

## Q & A

Replied By: Dr. N.A. Shahtaz & other Scholars

**Q.** I am divorced. It is common to hear from people that the iddat period is 3 months and 10 days. Is this correct?

**A.** This is incorrect. The iddat of divorce for a menstruating woman is 3 menstrual cycles. The iddat of divorce for a woman who does not menstruate is 3 months.

The iddat for a pregnant woman is until she delivers her baby.

**Q.** What is the significance of Ajwa dates?

**A.** Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) has said: "The Ajwa dates is from Jannah and in it is a cure from poison (Tirmidhi and Ibne Maja). In another hadith Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) has said that he who eats seven ajwa dates in the morning will not be harmed by poison or blackmagic for that day. (Bukhari and Muslim)

**Q.** Is a man allowed to remove the hair from the bridge of his nose or the outer part of the ear?

**A.** If this hair is regarded as an Aib (defect) or a person is not comfortable with such hair, then it is permissible to remove such hair

**Q.** A man passes away and leaves behind a substantial debt of hospital bills. This huge bill was due to the last two weeks of his life, after which he passed away. He had no chance to repay the amount. His estate cannot pay out since the amount is very high. Is the deceased person liable and answerable for this "debt" knowing that he had no chance to pay back?

**A.** This will be a debt of the deceased if he had asked to be taken to the hospital or gave consent to be taken to hospital. However if the deceased was unconscious at the time of being lifted to the hospital and remained in this state until death then this would be the debt of those who had taken him to hospital, and not his debt (unless he had indicated in anyway prior to becoming unconscious that he be taken to the hospital in such a case.)

حضرت امام شافعی رحمۃ اللہ علیہ فرمایا کرتے تھے: اے مالک اور سفیان بن عیینہ! تم نے تو مجھ سے علم رخصت ہو جاتا