

**Papyrus no:** Q3

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

**Physical description:** 12 cm. x 16.5 cm. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 5 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 4 lines. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the recto is written parallel to the fibres. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke.

**Content**

Pen exercises, which include the sentence: سكن دمنيا الرقام فى الغرفة يوم الثلاثاء لثمان بقين من المحرم 'D., the maker of striped cloth (*raqm*), sat in the room on Tuesday, when eight days remained of Muḥarram.'

*VERSO*

**Script**

Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke.

**Content**

Pen exercises.

**Papyrus no:** Q4

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

**Physical description:** 17.5 cm. x 20.5 cm. Small *lacuna* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 8 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 9 lines. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the recto is written at right angles to the fibres. The script on the verso, written parallel to the fibres and upside down relative to the text on the recto, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

**Text:**

**RECTO**

**Script**

*Sīn* has teeth.

**Content**

Pen exercises consisting of the *basmala*.

**VERSO**

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn* has teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of a letter. Writer expresses the wish that he will be united with the addressee: جمع الله بينا فى خير وعافية.

**\*Papyrus no:** Q5

**Date:** 1st-2nd century A.H./7th-8thth century A.D.

**Physical description:** 15 cm. x 15.5 cm. Writing on one side only. Written in black ink, 4 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Features of script from early papyrus period. Independent 'alif bends to the right at the bottom. Vertical *hastae* are elongated. The horizontal stroke of initial 'ayn is extended to the right. The loops of *mīm* are open. The tail of final *yā'* extends to the right.

**Content**

Pen exercises.

\**Papyrus no:* Q6

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

*Physical description:* 21 cm. x 15.5 cm. Small *lacuna* in the middle. Writing on one side only. Written in black ink, 12 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text:*

***Script***

Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke.

***Content***

Legal document. Top right-hand corner and bottom are missing. Concerns sale of a slave girl (جارية). The purchaser is Muḥammad ibn Kālid and the seller 'Aṣ'aṭ ibn Muḥammad: وقد قبض اشعث جن محمد ..... واقبل وقبض بـمحمد جن خلد الجارية وصارت .... وفى ماله وملكه. It is declared that the slave-girl is free of defects. The document closes with the date, only the day and month are extant: وذلك لعشرة ايام خلت من ربيع الاخرة (10th of Rabī' II).

**Papyrus no:** Q7

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

**Physical description:** 13 cm. x 16 cm. Small *lacuna* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 9 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 1 line. The script on the recto is written at right angles to the fibres and on the verso parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif sometimes extends below the connecting stroke.

**Content**

Fragment of a letter. Text opens after *basmala*: حفظك الله وعافاك وابقاك و[واتم] نعمه عليك. Concerns commercial transactions. The writer states that he has sent something to the addressee with a certain Sulaymān (وجهت اليك مع سليمان....

*VERSO*

**Content**

Address of letter on recto.

**Papyrus no:** Q9

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

**Physical description:** 10 cm. x 12 cm. Writing on one side only. Written in black ink, 8 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final *s'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Dāl* approximates to a straight stroke.

**Content**

Letter. Text opens after *basmala*: اطال الله بقاءك وادام عزك وكرامتك وتاييدك وسعادتك وجعلنى وفداك وصلت. The writer states that he has received the note (رقعة) of the addressee: وصلت. ارجوا ان تقدم فى هذا اليوم: 'today'. رقعتك الى

**Papyrus no:** Q11

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

**Physical description:** 16 cm. x 13 cm. Small *lacuna* in the middle. Writing on one side only. Written in black ink, 11 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke.

**Content**

End of a letter. Concerns the sale of some item. Closes: ابقاك الله وحفظك وكتب 'May God preserve and protect you. It has been written'.

**Papyrus no:** Q12

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

**Physical description:** 13 cm. x 14.5 cm. Writing on one side only. Written in black ink, 8 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. The tail of final *yā'* extends to the right. Sporadic consonantal diacritics. The diacritics of *yā'* are written on a vertical plane, one on top of the other.

**Content**

Fragment of a letter. Closes with pious phrases based on the Qur'*ān*.



**Papyrus no:** Q13

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

**Physical description:** 13.5 cm. x 17 cm. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 7 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 9 lines. The script on the recto is written at right angles to the fibres and on the verso parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

**RECTO**

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. The tail of final *yā'* extends to the right.

**Content**

End of a letter. Closes with a blessing on the addressee and the *tasliya*: جعلت فداك

واطال الله بفاك وصلى الله على محمد النبي وعليه السلم فى دار السلم  
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**VERSO**

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn* is written with teeth and surmounted by three dots arranged on a horizontal plane.

**Content**

List of personal names.

**Papyrus no:** Q45 (Box D)

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

**Physical description:** 27 cm. x 10.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 26 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 3 lines. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the recto is written at right angles to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the verso. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**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 without teeth. There are numerous unconventional ligatures between letters.

**Content**

Qur'an. Al-Fātiḥa and the beginning of al-Baqara.

*VERSO*

**Script**

Large hand. Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line.

**Content**

Fragment of an official letter.