

Ramadan Mubarak

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Questions & Answers

Note: Answers are according to Hanafi Fiqh.

Fasting:

Q: Is fasting valid without having suhoor/sehri?

A: Yes, fasting is valid without suhoor. However, having suhoor is mustahab (preferable) due to the hadith, "Have suhoor, as there is blessing in suhoor" (Bukhari; Raddul Muhtar: 2/419)

Q: Does taking an injection while fasting break the fast?

A: No, taking an injection does not break the fast. (Ahsanul Fatawa: 4/432)

Q: Can I use eye drops when I'm fasting?

A: Yes, it will be permissible to do so as using eye drops does not break the fast, even if its taste can be felt in the throat. (Fatawa Hindiya: 1/224; Muheet Burhani: 3/348)

Q: Is it permissible to brush one's teeth with toothpaste while fasting? What about using miswaak?

A: It is sunnah to use miswaak but makrooh to use toothpaste while fasting. (Tahtawi: pg. 681; Ahsanul Fatawa: 4/439)

Q: In Ramadan, can the Maghrib salat be delayed in the masjid so that the musallis can eat before the salat? If so, to what extent?

A: It is permissible to delay the Maghrib salat for that purpose to the extent that stars do not become abundantly visible in the sky. (Ahsanul Fatawa: 2/138)

Q: With which words should intention of fasting be made?

A: No specific words have been mentioned in the hadiths for making intention of fasting. However, it is allowed to say words such as "I intend to fast tomorrow". (Mirqaatul Mafaatih: 4/489)

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RAMADAN 1434 AH		IMSAK * STOP EATING	FAJR	SUNRISE	ZUHR	ASR (SHAF'I)	ASR (HANAFI)	MAGHRIB	ISHA
DAY	2013 CE								
WED	10 JULY	5:31	5:41	7:11	12:14	2:48	3:28	5:09	6:37
THUR	11 JULY	5:31	5:41	7:10	12:14	2:49	3:29	5:10	6:37
FRI	12 JULY	5:31	5:41	7:10	12:14	2:49	3:29	5:11	6:38
SAT	13 JULY	5:31	5:41	7:10	12:14	2:50	3:30	5:11	6:38
SUN	14 JULY	5:30	5:40	7:09	12:14	2:50	3:31	5:12	6:39
MON	15 JULY	5:30	5:40	7:09	12:15	2:51	3:31	5:12	6:39
TUE	16 JULY	5:30	5:40	7:09	12:15	2:51	3:31	5:12	6:39
WED	17 JULY	5:30	5:40	7:08	12:15	2:51	3:32	5:13	6:40
THUR	18 JULY	5:29	5:39	7:08	12:15	2:52	3:33	5:14	6:41
FRI	19 JULY	5:28	5:38	7:07	12:15	2:53	3:34	5:15	6:41
SAT	20 JULY	5:28	5:38	7:06	12:15	2:54	3:35	5:16	6:42
SUN	21 JULY	5:28	5:38	7:06	12:15	2:54	3:35	5:16	6:43
MON	22 JULY	5:27	5:37	7:05	12:15	2:55	3:36	5:17	6:43
TUE	23 JULY	5:27	5:37	7:05	12:15	2:55	3:37	5:18	6:44
WED	24 JULY	5:26	5:36	7:04	12:15	2:56	3:37	5:19	6:44
THUR	25 JULY	5:26	5:36	7:03	12:15	2:57	3:38	5:19	6:45
FRI	26 JULY	5:25	5:35	7:03	12:15	2:57	3:39	5:20	6:45
SAT	27 JULY	5:24	5:34	7:02	12:15	2:58	3:39	5:21	6:46
SUN	28 JULY	5:24	5:34	7:01	12:15	2:58	3:40	5:21	6:47
MON	29 JULY	5:23	5:33	7:00	12:15	2:59	3:41	5:22	6:47
TUE	30 JULY	5:22	5:32	7:00	12:15	3:00	3:42	5:23	6:48
WED	31 JULY	5:22	5:32	7:00	12:15	3:00	3:42	5:23	6:48
THUR	1 AUG.	5:21	5:31	6:58	12:15	3:01	3:43	5:24	6:49
FRI	2 AUG.	5:20	5:30	6:57	12:15	3:01	3:44	5:25	6:50
SAT	3 AUG.	5:19	5:29	6:56	12:15	3:02	3:45	5:26	6:50
SUN	4 AUG.	5:19	5:29	6:55	12:15	3:03	3:45	5:27	6:51
MON	5 AUG.	5:18	5:28	6:54	12:15	3:03	3:46	5:27	6:51
TUE	6 AUG.	5:17	5:27	6:53	12:15	3:04	3:47	5:28	6:52
WED	7 AUG.	5:16	5:26	6:52	12:14	3:04	3:47	5:29	6:53
THUR	8 AUG.	5:15	5:25	6:51	12:14	3:05	3:48	5:30	6:53

* Imsak (stop eating/start fasting) time is given ten minutes before the Fajr entry time as a precaution.

Beginning and end of Ramadan are subject to moon sighting. For information, see www.fatwa.org.au/moonsighting

Q: When should the intention of fasting in Ramadan be made?

A: The intention of fasting in Ramadan can be made anytime from after sunset the day before fasting till midday on the day of fasting. Hence, if one intends to fast on Monday in Ramadan, he can make the intention from after sunset on Sunday till midday on Monday. **Note:** "Midday" here means halfway between Fajr and Maghrib time. (Fatawa Hindiya: 1/215; Bahishti Zewar: 1/329; Ahsanul Fatawa 4/446)

Zakat:

Q: Does a woman have to pay zakat on jewellery that she uses?

A: According to Hanafi Fiqh, it is compulsory to pay zakat on all items made of gold and silver, whether they are used or not. Zakat is not compulsory on items made of other materials unless they were bought with the intention of resale.

Q: When calculating zakat on gold, should one use the buying rate or selling rate of gold?

A: The selling rate — i.e. the rate at which one's gold can be sold — should be used for that.

Note: For details on how to calculate Zakat, see: www.fatwa.org.au/how-to-calculate-zakat

Sadaqatul Fitr (Fitra):

Q: On whom is sadaqatul fitr (fitrana) compulsory? Must one pay on behalf of his wife and children too?

A: Sadaqatul fitr is compulsory on a person if the total value of his zakatable assets (cash, gold, silver, merchandise) plus non-essential items (i.e. assets above his basic needs) minus liabilities (debts) equals the zakat nisaab or more. A father on whom sadaqatul fitr is compulsory must also pay sadaqatul fitr on behalf of his immature (non-baligh) children if they do not have their own wealth equal to the nisaab. If they have their own wealth equal to the nisaab, he can pay their sadaqatul fitr from their own wealth. A woman on whom sadaqatul fitr is compulsory must pay it herself. However, if her husband voluntarily pays on her behalf, it will be permissible.

Q: What amount has to be paid for sadaqatul fitr?
A: One can pay the value of any of these items: 2.25 kg of wheat; 3.6 kg of barley; 3.9 kg of sultanas; 4.65 kg of dates. (Raddul Muhtar: 3/372; Ahsanul Fatawa: 4/442,416)

Q: When should the sadaqatul fitr be paid?

A: It is best to give sadaqatul fitr on the day of Eid before going for Eid prayer; but it can also be given during Ramadan or even earlier. (Ikhtiyaar: 1/182; Ahsanul Fatawa: 4/384)

Duas

When breaking one's fast, recite:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ صُيَّمْتُ وَعَلَى رِزْقِكَ أَفْطَرْتُ

O Allah, for You I fasted and with Your sustenance I break my fast. (Abu Dawud, Baihaqi, Tabrani)

ذَهَبَ الظَّمَأُ وَابْتَلَّتِ الْعُرُوقُ وَثَبَّتَ الْأَجْرُ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ

Thirst has vanished; veins have hydrated; and rewards have been attained, by the Will of Allah. (Hakim, Nasa'i, Abu Dawud, Baihaqi)

Indices

Zakat Nisaab: \$453

Minimum Mahr: \$26

Mahr Fatimi: \$1,210

Sadaqatul Fitr (Melbourne only)**:

Based on wheat price: \$4.50

Based on barley price: \$7.20

Based on sultanas price: \$14.80

Based on dates price: \$18.50

^ Indices based on the rates of 13/6/2013

** Sadaqatul Fitr amounts are according to Melbourne prices. For other places, the prices above are indicative only. One should follow his local prices. See Q&A under "Sadaqatul Fitr" for more details.

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