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**Specialist Techniques &  
Relationship Examination**

**19 MAY - 16 JUNE, 2014**

# INSTRUCTION SHEET

## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

This exam is made up of two parts

- **Section 1:** A compulsory pass 3,000 word essay on Relationship techniques including synastry and composite chart interpretation from a choice of two questions and,
- **Section 2:** Three essays of 1,500 words each answered from a choice of eight topics questions 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.
- 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 **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 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 Monday 16 June 2014**. 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 Monday 16 June 2014**.

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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 Director.**

## Specialist Techniques & Relationships Exam 2014

### 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.**

#### 1. QUESTION 1

<b>David</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> June 1952 + 4.00	7.00am 38N17	Leonardtwn Maryland USA ASC close to 1deg Cancer
<b>Michelle</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1952 -10.00	6.20am 36.S05	Albury NSW Australia ASC close to 11 deg Scorpio

David and Michelle have been married for 25 years and have worked together during their marriage to build a successful business, whilst living between their two countries of birth.

David is the 'strong silent type' who has pioneered his business profile and is very well connected and **respected** in business circles. He has been invited to move into politics which would require a major commitment from both he and Michelle over the coming years. Michelle has a history of ill health and spent many years recovering from a major car accident. Despite this she has shared 'the limelight' with David in their business world, but recently she has been enjoying time developing her love of art.

They have come to see you seeking insight into their future together and how each of them may grow as individuals whilst also staying together. They are also **conscious of the fact** that there are long term emotional issues in their relationship that require awareness and healing.

*Using synastry and their composite midpoint chart how would you support their evolution so they may both get their needs met? How would you enlighten them regarding their 'emotional patterns' that are interfering with deeper intimacy? Major transits may be used if they are relevant and enhance your observations.*

## 2. QUESTION 2

**Serena - Mother**    27<sup>th</sup> Oct 1979    4.20am    Nowra NSW Australia  
34S53    150E36    ASC Close to 16 deg Libra

**Blossom - Baby**    24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012    1.04am    Nowra NSW Australia  
34S53    150E36    ASC Close to 2 deg Cancer

Serena is quite distressed when she contacts you, seeking support to understand her experience since giving birth to her second child 'Blossom'. She shares that she feels inadequate in her ability to keep breastfeeding as her milk is not satisfying baby, and this is compounded by a 'terrible sense that I may not know how to love her properly' and be a 'bad mother'. Her own mother is 'helpful but controlling' in her efforts to help Serena during this very vulnerable period.

*Using Synastry and their composite midpoint chart, and working with the premise that the Moon in the horoscope contains information concerning the female DNA line, how would you help Serena understand the unconscious dynamics at work in her experience?*

*How could you support her in calming her fears and creating a positive healing outcome from her current experience?*

*Major transits may be used if they are relevant and enhance your observations.*

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## SECTION 2

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.**
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### 1. ASTRO HISTORY / CYCLES

The Cardinal Grand Cross of April 2014 marks a crisis point in the current waxing square from Uranus to Pluto. Four planets are involved in this dynamic pattern: Uranus in Aries, Jupiter in Cancer, Mars in Libra and Pluto in Cancer. Much of what has been written about this pattern is fear based and unhelpful for individuals who are seeking to become more mindful and conscious.

*How can you deconstruct the complex symbolism of this dynamic aspect pattern in order to gain deeper understanding of the challenges that it presents humanity with, personally and collectively? How could this energy be channelled constructively?*

### 2. FIXED STARS .

Regulus, known as the Watcher of the North, is one of the Royal Stars of Persia and has been linked to prominence and power. Since around 157 BCE Regulus has been in the tropical sign of Leo but after 2160 years has now moved into Virgo.

*What is the significance of this shift and what are the implications that make this especially important for our era? Do you see any themes becoming increasingly prominent?*

### 3. HEALTH

Chart Data: 5.30 pm 15 November 1966 London England  
Ascendant is close to 20 degrees Gemini

The natal birth chart can indicate a predilection to certain health disorders or ailments, or at least pinpoint the area of physical dysfunction and the associated psychological problems.

Sandra experiences regular feelings of exhaustion and has been medically diagnosed with an under-active thyroid disorder. She feels that there are deeper underlying factors pertaining to her ill health because the prescribed medication seems to have exacerbated her condition even though the dosage has been adjusted on several occasions.

*Discuss potential health issues from a psychological and emotional perspective. Address both the astrological indicators of the current symptoms as well as the potential for other forms of imbalance and illness.*

### 4. RELOCATION

Lana: 11 February, 1985, 12:55am, London, England: Asc close to 15 degrees Scorpio  
Relocated Melbourne, Australia: Asc close to 24 Aries  
Relocated Nashville, Tennessee: Asc close to 12 Virgo

Lana moved with her family when she was only a small child and resides in Melbourne, Victoria. Over the past number of years she has made a name for herself on a national level as a singer/song writer, performing at concerts (both solo and as backup), on television and has had her music released as a digital download.

Lana has been given the opportunity to go to Nashville, Tennessee the home or capital of country music but is unsure of her prospects there. Over the past 8 months or so she has experienced a hugely creative period and has focused on putting together an album of totally new material that has everyone very excited.

The time period for Nashville and the deadline for the completion of the album overlap leaving Lana with a difficult decision.

*Using the natal chart compare the relocation charts of both Melbourne and Nashville and discuss which location would best suit Lana professionally at this point in her life. Discuss the differences and why you have made the choice you have.*

## 5. HORARY

Date: 2 April 2014

Time: 9.23 am (when question was asked)

Astrologer's location : Brisbane, Queensland

Asc close to 26 degrees Taurus

**Question :** "Will this friendship evolve into a romantic partnership in the future?"

A client in her early 60's has contacted you to find out whether there is any future in a partnership with a man she has met over the internet. The man from the USA has recently been visiting her in Australia. He is due to go back to the USA shortly. Your client tells you the friendship feels like it has a strong spiritual connection with something special to accomplish together.

*Calculate a horary chart and answer the client's question using the following data. Include in your answer the horary rules/strictures of judgement pertaining to this type of question.*

## 6. ASTEROIDS

Female: 6 Sep 1966 at 11.30am in Melbourne

ASC close to 22 Sag

Vesta is the second largest body in the asteroid belt, suggesting that she may be an important addition to the astrological pantheon. In mythology she is known as the Goddess of the Hearth and Temple as well as Keeper of the Sacred Flame.

Vesta was honoured in the ancient world through the fire that burned at the centre of any temple and home, evoking themes around focus, commitment and dedication. When Her archetype re-emerged into consciousness in 1973 with the publication of the first Asteroid Ephemeris by Eleanor Bach, there were synchronous shifts in the collective regarding spirituality and the role of priestess.

*Outline the impact that Vesta's reappearance has had on the collective consciousness regarding [women's] spirituality and discuss Her significance in the personal horoscope. Use the chart details given to illustrate your points.*

## 7. ECLIPSES

Female: 21 April 1964, 6.40am, Melbourne      ASC close to 28 Aries

Eclipses can be potent indicators of change when they fall on significant points in the horoscope. Traditional astrology saw eclipses as malefic but modern, psychological astrology offers a different, more empowering perspective.

Explain your understanding of what happens at both solar and lunar eclipses, astronomically as well as astrologically. Outline how eclipses may be used consciously and constructively.

*Use the four eclipses for 2014 and the chart details above to illustrate your points.*

## 8. MYTHOLOGY

Female: 22 October 1955, 12.05 pm, Sydney NSW Australia.  
ASC: close to 12 degrees Aquarius

Myths are stories that provide a way of understanding the inner processes of establishing a deeper connection with a planetary archetype in the horoscope.

Historically, people through the ages have responded to myths and stories that resonate with their inner nature and personality. Astrology utilises myths to unravel the meaning of the archetypal imprint of the horoscope. In this way mythological stories are portrayed which when identified, can bring about healing on the soul level.

*Using the chart details above, what myths, archetypes and symbols can you share with this female in her search for a greater understanding of her life's purpose and destiny?*

# END OF EXAM