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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.
- **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 the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009**. 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 in the exam so all sources must be acknowledged. Examiners will be marking 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.

You may use any form or chart style or 90 degree dial.

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.

Essays should be typed and double line spaced using a standard font with a 12pt font size.

Be sure to state your astrological reasoning throughout your answers. Ensure you include all charts generated with your answers and ensure you have cast the correct chart from the data supplied.

Please indicate the word length at the end of each essay (introduction, body and conclusion only).

#### **RETURN ADDRESS FOR EXAM PAPERS**

All examination papers are to be returned to the below address postmarked **no later than Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009.**

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## Advanced Techniques Exam 2009

**Answer only FIVE questions from the twelve questions supplied.**

- **Be sure to state your astrological reasoning throughout your answer.**
- **Include all charts generated with your answers.**

### 1. MEDIA

You have been invited to write a special feature for a well known lifestyle magazine focusing on the major points of growth and challenge for each Zodiac Sign during 2010.

Focusing on the placement of Jupiter in Pisces, the on-going Saturn/Uranus opposition and the Square between Saturn and Pluto, write 125 words for each sign.

Include worksheets and/or charts.

### 2. HORARY:

As you ponder the future of our planet, your thoughts wander to Barack Obama, the President of the USA, who is said to be the 'new hope of the free world'. The question comes to mind : "IS BARACK OBAMA THE ANSWER TO THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS?" You decide to do a horary chart for the date, time and place that this question came into your mind :

*Chart Details:*

19th April 2009, 6.42 pm, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

House System: Regiomontanus

Asc: 23/24 Scorpio

As this is a speculative philosophical question, you will be assessed mainly on your technical skills in applying the basic horary rules/strictures against judgement and how to derive one house from another.

### 3. RELOCATION

Jane immigrated to Sydney Australia when she was in her 20's and still resides there.

After all these years her husband is suggesting they move back 'home'. Jane is very unsure for after a number of job changes she has now built up a successful counselling practice, and besides her children are here. Given that she is not far off retirement or semi retirement age which location and therefore environment would best suit and support her needs through this time of life?

When comparing the two charts what are the major differences, and how has this influenced your decision?

*Chart Details:*

29 April 1951, 6:45am BST Manchester, England (Ascendant close to 3 degrees Gemini)

Relocated chart: Sydney, Australia. (Ascendant close to 6 degrees Libra)

### 4. PLANETARY CYCLES

When we examine a person's lifetime from an astrological perspective we can identify primary planetary cycles that underpin the psychological development and expression through the stages of life from birth to adulthood and into eldership.

Using major aspects of Jupiter, Saturn, Chiron, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto in their cycles to themselves and each other, create a timeline of their cycles and intersections, and what we may ideally expect to happen at each significant point in your timeline.

Note: Aspects may include conjunction, square, trine and opposition.

### 5. MUNDANE ASTROLOGY

Due to the precession of the equinoxes it is speculated that humanity has either entered or is about to enter the Age of Aquarius.

1. Critically evaluate and provide astrological evidence to back up your own theory regarding this hypothesis.
2. Postulate the effects of the Age of Aquarius on human development and evolution.

## 6. ASTEROIDS:

The Black Moon Lilith, or lunar apogee, symbolises the energy of the Great Goddess who went into exile in the Age of Aries. It has been said that the Black Moon Lilith provides a transpersonal counterpoint to the lunar principle and reveals the power available when the demonised aspects of the feminine principle are brought out of the shadow and into consciousness.

Comment on how the inclusion of Black Moon Lilith can enhance our understanding of the birth chart with reference to the statements above and the chart below.

### *Chart Details:*

Louise, November 30 1959, 6:05am London, U.K  
(Asc close to 19 Scorpio)

## 7. FIXED STARS

Potentially Algol can be one of the most powerful stars in the heavens yet to the ancients it was also the most malefic.

Discuss how the perception of this planet has changed and how you see its influence in the life of Prince William to date. Prince William has Algol conjunct both Chiron and Venus.

### *Chart Details:*

Prince William, 21 June 1982, 9:03 pm London England  
(Ascendant between 27 and 28 Sagittarius)

## 8. ANCIENT ASTROLOGY :

Using the following chart, discuss how any planet in rulership or exaltation fulfils its' promise and how any planets in Detriment or Fall affect the houses they rule?

Comment on how the incorporation of Essential Dignities and Debilities adds to our modern psychological astrology.

### *Chart Details:*

Meryl Streep, 22 June 1949, 8:05 AM, Summit, New Jersey, USA  
(Ascendant close to 3° Leo)

## 9. ASTRO ECONOMICS

We are currently in a major recession/ depression unlike any experienced since the “crash” following Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1929. Applying planetary transits during the last 12 months and broadly over the next four years, to these 2 charts...

Dow Jones Industrial Average (US market)  
16<sup>th</sup> February 1885, 10:00am New York ASC 15 Taurus

All Ordinaries ASX Index (Australian market)  
2<sup>nd</sup> January 1980, 10:00am Sydney ASC 2 Pisces

...do you consider that we have reached the “bottom” and are now beginning to experience the start of a recovery?

## 10. ELECTIONAL:

Grace contacts you on the 27th March 2009 to find the best time for her to sell a property that she owns.

The property is a vacant piece of ground in a prime position in Melbourne’s inner city. Grace says: “It is a matter of urgency and I need to sell it within the next 6 months. I would like it to be a stress-free and profitable process”!

Using the principles and rules of Electional Astrology, find the most propitious time for her to commence this undertaking.

### *Chart details*

Grace: 2nd November 1945, 6.00 AM, Melbourne, Australia  
ASC close to 23 Scorpio

## 11. HEALTH

Illness or dis-ease can be seen as a message from the soul. From this perspective every symptom is an attempt at a cure. It has been said that Astrology has the ability to interpret these symptoms and reveal the messages of the soul.

Use the chart below to explore the potentials for physical illness and the underlying messages that the soul may seek to bring to consciousness/awareness through an illness (i.e. from a psychological-emotional orientation).

*Chart Details:*

Claire, 13 Feb 1956, 5:02am, Melbourne, Australia  
(ASC close to 13 Aquarius)

Claire developed cancer at her Chiron Return and is now in remission. She hopes to gain more understanding of the reasons for her illness to help prevent another major health crisis in the future.

## 12. MUNDANE ASTROLOGY

As Saturn ingresses into Libra in late October 2009 he begins a series of square aspects to Pluto, already resident in Capricorn. Uranus then ingresses into Aries late May, 2010 accompanied by Jupiter also entering Aries. Saturn, Uranus and Pluto form a series of squares and T Squares to each other from 2010 until 2014. This is the same combination of planets in Cardinal signs as were at work during the early 1930s, except Pluto was in Cancer and Saturn was in Capricorn.

Discuss the correlations of this “Cardinal Climax” between the early 1930s and the early 2010s. What historical data from the early 1930s do you consider is relevant to the current societal developments we are starting to pass through. What makes this next 4 years more unique than the previous period 70 years ago?

# END OF EXAM