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Original tasks 1, 2 / independent work

Task 1

Plate A: head height 10 cm, width 8 cm, eye line 5 cm from chin. Box height 20 cm. State a convention, compute scale factor, and give scaled head height, width, and eye line from chin.

Task 2

Plate B: head height 14 cm, width 10 cm, nose base 4 cm above chin, eye line 7 cm above chin. Box height 21 cm. Compute scale factor and scaled nose base and eye line distances from chin. Does the nose base fall halfway from eye line to chin under the stated convention?

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Original tasks 3, 4 / independent work

Task 3

Plate C: head height 9 cm, width 7 cm, interpupillary distance 3.5 cm. Box height 18 cm. Compute scale factor and scaled interpupillary distance. If your tolerance is plus or minus 0.5 cm on the drawing, is a drawn distance of 7.5 cm acceptable?

Task 4

Plate D: head height 11 cm, width 8.5 cm, mouth line 2 cm above chin, nose base 5 cm above chin. Box height 16.5 cm. Compute scale factor and scaled mouth and nose base distances from chin. Under the convention mouth is one-third from nose base to chin; does the plate match?