



Federation of Australian Astrologers Inc

**2020 Relationships &  
Specialist Techniques Exam**

Friday 24th April 2020 – Friday 29th May 2020

**PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTION SHEET BEFORE PROCEEDING**

# INSTRUCTION SHEET

## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

### This Exam is made up of two parts

- **Section 1:** A compulsory 3,000-word essay on Relationship techniques including synastry and composite chart interpretation from a choice of two questions
- **Section 2:** Three essays of 1,500 words each answered from a choice of eight topics covering the diversity of specialist areas of astrological study.

### General Exam Guidelines

- Your CANDIDATE NUMBER must be placed on the top right corner of **each page**. Do not show your name on ANY of your papers, charts or computer printouts. If using Solar Fire Charts, ensure Solar Fire “Chart Page Compliments Text” does not contain your name or is turned off.
- Essays should be typed and double line spaced using a standard font with a 12pt font size. Pages should also be numbered.
- Each essay must comply with a maximum word limit **with a +/- 10%** tolerance. Not only are you assessed on your astrological knowledge, but consideration is also given to your ability to write a properly structured, succinct and academic work which may (with consent) later be published in the FAA Journal. The word limit applies to the essay’s Introduction, Body and Conclusion and this includes any footnotes or appendices. Any title page, charts, tables, bibliography and references are not included in the word limit.
- Excessive quotes from other authors in the body of the text may result in a deduction of marks. The examiners are interested in how you interpret the astrological data.
- Whilst the FAA Exam Board respects the evolutionary view of the birth chart [and nodal axis] that refers to past lives unless otherwise stated we believe it is not appropriate to bring this discussion into the answer of any exam. Not all our clients embrace this paradigm and it can become highly subjective; therefore, we ask you to focus on a counselling rather than evolutionary perspective.

### Orbs

- The minimum orbs required for natal analysis in both Section 1 & 2 (both applying and separating) throughout this exam are:
  - Conjunction, Opposition, Square, Trine - 8 degrees
  - Sextile - 6 degrees
  - Quincunx - 5 degrees.

*Note: It is acceptable [but not essential] to allow a wider orb of 10 degrees for a conjunction, opposition and square to the Sun and Moon.*

## General Exam Guidelines (Cont.)

- Inclusion of the transpersonal planets: Unless otherwise stated, all essays must be based on contemporary western style astrology using the outer modern planets of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Where relevant you must also demonstrate the use of counselling skills which support the client.
- You may use any form or chart style or 90-degree dial, but be aware that these questions have been developed using a Placidus house system. However, it is acceptable to use a different house system but it is advised that you compare your house system chart with the Placidus house system, when answering the question
- Please indicate the word length at the end of each essay (introduction, body and conclusion only).
- Be sure to state your astrological reasoning throughout your answers. Ensure you include all charts generated with your answers and that you have cast the correct chart from the data supplied.
- Each essay, including supporting documentation must be saved as a separate PDF document and emailed to the Exam Board Coordinator no later than the closing date shown on the front of this exam. You should also retain a copy of your answers.
- Once the examination commences and you then decide that due to personal circumstances you will not be completing the exam, please advise the Exam Board Coordinator ASAP.

## OTHER INFORMATION

This is an unsupervised examination. You may use a computer program to generate any or all of your data, however, please include details of your software in your bibliography. **All** sources of information used in your research must be included in your bibliography, including quotes. They should also be referenced within the text of your essay.

Plagiarism will result in failure of the exam, so all sources must be acknowledged.

Examiners will mark on the validity of your argument, not right or wrong answers.

You must also demonstrate the use of counselling skills which support the client. All statements made in your answers need to be supported with Astrological reasoning.

## RETURN ADDRESS FOR EXAM PAPERS

All examination papers are to be emailed to [exams@faainc.org.au](mailto:exams@faainc.org.au) no later than **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020**.

### Enquiries should be directed to:

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Exam Results will be posted or emailed within six weeks of the exam closing date. If you have not received your results within six weeks, please contact the Exam Board Coordinator.

## SECTION 1

### RELATIONSHIP ASTROLOGY

**Answers to Section 1 must include Synastry and Composite analysis.**

*Be sure to state your Astrological reasoning throughout your answer.*

**Answer only one (1) question in this section.**

#### **QUESTION ONE:**

**Sara:** *August 16, 1981, 2:53 am, Kogarah, NSW.*

ASC close to 22 Gemini

**Antonia:** *January 21, 1966, 11:53 pm, San Fernando, SPAIN.*

ASC close to 7 Libra

Sara and Antonio who live in Kiama, NSW have been married for five years and have a one-year-old daughter. Antonio has two children, now in their twenties, from his first marriage. The step-siblings get on well and are sometimes called upon to babysit. Sara had quite a turbulent childhood, with a dominant mother who often displayed bullying and erratic behaviour.

Antonio, whose parents immigrated to Australia when he was quite young, comes from a traditional family with strong customs and beliefs. They love each other deeply and generally get on very well, enjoying each other's company and sharing a passion for dance and music. Problems arise though when they are not on the same page. Small arguments, often over trivial events can suddenly become full-blown battles leaving both shattered. Then there is withdrawal, a lack of or criticising communication, with nothing accomplished or solved.

They are both desperate to find better ways of dealing with their conflicts not only for their relationship but also for the benefit of their daughter.

*Using the natal charts, Synastry and the Midpoint or Derived Ascendant Composite chart, what insights can you give this couple, as to their individual strengths and weaknesses, gained from the planetary themes in their charts? How does this knowledge help raise their understanding of the defence mechanisms in play and how may they avoid, adjust or help each other overcome these patterns and achieve a more rewarding future together?*

## SECTION 1 (Cont.)

### QUESTION TWO

*Annette: February 2, 1985, 11:30 am, Sydney, NSW.*

ASC close to 18 Aries

*Tammie: November 8, 2017, 6:16 pm, Sydney NSW.*

ASC close to 2 Taurus

Annette and her husband are looking forward to the birth of their second child in late May but Annette is concerned about her first daughter, Tammie's reaction to a sibling. Tammie has been indulged and become the centre of attention, not only from her parents but also from her paternal Grandparents, as she is the first girl child born on that side of the family.

She does not want her daughter to feel sidelined or jealous of her new sibling and wonders what insights Astrology can offer into how she can prepare Tammie before the birth and also how she can best support Tammie in her transition from only child to older sister.

*Using the Natal Charts, Bi-Wheels, Synastry Grid and either the Derived Ascendant or Midpoint Composite chart, how can you address Annette's concerns and prepare her for any potential challenges that may arise?*

*Note: Annette and Tammie live in Sydney, NSW.*

**END OF SECTION ONE**

## SECTION 2

### SPECIALIST TECHNIQUES

**Answer only THREE questions from the EIGHT questions supplied.**

- **Be sure to state your astrological reasoning throughout your answer.**
- **Include all charts generated with your answers.**
- Excessive quotes from other authors in the body of the text may result in a deduction of marks. The examiners are interested in how you interpret the astrological data.

#### 1. Cycles: The Pluto Saturn Cycle

On January 13, 2020, AEST the Saturn Pluto conjunction became exact, marking the beginning of a new Saturn Pluto Cycle and coinciding with the coronavirus pandemic.

Outline your understanding of the Saturn/Pluto Cycle and discuss the challenges and opportunities symbolized by the conjunction of these two planets occurring in the sign of Capricorn. Refer to past conjunctions to support your answer and refer to both the Saturn Pluto cycle in general as well as the last time this conjunction occurred in Capricorn.

*How has the coronavirus (COVID-19) become part of this scenario?*

#### 2. Astro History/Mundane: Uranus in Taurus

When a transpersonal planet changes sign it marks a significant change in the collective consciousness that is mirrored in the world around us.

*How do you believe the recent ingress of Uranus to Taurus has /will impact on both the collective psyche and world events? Refer to past times this has occurred to support your arguments.*

#### 3. Health:

***Natalie was born on July 15 1956, at 6.01 am in Yallourn, Victoria.***

ASC is close to 29 Gemini

Natalie's health has been failing for many years: she has had problems with substance abuse since her teens; genital herpes since her twenties and more recently finds herself struggling with diabetes and recurring bronchitis.

Astrology provides a wonderful tool to allow us to identify energy imbalances that can potentially manifest as health problems, suggesting the form that these imbalances may take as well as their psychological and emotional origins; from this perspective, every symptom is an attempt at a cure.

*Using the chart for Natalie, identify the astrological indicators of her current health issues as well as the potential for other forms of imbalance and illness she may face from a psychological and emotional perspective.*

## SECTION 2 (Cont.)

### 4. Asteroids:

*Annie was born on June 23, 1953, at 2.52 am in Melbourne.*

ASC is close to 1 Taurus

Ceres is the largest of the Asteroids in the belt between Jupiter and Mars and was upgraded to minor planet status by the International Astronomical Union in 2006, suggesting that She may be a powerful but under-utilized astrological symbol.

*How do you see Ceres' significance in the personal horoscope? Use the chart for Annie to illustrate your points. Refer to the sign, house and aspects that Ceres makes to answer this question,*

### 5. Electional:

*Rachel was born on 13 July 1972 at 1.50 pm in Sydney, NSW.*

ASC is close to 7 degrees Sagittarius.

She and her husband Simon have been married for 15 years and have three children. With working full time jobs and bringing up their children, they had become estranged over the years and now wish to rekindle their original bond. Knowing that you have been doing Astrology for many years, Rachel asks you to find the perfect day for them to celebrate a 'commitment ceremony' with a small group of friends and family, to renew their vows and love for each other.

*Using your Electional Astrology knowledge, find a weekend day you think would be most suitable during November or December 2020 or January 2021. Speculate on at least three dates and the timing for such an occasion. Explain your reasoning and the choices you are making to find the best day.*

### 6. Mythology:

*Female: 22 October 1955, 11.40 am, Newcastle NSW*

ASC close to 7 Aquarius

Astrologers often associate Neptune, including its artistry and spiritual dimension with the dreaminess of the sea and the collective unconscious. Its rulership over Pisces conjures up many images and myths. Myths are stories that provide a way of understanding the inner processes of establishing a deeper connection with a planetary archetype in a natal birth chart.

*What are the key myths/archetypes or symbols that surround Neptune in the female's chart above? How can you assist her in the search for a greater understanding of herself via the archetypal images of this illusionary god of the sea? Focus only on Neptune by sign, house, aspects and rulership.*

## SECTION 2 (Cont.)

### 7. Horary:

*Chart details: 26 December 2015, 2.58 pm, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.*

ASC is close to 16 Taurus.

In horary astrology it is not only the moment in time when a question is asked that is important, but also how a particular question is applied to the meanings of the 12 houses in the horoscope.

*As the consulting astrologer, to answer a client's question on 'where are my glasses or spectacles', what would your answer be? (See chart details above).*

The client and his partner were visiting family and on return to the partner's home, a couple of hours later, he discovered his glasses were missing.

*State your reasoning utilising the horary rules and strictures of judgement for finding mislaid, stolen or lost items.*

### 8. Relocation:

*Prince Harry: born 15th September 1984, 4.20 pm,*

*Paddington, United Kingdom,*

ASC is close to 11 Capricorn.

Prince Harry, is a member of the British royal family. He is the younger son of Charles, Prince of Wales, and Diana, Princess of Wales, and is sixth in the line of succession to the British throne. Harry with his wife Meghan Markle and son Archie, have recently relocated to Los Angeles, California.

Chart Relocation techniques imply that physical space relates to psychological space and certain physical locations on the earth may be more significant to us whether we visit them or not.

*How does this relocation to Los Angeles affect Harry on both a personal happiness and professional level?*

**END OF EXAM**