Dual-Ruling Handwriting and Calligraphy Practice Paper: Design and Use

Original tasks 1, 2 / independent work

Task 1

A handwriting zone has a baseline at 0 mm and a midline at 6 mm. A learner writes the short letter 'a' with its bottom at 0 mm and its top at 5 mm. Is the letter at the midline? By how many millimetres does it miss?

Task 2

A calligraphy zone has a baseline at 0 mm and an x-height line at 4 mm. A learner draws a vertical stroke that rises 4 mm and shifts 3 mm horizontally. The slant guide is at 45 degrees from vertical. Does the stroke match the guide? Use the horizontal offset for a 4 mm rise at 45 degrees.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / independent work

Task 3

A dual-ruling sheet has a handwriting zone with a baseline at 0 mm and a midline at 5 mm, and a calligraphy zone with a baseline at 0 mm and an x-height line at 5 mm. A learner writes the word 'dog' in the handwriting zone. The 'd' rises to 8 mm, the 'o' top is at 5 mm, and the 'g' descender falls to minus 3 mm. Check each letter against the stated convention: short letters reach the midline, tall letters rise above it, descenders fall below the baseline.

Task 4

A calligraphy zone has a slant guide at 60 degrees from vertical. A learner draws a vertical stroke that rises 5 mm and shifts 2 mm horizontally. At 60 degrees, the horizontal offset for a 5 mm rise is about 2.9 mm (using the tangent of 30 degrees, approximately 0.577, times 5 mm). Does the stroke match the guide within 1 mm?