

Describe with Arguments the characteristics of Military Strategist in the light of Sirah of Holy Prophet (SAW)?

A. INTRODUCTION

Holy Prophet (SAW) has been a role model for all mankind, without him humans would not be able to understand Islam. He had been a perfect model to follow in every aspect of Islam. As Allah SWT Himself ordered the humanity to obey Allah and obey His Messenger. As a Military Strategist, he conducted variety of methods that are valid on the ground of battle. The consultation, military, secrecy, praising those who fought bravely were all the steps taken by Holy Prophet (SAW) as a Military Strategist. Moreover, he emphasized that all the win in the battlefield is by the grace of Almighty. Hence, Holy Prophet (SAW) made war with proper manners and techniques to be followed.

B. CONCEPTS OF BATTLEFIELD

INTRODUCED BY HOLY PROPHET (SAW)

(i) JIHAD FI SABEEL LILAH

Holy Prophet (SAW) emphasized that Muslims can do jihad even by words or by waging war against non-Muslims. A man came to Prophet (SAW) and asked:

How a man can do jihad so that the name of Allah be Exalted?

The Prophet (SAW) replied:

"Raising the sword that the name of Allah be Exalted is the best jihad." The only purpose of the war is to upraise the name of Almighty.

(ii) A Win in Battlefield is By the Grace of Almighty

Prophet (SAW) told the humanity and his companions that the win in the battlefield is only by the grace of Almighty despite the power and strength you have. He himself remained

in Dua at the time of Badr. He prayed:

"O Allah! Provide me what you have promised me. O Allah! give me what you have promised me, O Allah! If this band of Muslims be destroyed, you will not be worshipped anymore".

C. ROLE OF HOLY PROPHET AS A MILITARY STRATEGIST

(i) Consulted his companions before every battle

Holy Prophet (SAW) used to consult his companions before every battle. He had never taken a unilateral decision.

Bde (Fight or not)

└ UHUD (Fight from Inside Medina or Outside)

└ Khandag (How to tackle large no. of enemy)

(ii) Espionage and Intelligence Activities

Holy Prophet (SAW) himself acted as a spy at the time of Badr and sent Harat Huzafa (RA) during Battle of Khandaq. He believed in having information of the enemies strategies. Dr. Hamid Ullah in his paper: 'Intelligence Activities at the time of Prophet (SAW)' mentioned the espionage activities carried out by Prophet (SAW) and his companions.

(iii) Praising Those Who Fought Bravely

Holy Prophet (SAW) always praised his companions who fought bravely to further increase their motivation to uprise the name of Allah. He praised Harat Sa'ad (RA) in such words,

"O Sa'ad, throw (arrows), Let My father and mother be sacrificed for you!"

These words act as boosters for companions and they fought bravely so that

The name of Allah be exalted.

(iv) Taught Manners of War

Holy Prophet (SAW) taught his companions the manners of war and asked them to remain steadfast. As per the saying of Holy Prophet (SAW),

"Obey Allah and His Messenger and remember God much, so that you may prevail. And remain steadfast, as God is with the those who steadfast".

Moreover, he also taught his companions to not kill women, children and elder people. Also do not attack (at night).

(v) Use of Trickery is Valid in War

Holy Prophet (SAW) emphasized on the use of trickery that is valid in war. As he said,

"War is Deception"

War is itself a deception and tricking the enemy is valid to

uprise the flag of Islam.

(vi) Commanded Material Preparation for War

Holy Prophet (SAW) commanded his companions to get prepared for war. As he ordered to collect wealth and other material at the time of Khandaq. Holy Prophet SAW said,

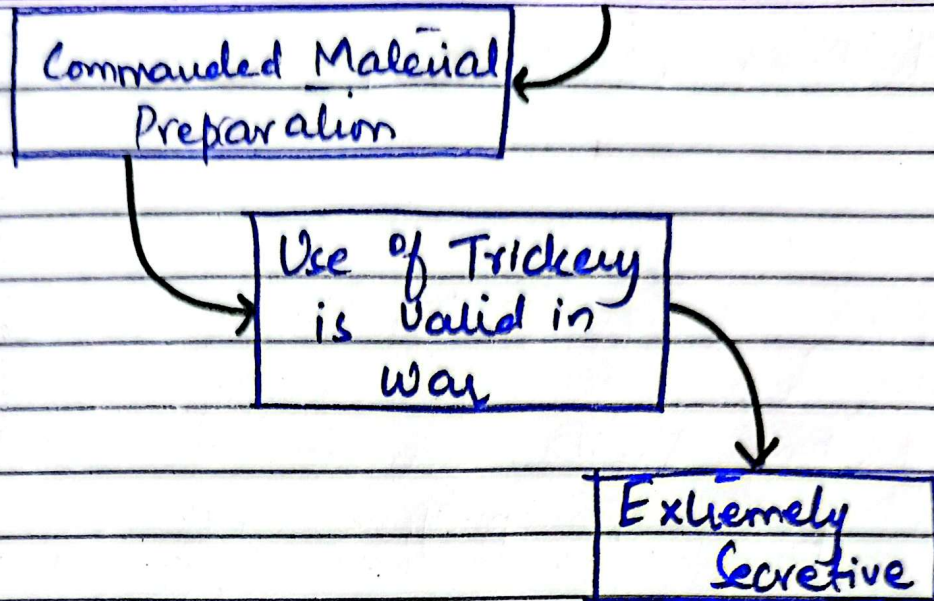
"And frighten them by preparing for war and get your horses trained."

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D CONCLUSION

Jules Masson (The Jewish) had claimed in his word, "Perhaps the **Great Leader of all Times was Muhammad**". To sum up, even the non-Muslims admitted by leadership of Holy Prophet (SAW) in all sectors of life. He has been a perfect military strategist at his time and remained a role model for all the mankind throughout their lives. Michael Hart, an American Astrophysicist wrote: "**The Hundred: A Ranking of most influential persons in history**" and ranked Muhammad (SAW) at first.