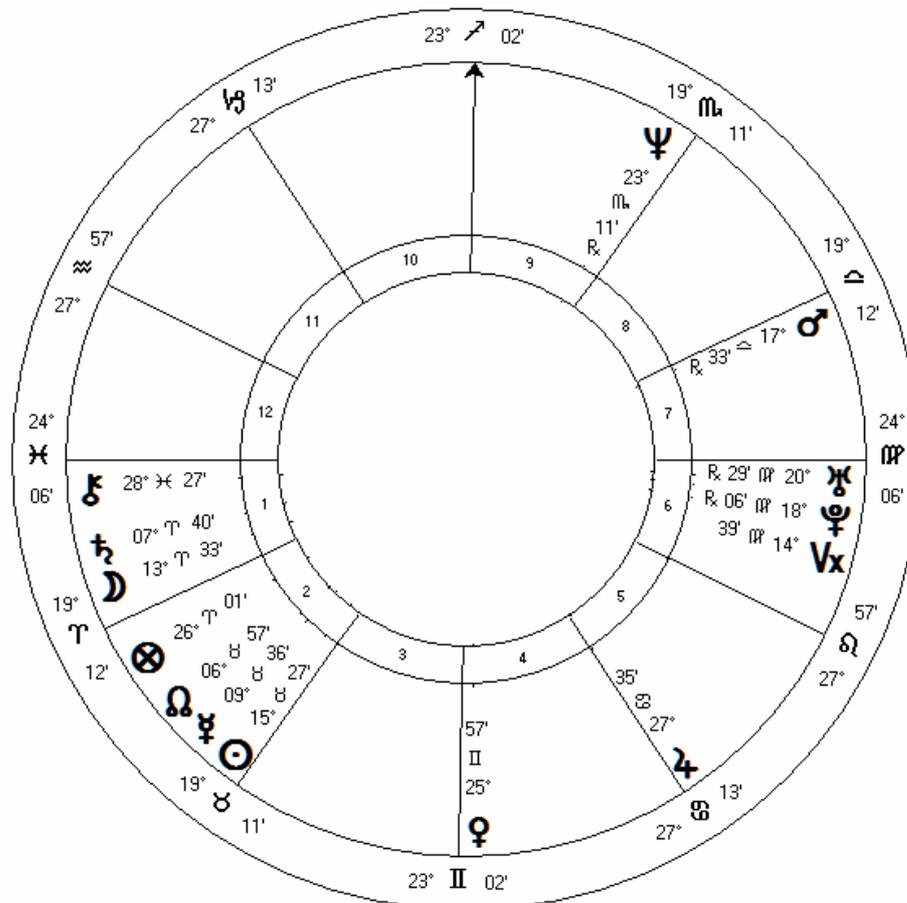


The following example essay was written by Blanka Popovsky of QLD for the 2015 FAA Interpretation Exam. Whilst it must be remembered that there are many different styles of academic writing and astrological analysis, this essay can be used as a guide by potential candidates to gain a basic understanding of what FAA Examiners are looking for in essays.

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## 2015 Interpretation Exam

**Male**  
**Natal Chart**  
 7 May 1967, Sun  
 2:45 am -10:00  
 Hobart, Australia  
 42°S53' 147°E19'  
*Geocentric*  
*Tropical*  
*Placidus*  
*True Node*  
 Rating: A



### Section 1 - Question 3

*From a psychological point of view, the North Node of the Moon indicates where and how an individual needs to strive to perfect knowledge, ideals and experience. The South Node of the Moon indicates our tendencies/attributes that can come easily to us; as well as the past, old attitudes and patterns of behaviours that need to be let go of. Discuss this statement as it relates to the nodal axis (sign and house only) in the above chart.*

The client's North Node is in Taurus and in the second house that it naturally rules. This indicates a lifetime where one must strive to enhance their personal self-worth, create their own financial and emotional stability and to be able to carve out their own life with their own values. The client's South Node is in Scorpio and in the 8<sup>th</sup> house which it naturally rules so the client must be aware of the tendency to rely on others for validation, power plays and abuse of power as well as the need to merge with others to feel whole. (Appendix 1)

Whether it has been in previous incarnations or from childhood patterns (acknowledgement to different belief systems) the client has not learnt to act in a way that allows him to maintain his identity and his own value system. Each of his actions is dependent on approval or his perceived notions of what another person wants.<sup>1</sup> However, as he must move away from his South Node in Scorpio, as he cannot continue to succeed in getting what he wants by merging with others. If one continues to stay in the South Node the shadow aspects of Scorpio will become prevalent in his life. These include manipulative and controlling behaviours. "To the world they like to portray themselves as the subservient partner, but they are very much in control and not above blackmail and manipulation to keep it that way".<sup>2</sup>

Throughout his early life he learnt to give into others want in order to get his needs met, whether they are financial, emotional or to gain social standing. This behaviour has stopped him developing his own value system and caused him to become too reliant on others. In relationships he gives too much, too early in order to feel a merge with his partner. By doing so he runs the risks of losing his own resources or not developing the ability to create his own resources, thus putting himself in vulnerable positions. For example paying his partners bills and debts before he pays his own or he becomes too reliant on his partner to pay his bills that he will compromise himself to ensure the relationship continues. The fixed nature of Scorpio means he may hold onto relationships beyond their expiry date. Or he may develop unhealthy habits and/or addictions which he does not understand are hurting him as he has no moral compass of his own.

The Scorpio influence means that the client has a natural understanding of the psyche and is drawn to all things below the surface. He may have had an interest in psychology or psychoanalytical studies. However, since he cannot maintain clear boundaries it may be better for him to work in a field where his role is clearly defined and he does not run the risk of clientele transference. This energy has also heightened his intuitive skills even without him realising. He just feels drained when he spends time with negative people, which is why it is important for him to have clear boundaries and value systems.

Taurus energy is earth and fixed, so he needs to make plans and slowly execute each step properly before starting the next step. Slow and steady really does win the race in this instance. He needs to see tangible and concrete results from each of his endeavours. The second house is about assets, so through hard work and planning he can be financially successful, creating a strong foundation for himself. Deborah Holding states that "traditionally the second house representative of our own substance and profit whilst the

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<sup>1</sup> P68 Astrology for the Soul; Jan Spiller. 2008 Bantam Books

<sup>2</sup> P166 The Complete Book of Astrology, Caitlin Johnstone.2003 Hinkler Books

8<sup>th</sup> indicates an area of decline”.<sup>3</sup> Thus, he must be responsible for his “own substance” and create his own financial stability through his own work and assets.

The Taurus energy of his North Node encourages him to find his own voice and to implement personal boundaries. By learning to be self-reliant he will become freer to explore what is important to him, as well as developing his own code of ethics. He must begin to create his own value system and learn to hear his own needs. He can no longer validate his existence through meeting the needs of others. Even if others are grateful for his assistance, no-one can continually meet the needs of another. This can lead to resentment. Jan Spiller states that people with their North Node in Taurus “feel afraid and angry because they’re giving but they’re not getting back what they need”.<sup>4</sup>

Scorpio energy is contained in the psyche, while Taurus is earthy and sensual. It is time for him to get out his head and to enjoy his five senses. As Taurus is an earth sign, time spent in nature will help ground his energy so he can feel alive in the present moment. He can also begin to explore the more sensual (♃) side of his nature, rather than just the physical side of sex, or using sex for manipulative purposes. (♉)

It is important that he becomes financial stable and dependent through his own means. This way he won’t feel such an internal pressure to feel a complete merge with a partner that he combines resources and takes on their value system. He needs to feel confident within himself and allow his own power to shine through.

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