

Papyrus no: E1

Date: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

Physical description: 19 cm. x 12 cm. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 6 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is written with teeth.

Content

Recipe of various natural products, apparently for medicinal purposes.

Papyrus no: E139

Date: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

Physical description: 14.5 cm. x 10 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 6 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* is written with teeth.

Content

Recipe for myrobalan (هليلج) for medical purposes. Refers to the administration of medicine every day.

Papyrus no: E189

Date: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

Physical description: 24 cm. x 21 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle and text missing at top. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 20 lines, at right angles to the fibres, and 2 lines in right margin.

Text:

Script

Well executed script. Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. Initial *kāf* is hairpin-shaped. There are sporadic consonantal diacritics.

Content

Description of medical treatments for various ailments.

Papyrus no: E696

Date: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

Physical description: 18 cm. x 8.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 6 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 3 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Dāl/dāl* in some cases approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is written with and without teeth.

Content

Recipe containing mustard (خردل) and olive oil (زيت).

VERSO

Script

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Dāl/dāl* sometimes approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is written with and without teeth. Final *yā'* extends backwards horizontally.

Content

Address, presumably referring to the intended recipient of the recipe written on the recto. The address instructs the messenger to deliver it to 'Abū Muḥammad 'Abdallāh, 'into his hand' (ادفعه في يده).

Papyrus no: E943

Date: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

Physical description: 23 cm. x 19 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 2 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 12 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Written with broad *qalam*. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is written with teeth.

Content

A verse of poetry.

VERSO

Written in the same hand. Further verses of poetry. Several words have been crossed through.

