

Problem 3 (20 points). Here are some words in Middle Persian written in the Book Pahlavi script:

A	B	C	D	E	F
DSM	G	H	I	J	L
DMYA	M	N	O	P	R
blb	S	T	U	V	X
hTeX	Y	Z	AA	BB	CC

Scholars employ two systems of rendering Middle Persian words using Roman characters. The system that reflects the Pahlavi spelling is called *scientific transliteration*. In turn, the system that represents the tentative pronunciation of the words is called *transcription*.

Some words could be spelt in multiple ways in the Pahlavi script. For example, the word *didan* ‘to see’ could be alternatively spelt as **blb** (scientific transliteration: **HZYTWN**-tn') or as **blb** (scientific transliteration: **dytn**).

- (a) Match each word above with its scientific transliteration and transcription. Note that the words written in the Pahlavi script may correspond to multiple Middle Persian words.

1. slwn'	<i>āsrōn</i>	<i>priest</i>	18. wh'l	<i>wahār</i>	<i>spring (season)</i>
2. syd'	<i>syā</i>	<i>black</i>	19. APLA	<i>xāk</i>	<i>earth, dust</i>
3. DMYA	<i>xōn</i>	<i>blood</i>	20. gwn'	<i>gōn</i>	<i>colour</i>
4. AHTE	<i>xwah</i>	<i>sister</i>	21. LCDr'	<i>tar</i>	<i>over, through, across</i>
5. blbwt'	<i>barbut</i>	<i>lyre</i>	22. mng	<i>mang</i>	<i>henbane (type of plant)</i>
6. gy'h	<i>giyāh</i>	<i>grass</i>	23. lwlk'	<i>rūrag</i>	<i>medicinal plant, herb</i>
7. ALBA	<i>čahār</i>	<i>four</i>	24. ZWZN'	<i>drahm</i>	<i>drachm (unit of weight)</i>
8. dwt'	<i>dūd</i>	<i>smoke</i>	25. dlmnk'	<i>dramanag</i>	<i>wormwood (type of plant)</i>
9. mwd	<i>mōy</i>	<i>hair</i>	26. NKSWN -tn'	<i>kuštan</i>	<i>to kill</i>
10. gdk'	<i>gēg</i>	<i>thief</i>	27. ^wzmbwlt'	<i>uzumburd</i>	<i>emerald</i>
11. hmyšk'	<i>hamēšag</i>	<i>always</i>	28. glmwk'	<i>garmōg</i>	<i>warm, hot</i>
12. LK	<i>tō</i>	<i>thou</i>	29. ^hlmn'	<i>Ahreman</i>	<i>the evil spirit</i>
13. gwklt'	<i>gōgird</i>	<i>sulphur</i>	30. ^yl^nstr'	<i>Ērān-šahr</i>	<i>land of the Aryans</i>
14. w^c'l	<i>wāzār</i>	<i>market</i>	31. ywdt^k'	<i>judāg</i>	<i>separate, different</i>
15. MLKTA	<i>bāmbišn</i>	<i>queen</i>	32. dhšk'	<i>daxšag</i>	<i>mark, sign; memory</i>
16. HZWLYA	<i>hūg</i>	<i>pig</i>	33. nh'l	<i>nihāl</i>	<i>sapling, young tree</i>
17. zwzk'	<i>zūzag</i>	<i>hedgehog</i>	34. lwcynek'	<i>lawzēnag</i>	<i>almond sweetmeat</i>

- (b) In Book Pahlavi, one Middle Persian word is usually written with a certain graphic peculiarity. Identify this word.

- (c) The following words are alternative spellings of some of the words above.

EE. **blb**

FF. **Dx**

GG. **rt**

HH. **DX**

II. **blb**

JJ. **blb**

Identify them and provide their scientific transliterations.