


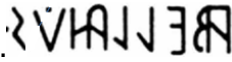

Question 31: Cippus Abellanus Answers

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A1. Indicate (with a tick or cross) for each word whether it does or does not appear in the portion of the inscription shown. **½ mark for each correct no mark for blank =8**

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A2. Give in both Oscan script and transliteration, the Oscan words for

- (a) neither/nor  2 **nep**1
- (b) inhabitants of Abella (one word) ...  ... 3 **abellanús** 1½
- (c) inhabitants of Nola (one word) ...  ... 3 **nuclanús** 1½

The writing in the inscription runs right-to-left, top-to-bottom, and words run across lines. The dots at mid-height indicate gaps between words.

Many letters are mirror-images of their Roman/English or Greek equivalents.

Vowels are sometimes joined to their following or preceding consonants. This explains the ei in feihúis.

A dot above the letter u indicates an accent.

2. (a) neither/nor - nep

(b) inhabitants of Abella – Abellanús (the letter l is easily “guessable” by analogy with the other mirror-reversed letters)

(c) inhabitants of Nola – Nuclanús (actually it is Nuvlanús, but again the “reversible” analogy would suggest a letter c). Source: <http://www.sanniti.info/smcippus.html>