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**Advanced Techniques
Examination**

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INSTRUCTION SHEET

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**Each question is worth equal marks
and should not exceed a 1,500 word limit.**

- There are twelve questions in the Advanced Techniques Module Examination. You are required to answer **FIVE** questions of your choice from the **TWELVE** supplied.
- 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.
- Each answer should be clearly marked with the question number you are answering and each question should be stapled together as a separate unit. No loose papers please.
- Essays should be typed and double line spaced using a standard font with a 12pt font size.
- Each essay must comply with a maximum word limit of up to **1,500 words with a +/- 10% tolerance**. Not only are you assessed on your astrological knowledge, consideration is 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 1,500 word limit applies to the essay’s Introduction, Body and Conclusion, 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.
- You may use any form or chart style or 90 degree dial.
- 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.
- **TWO copies** of each of your answer papers must be returned to the Exam Board Director, otherwise marking of your papers will be delayed whilst the Board awaits a second copy to be sent. You should also retain a copy of your answers.

- Your answers must be returned to the Exam Board Director, postmarked **no later than Tuesday 21 June 2011**. We recommend using Express Post to minimise the risk of lost or delayed exam papers and to provide a tracking facility.
- 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 Director 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 returned to the below address postmarked **no later than Tuesday 21 June 2011**.

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1. RELOCATION:

Svendja, 4:20am, 5 June 1951, Zurich, Switzerland, Asc approx 8 Gemini
Sydney Asc approx 6 Libra

Svendja grew up in Switzerland and travelled the world before settling in Sydney, Australia in the late 1980's. Married with a grown up family Svendja is becoming increasingly concerned about the deteriorating health of her widowed mother, who after living with her for many years returned to Switzerland ten years ago.

Although Svendja has made regular annual visits and is in weekly contact, as an only child she is starting to feel 'duty bound' to return home to care for her mother. Her husband is willing to support her decision but they both know, should they choose to return, it will be their last move.

Although the planetary degrees do not alter in a relocated chart discuss what may change for Svendja should she decide to go back to the land of her birth.

2. MUNDANE ASTROLOGY

Australia:

1 January 1901, 1.35pm, Sydney.

Ascendant close to 29 Aries 26 minutes

Using the chart above, discuss the possible implications for Australia of the transiting Pluto / Uranus square that will take place over the next few years.

3. FINANCIAL ASTROLOGY

The GFC (Global Financial Crisis) in 2008-2009 is perhaps the most talked about economic event of the first decade of the 21st century. It resulted in the collapse of many important and prestigious financial institutions, interventions by national governments to bail out banks, and serious stock market downturns.

Using your knowledge of planetary cycles describe the primary astrological indicators that defined this financial crisis. Include in your discussion the astrological precursors to this event and their correlation with economic events.

4. HOUSE DIVISION SYSTEMS

Since ancient times, astronomer/astrologers have developed many different methods for dissecting the 360 degrees of zodiacal longitude, into the 12 House divisions of a horoscope.

Using your own chart (use a pseudonym please) create the three different horoscope options below. Briefly explain the mechanics for each, objectively commenting on the differences.

1. Placidus
2. Equal House
3. Whole Sign

5. ASTRO HISTORY

On April 5th 2011 Neptune entered Pisces for the first time since 1847. After 4 months at 0 deg he retrogrades back into Aquarius before his final ingress into Pisces on February 4th 2012.

Neptune is considered one of the “evolutionary lords”, energetically responsible for advancing our species into new phases of collective spiritual evolution. At this pivotal point in human evolution, discuss the history of Neptune in Pisces over the past 2,000 years to provide the context for the possible ramifications of his sojourn between 2012 and 2026.

6. ASTEROIDS

Germaine Greer 29th Jan 1939 6.00am Melbourne

In the early 1800s the largest of the Asteroids in the belt between Mars and Jupiter began to be 'discovered', unleashing a new group of mythic themes for insight and integration into the human condition.

The use of the primary asteroids Ceres, Juno, Vesta and Pallas Athena in contemporary horoscope delineation is now becoming very popular, as it provides added insight and often completes planetary aspect patterns in dynamic ways that enliven and deepen the mythic themes of the owner.

This then is your focus as you investigate and offer your own thoughts and insights to the horoscope of Germaine Greer.

7. ELECTIONAL:

Applying the principles and rules of Electional Astrology, find the best day and time for Rob and Margie to commence their marriage.

They wish to celebrate their wedding in the **month of September 2011** when spring is in the air in Healesville, Victoria. The couple's natal charts indicate that this is a propitious month for them both to start their life together. Show your research and reasoning for your decision, as to the best day for them in September, between the hours of 10.00 am - 4.00 pm on any Friday to Sunday.

8. ANCIENT STUDIES:

First Century .AD. writer Claudius Ptolemy states in his book Tetrabiblos :
"The Sun...contributes to the regulation of all earthly things: not only by the revolution of the seasons does he bring to perfection the embryo of animals, the buds of plants, the springs of waters, and the alteration of bodies, but by his daily progress also he operates other changes ... in heat, moisture, dryness and cold."

The early Greek philosophers divided the world into four Qualities. The various stages of Life - birth, growth, maturation, decay and death - were linked by the four Qualities of Hot, Cold, Wet and Dry. Choose a thread (ie the seasons, humours, elements, signs, or the planets) through which to discuss the Four Qualities and their impact on astrological practices.

9. HEALTH

Mandy : 28 June 1979, 8.30 pm, Brisbane, Queensland
Her Ascendant is close to 22 Aquarius

Dr Eugen Jonas, a Czechoslovakian psychiatrist researched an ancient Babylonian manuscript which stated that 'a woman is fertile according to the Moon'. He went on to develop a procedure for women to follow to fall pregnant which has a 70-80% chance of success.

A woman, Mandy, in her early thirties has come to see you because she would like you to look at her astrological fertility cycle with regard to falling pregnant within the next 6 months. She is newly married and would like to have two children within a couple of years of each other. She would like to have a boy first. She wants to know the astrological indicators in her birth chart that correspond with her health and wellbeing in preparation for her first pregnancy. Include in your astrological health assessment, therapeutic and nutritional options that can assist her in preparing for the pre-conception phase as well as the best lunar times for conceiving a boy.

10. HARMONICS

Charles Manson: 12 November 1934 4:40pm
Cincinnati, Ohio 39N10 84W27
Asc:: approximately 5 Taurus

Seven has traditionally been seen as a magical and mysterious number, with the seventh harmonic in general representing the dynamic force of man's inspiration.

However, the seventh harmonic can also contain tremendous potential for negative as well as positive influence.

Charles Manson, the convicted serial killer who in the 1960's founded a hippie cult group known as "the Family" is an icon of evil.

How does the seventh harmonic chart give indicators of Manson's ability to inspire and impose his own unreal philosophies upon others to achieve his goals, that cannot be found in the natal chart alone?

11. ASTRO HISTORY

It is felt by many astrologers that the greatest revolution in the consciousness of human history began in 2010 with the planet Uranus' ingress into the sign of Aries. Travel back in history to 'the way the world was' when Uranus sojourned Aries eighty-four years ago! Research historically and comment upon the major events and changes that occurred in the world at large at that time (1927 - 1935).

With Uranus often being called the 'great awakener' or 'enlightener', hypothesise what changes may occur both globally and personally during this next eight year period (2010 - 2018). Will we have a repetition of similar historical events or has the world evolved in consciousness to a degree that we can avoid some of the possible catastrophes'?

12. ECLIPSES

Prince William
21 June 1982, 9.03pm, London, UK.
Ascendant close to 27 Sagittarius

Briefly discuss the principles of solar and lunar eclipses and how they can impact on a natal chart. How may the four solar eclipses of 2011 impact on the life of Prince William over the next few years?

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