2-1-2 Calligraphy Guideline Practice Sheet: Design, Use, and Check

Worked example / complete source key

A learner sets x-height = 10 mm and chooses a 20-degree slant from vertical. Calculate the ascender line height above the midline and the descender line depth below the baseline, then state one check for zone use on a lowercase 'p'.

Answer: Ascender line is 2 × 10 mm = 20 mm above the midline. Descender line is 2 × 10 mm = 20 mm below the baseline. For lowercase 'p', the bowl should sit in the x-height zone between baseline and midline, and the stem should extend into the descender zone below the baseline without crossing the ascender line. Check that the bowl does not cross the midline and that the descender stem stays within the lower 20 mm zone.