

FOR EDUCATORS & HOMEMAKERS

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HANDWRITING INSTITUTE

Style Verification Sheets

TEACHER APPLICATION · STEP 01

Your hand, your independence.

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Eight pages, one pen, and your first step.

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A LETTER BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Dear friend,

Before you pick up your pen, I want to tell you why these pages matter.

Somewhere along the way, many of us were told our gifts were small. A neat hand was “nice”: something to admire in a school notebook, not something to build a life on. Many of us set our own plans aside for our families, and were glad to, but quietly missed the woman who had plans of her own.

This is your invitation to meet her again.

Your handwriting is not a small thing. It is years of patience, care and practice, sitting right there in your hand. Today a worried parent is looking for exactly that skill, and a child is waiting to learn it from you.

What we offer is simple: a way to turn that skill into your own classroom. Your own students, who message you directly. Your own hours, set around the life you already have. Your own fees, paid to you, in your own name. No boss, no agency, no one standing between you and the work you are good at.

Independence rarely arrives in one big moment. It begins quietly, at a table, with a pen and a few sheets of paper. Exactly like this.

So take your time. Write the way you would want a child to see writing done. Whatever happens next, you will have taken this first step for yourself, and that is worth being proud of.

I will be cheering for you.

With every good wish,

Nilambari

FOUNDER, THE CALISTA STUDIO

TEACHER APPLICATION · STEP 01

Style Verification Sheets

Your everyday best hand, on paper.

These sheets show us how you write. We use them to verify the styles you will teach, such as Print and Cursive. They are part of your application, whether you join the course to become Calista Certified or ask to be listed without the badge.

Before you begin

- 1 Print at 100% ("Actual size"), not "Fit to page", so the guide lines stay true to size.
- 2 Use a blue or black ballpoint or gel pen. No pencil.
- 3 Write in one sitting. No tracing, no rough drafts, no correction fluid. If you slip, cross it out once and carry on.
- 4 Fill in the strip at the top of every page.
- 5 Photograph each page flat, in daylight, from straight above, with all four corners in the frame.

Left-handed?

You are very welcome here. Turn the page slightly clockwise, keep your hand below the writing line, and hold the pen a little further from the tip so you can see what you write.

What we look at

Formation

Each letter starts in the right place and moves in the right direction.

Size

Tall letters, small letters and tails keep their proportions.

Spacing

Even gaps inside words and between them.

Slant

One steady angle, upright or gently forward.

Baseline

Letters sit on the line, even on plain paper.

Pressure

Smooth, even strokes that don't dig into the page.

Consistency

The tenth "a" looks like the first.

Which pages to fill

Page 2	Your details and the styles you teach	Everyone
Pages 3-4	Print: letters, numbers and a passage	Everyone
Page 5	Cursive: letters, joins and a joined sentence	If you teach cursive
Page 6	Devanagari: varnamala, matras and a sentence	If you teach Devanagari
Page 7	An exam-style answer	Everyone
Page 8	Declaration and a 30-second video	Everyone

Send every page, in order, with your video to Calista on WhatsApp: +91 94049 10203

We only use these sheets to review your application.

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PAGE 2 · YOUR DETAILS · EVERYONE

About you

Please write in capital letters on this page, except for your signature.

Full name

City and area

Pincode

WhatsApp number

Email (optional)

Languages you can teach in

Years of teaching experience, if any

Ages you would like to teach

Styles to verify

Tick every style you want to teach.

☐ **Print**
Required for everyone

☐ **Cursive**
Fill in page 5

☐ **Devanagari**
Fill in page 6

Your route

Tick one. You can change your mind later.

☐ **Course**
Become Calista Certified

☐ **Listing only**
Listed without the badge

☐ **Not sure yet**
We'll talk it through

Where you would teach

Tick all that apply.

☐ **My home**

☐ **Student's home**

☐ **Online**

Your signature

Sign the way you normally do. We compare it with your declaration on page 8.

FOR CALISTA ONLY

Received _____

Reviewer _____

Result _____

PAGE 3 · PRINT · EVERYONE

Lowercase letters and numbers

Copy each grey row on the empty guide beneath it, at your natural pace. Small letters sit between the middle line and the baseline; tall letters reach the top line; tails drop to the bottom line.

a b c d e f g

h i j k l m n

o p q r s t u

v w x y z

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

From memory Now cover the page above and write a to z once more, without looking.

Write in one sitting, no tracing. Every letter should look the way you would teach it.

PAGE 4 · PRINT · EVERYONE

Capital letters and a passage

Copy each grey row of capitals on the empty guide beneath it. Capitals reach the top line. Then copy the passage twice: once on ruled lines, once on plain paper.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The passage

Every neat page begins with a calm hand. Hold the pen lightly, rest your wrist and let each letter sit on the line. Good handwriting is not a gift; it is a habit anyone can learn.

ON RULED LINES

ON PLAIN PAPER, NO LINES

Write in one sitting, no tracing. Every letter should look the way you would teach it.

PAGE 5 · CURSIVE · IF YOU TEACH CURSIVE

Cursive letters and joins

Copy each grey row on the empty guide beneath it, in the cursive style you teach. Your letters don't need to match ours, only stay consistent. Join the pairs in the last row.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m

n o p q r s t u v w x y z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

an oo br ve wi th ing ss ff

Joined sentence Write the first sentence of the passage on page 4, fully joined.

PAGE 6 · DEVANAGARI · IF YOU TEACH DEVANAGARI

Devanagari letters and matras

Copy each grey row on the empty guide beneath it. Draw the headline (shirorekha) on the dark line; matras go above and below. Join the headline across each whole word.

अ आ इ ई उ ऊ ए ऐ ओ औ अं अः

क ख ग घ ङ च छ ज झ ञ ट

ठ ड ढ ण त थ द ध न प फ

ब भ म य र ल व श ष स ह

का कि की कु कू के कै को कौ क्ष त्र ज्ञ

A sentence

सुंदर लिखावट एक अच्छी आदत है, जिसे हर कोई सीख सकता है।

PAGE 7 · EXAM-STYLE ANSWER · EVERYONE

An answer, laid out for marks

Answer the question below as if you were showing a Class 8 student how a neat exam answer should look. Write at your normal exam pace.

QUESTION

Why does neat handwriting help in board exams? Give your reasons.

Include: a heading · a short paragraph · one underlined key term · a numbered list of three points

Use about 15 lines. Leave the rest blank.

Q.1

Your declaration

I wrote every page of these sheets myself, in one sitting, without tracing and without anyone's help. I understand that Calista may ask me to write a short passage live on a video call before I am listed or certified.

SIGNATURE

FULL NAME

DATE

Your 30-second video

This short clip shows us the sheets are in your own hand.

- 1 Put this page on a table and prop your phone up, or ask someone to hold it, so the page and your writing hand are both in view.
- 2 Start recording. Say your name and today's date out loud.
- 3 Write your name and today's date on the guide below, at your normal pace, without stopping the video.
- 4 Send the video on WhatsApp together with the photos of your pages.

WRITE ON CAMERA

Before you send

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Every page you chose is filled in | ☐ The strip at the top of every page is complete |
| ☐ This page is signed | ☐ The video is recorded |
| ☐ Photos are flat, sharp and in page order | ☐ Sent to +91 94049 10203 |

What happens next

We review your sheets against the criteria on page 1 and reply on WhatsApp with the styles we have verified and your next step: the course, your listing, or a short video call. If a page needs another try, we'll tell you exactly which one and why.