceful party from performing the rites of Umrah. They marched to oppose and fight the peaceful expeditoin.

Q.5. Who was Prophet Muhammad’s Muslim emissary to the Makkans? What happened to him?
Ans: Uthman Ibn Affan was Prophet Muhammad's Muslim emissary to the Makkans. The Quraysh held him hostage.

Q.6. What is Bayat-ur-Ridwan? Why did the Prophet call for it? And where did it happen?
Ans: When the Prophet heard that Uthman had been captured, and that he may have been killed, he said: “We will not leave this place until we have accomplished our objective, even if we have to fight these people.” The Prophet called his men and stood under a tree to take their pledge. All of the fourteen hundred Muslims offered their sincere pledge to obey Allah and his Prophet even in matters of life and death. This pledge is called Bayat-ur-Ridwan.