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Object name: Salamis Tablet

Vintage: c.19xx

Synopsis: Copy of the Salamis Tablet under glass in occasional table form.

Description:

This is a copy of the Salamis Tablet, commissioned by Prof.J.G.Byrne. It is mounted under the glass top of an occasional table. The Salamis Tablet was an early counting device in the form of a slab of white marble (about 150 x 75 x 4.5 cm in size), dating from about 300BC, that was discovered on the island of Salamis in 1846, and is now held at the National Museum of Epigraphy in Athens. It is thought to have been a Greek aid to calculation [1]. Pebbles (calculi) were placed at various locations and could be moved as calculations proceeded. It was a precursor to the Chinese counting device known as an Abacus [2].

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References:

1. Wikipedia, *Salamis Tablet*, see:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salamis_Tablet
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2. Wikipedia, *Abacus*, see:
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Figure 1: Salamis Tablet three-quarter view



Figure 2: Salamis Tablet side view

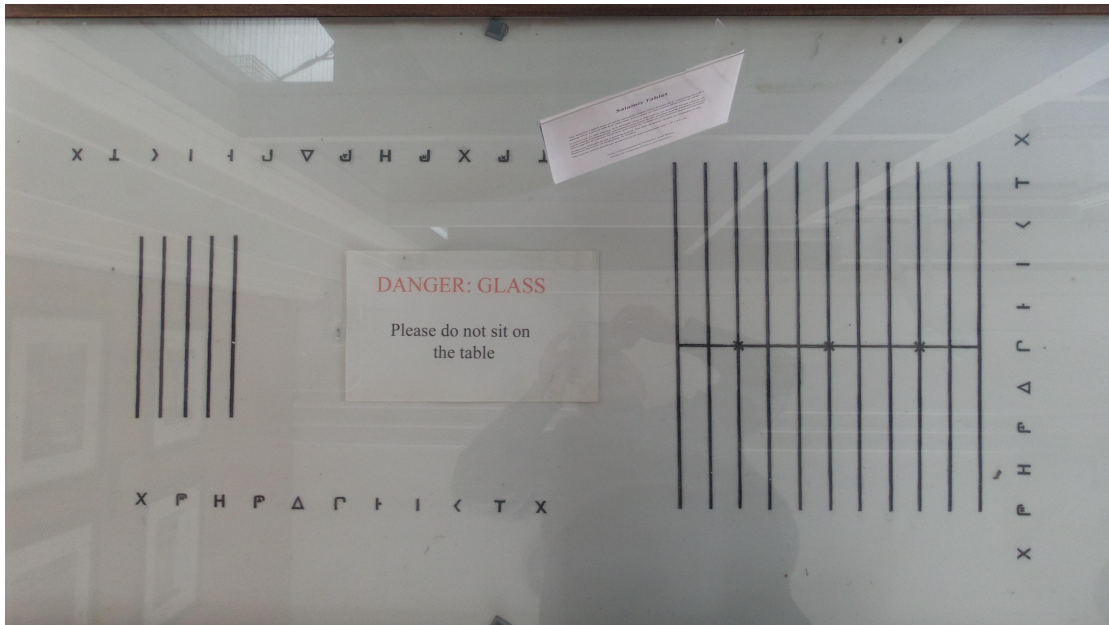


Figure 3: Salamis Tablet top view

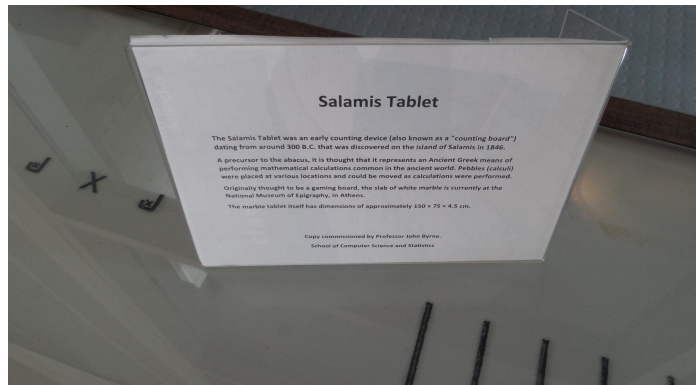


Figure 4: Salamis Tablet signage