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## Genetic Test ♦

The advancement of science and technology in the present era has provided several benefits to mankind. However, from human perspective there are some negative aspects of concerning developments too. Genetic science and DNA test comprise important links in this regard. Hence, the following resolutions of the Fifteenth Seminar of the Islamic Fiqh Academy were brought on record concerning various aspects of genetic engineering.

- 7.1 If it becomes evident from a genetic test that the foetus is growing in the mother's womb with an incurable mental or physical disability and that the life of the prospective human being would be some sort of a burden and taxing to the parents, then in such a situation it will be permitted for them to abort it before 120 days from the conception.
- 7.2 If it is established by the genetic test that the next generation of a person would suffer from hereditary disability of sever nature, and then it would be permitted to check the birth.
- 7.3 If it is apprehended from the genetic test that a person would become mad or suffer from such an incurable disease which provides ground for dissolution of a marriage, and then such a test would not be regarded a sufficient ground for dissolution of any marriage.
- 7.4 It is permissible to make use of genetic test for treatment, diagnosis of disease and for carrying out research in the field of genetic engineering.

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