



Federation of Australian Astrologers Inc

## **2020 Interpretation Exam**

Friday 14th Feb 2020 – Friday 20th March 2020

**PLEASE READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING**

## 2020 Interpretation Exam

### Section One

- There are **FIVE** questions on delineation techniques presented in this section. You are required to answer a total of **THREE** questions:
- The focus is on the knowledge of the interpretative components within a chart.
- Three answers of 1,000 words ea (+/- 10%) based on one chart.
- Each question is worth equal marks and should not exceed a 1,000 (+/- 10%) word limit.
- Contributes to 40% of the overall mark

### Section Two

- There are **THREE** questions presented in this section. You are required to answer a total of **TWO** questions:
- The focus is on the synthesis of the chart as a whole, clarity of expression and the ability to answer the consultation style essay question constructively.
- Each question is worth equal marks and should not exceed a 2,500 (+/- 10%) word limit.
- Contributes to 60% of the overall mark

### 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.***

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- 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 have the question stated at the beginning of the essay.
- The word length should be stated at the end of each essay (introduction, body, conclusion, footnotes, references and appendices).
- One (1) digital copy of each essay must be emailed to the Exam Board Coordinator **no later than Friday 20th March, 2020**.
- Each essay must be presented as a complete unit and must include all the supporting material. PDF format is preferable.

## 2020 Interpretation Exam (Cont.)

- Each essay must be saved in the following format: Candidate number–section number–question number. For example: *216101-section1-question2.doc*
- 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

All essays must be based on contemporary western style astrology using the outer modern planets of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. You must also demonstrate the use of counseling skills which support the client. All statements made in your answers need to be supported with Astrological reasoning. You will be assessed on your astrological knowledge with consideration given to your ability to write a properly structured, succinct written essay which may (with consent) later be published in the FAA Journal.

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.”

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 quotations. 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.

Each answer must comply with the stated maximum word limit with a +/- 10% tolerance. In Section TWO the 2,500 word limit applies to the essay’s Introduction, Body and Conclusion, this includes any footnotes, references or appendices. Any title page, charts, tables and bibliography are not included in the word limit.

Essays should be typed and double line spaced using a font such as Times New Roman, Arial or Trebuchet.

Ensure you include all charts generated with your answers and **ensure you have cast the correct chart from the data supplied.**

### RETURN EMAIL 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 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.**

### Enquiries should be directed to:

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**Exam Results:** will be 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.

## 2020 Interpretation Exam SECTION ONE

1,000 words for each question (+/- 10%)

This section is designed to examine delineation techniques and your knowledge of interpretation components, a full natal delineation is not required.

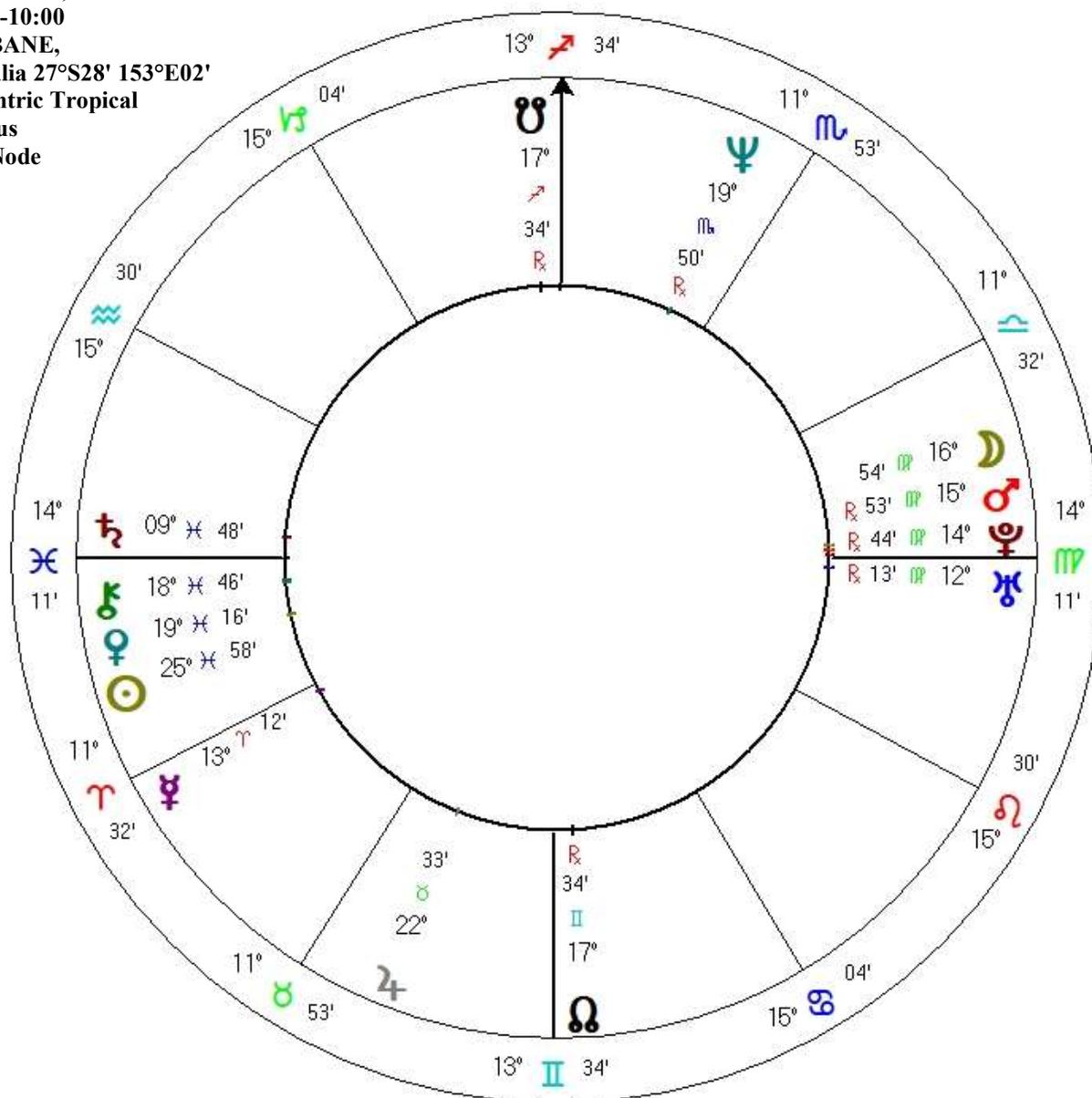
**Answer only THREE (3) questions in this section.**

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

Use the specified orbs.

Section 1 questions relate to the following chart.

**Female**  
**Natal Chart 1**  
 17 Mar 1965, Wed 5:00 am  
 AEST -10:00  
 BRISBANE,  
 Australia 27°S28' 153°E02'  
 Geocentric Tropical  
 Placidus  
 True Node



## **2020 Interpretation Exam SECTION ONE**

### **Question 1**

What are the possible relationship issues this woman may experience with Venus opposite Pluto. (Delineate Aspect, Signs, Houses and Rulerships only).

### **Question 2**

What does the Moon conjunct Uranus and Pluto suggest, about how this woman's childhood and early relationship with mother, may have influenced her emotional development as an adult? (Include Sign, House, stated Aspects only and Rulership).

### **Question 3**

The majority of planets are expressing themselves through the Pisces-Virgo polarity across the 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Houses. How do you feel this polarity of Self versus Others is playing out in this female's life?

### **Question 4**

Discuss the Sun conjunct Chiron in the 1<sup>st</sup> House and its influence on this female's core sense of identity. (Include Sign, House, Aspect only & Rulerships).

### **Question 5**

Utilising the Nodal axis across the 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> houses, discuss the challenges this woman may experience in pursuit of her soul purpose and destiny. (Include Dispositorships, Signs, Houses and Rulerships).

**END OF SECTION ONE**

## 2020 Interpretation Exam SECTION TWO

2,500 words for each section (+/- 10%)

**Answer only TWO (2) questions in this section.**

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

The focus is on the synthesis of the chart as a whole, clarity of expression and the ability to answer the psychological/consultation style essay question constructively.

### **Question 1**

**Meg: 24 December 1973, 8.00 pm, Gympie Australia  
Ascendant close to 21 Cancer.**

Meg has come to see you because she has had challenges in forming long-term relationships in the past. Her history is that she has had three marriages - one which lasted for just a few years when she was in her early twenties; the second marriage in her early 30's lasted for a couple of years and then her last marriage at age 40, ended when her husband left her for a younger woman. She has been engaging in the online-dating scene for a while now and although she is sexually active, finds it hard to form any long-lasting intimate bonds. She also advises that she feels a lot of guilt for not providing her estranged parents with a grandchild and wonders if it is too late to conceive or adopt a child. She feels life is passing her by with not much fun or joy anymore.

*Discuss the astrological indications of her perceptions, and how she may turn these indications around, so that she can use these energies more positively in her life. Using your skills as a consultant Astrologer, how can you empower Meg to move forward with renewed optimism?*

### **Question 2:**

**Phillip: 23 October 1957, 6.10 pm, Melbourne Victoria  
Ascendant close to 24 Aries**

Phillip has booked an appointment and has two reasons for coming to see you. Firstly, he has been in an unsatisfying administration job for many years. He is not ready to retire and would like to change career paths to do something fulfilling and more satisfying. However, he is uncertain what else he is really suited to do or whether he is too old to find a new job.

Secondly, he tells you that he is in a relationship with a domineering woman, whose ill health interferes with him doing his job properly. He is finding it challenging to finish the relationship because he feels responsible for his partner's wellbeing.

*How can you assist Phillip with regards to finding a suitable new career path and what core natal patterns can you share with him, that will help him understand the part he is playing in his relationship dilemma?*

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### Question 3:

**Brian: 30 May 2010, 9.05 pm., Toowoomba, Australia.  
Ascendant close to 4 Aquarius**

Brian's mother, Sally, is seeking guidance to encourage her son to reach his full potential. Although Sally is a single working Mum, doing the best she can, she worries that she may project her own inadequacies on to her son, which could be affecting his ability to fit into his peer group activities at school. Brian's father is absent in his life and Sally is aware that she is overprotective of her son. She refers to herself as a 'helicopter' Mum.

*Share information about Brian's natural talents and discuss the areas of life in which he may need more assistance and encouragement. What does Brian need to feel emotionally secure and how best can Sally support her son, without resorting to overprotective behaviour?*

**End of Section Two**

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