



Federation of Australian Astrologers Inc

2016 Relationships & Specialist Techniques Exam

Mon 30 May 2016 – Mon 4 July 2016

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This exam is made up of two parts

- **Section 1:** A compulsory 3,000 word essay on Relationship techniques including synastry and composite chart interpretation from a choice of two questions
- **Section 2:** Three essays of 1,500 words each answered from a choice of eight topics 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.
- 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 and 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.
- Each essay, including supporting documentation must be saved as a separate PDF document and emailed to the Exam Board Director no later than the closing date shown on the front of this exam. You should also retain a copy of your answers.
- 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 you 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 emailed to exams@faainc.org.au no later than **Monday 4 July 2016**.

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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.

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.

QUESTION ONE:

Sally : 11 Nov 1964, 7.11am, Gold Coast Qld Australia

ASC close to 25 Sagittarius

Rick : 13 July 1942, 11.41am, Sydney NSW Australia

ASC close to 25 Libra

Sally and Rick, who reside in Sydney, were married in 2010 after being close friends for 8 years. They believe that their 'marriage was made in heaven' and they are true soul mates. Their philosophy is that even soul mates have to work at relationship issues that arise periodically. They are parents to a 15 year old son, who Sally adopted in 2001.

They both work in the entertainment industry which involves work-related separations at times. They are currently going through a 'rough patch' and have sought a consultation with you.

Using Synastry and the Derived Ascendant or Midpoint Composite Charts: what planetary themes can you identify that demonstrates their devotion to each other and their soul mate quality? What challenges, do they face together? What insights can you give this couple that empowers them and raises their understanding of the pathway they have chosen to travel together?

QUESTION TWO

Melissa : *27 July 1979, 4.03 pm, Brisbane Qld Australia*
ASC close to 19 Capricorn

Adrian : *23 September 2015, 11.59 am, Brisbane Qld Australia*
ASC close to 16 Capricorn

Melissa, who is currently living in Brisbane, is totally enamoured with her second son, Adrian, who is 6 months old. She feels a strong psychic link with this little one and is worried that she will be over protective as he grows up, thus stifling his full potential as an adult.

In her consultation with you, Melissa would like to understand the deeper ramifications of her intense feelings for her son, Adrian, and how to encourage him to develop his full potential later in life. She is open to any insights regarding the dynamics, of what she feels, is a powerful connection.

Using Synastry plus their Composite midpoint or derived ascendant chart and working with the premise that the Moon in the horoscope contains information concerning the female DNA line, how would you help Melissa understand the unconscious dynamics at work in her connection with her son, Adrian. How could you support her in calming her fears and creating a positive creative outcome for both of them in the future?

SECTION 2

Specialist Techniques

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.
- 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.

1. ASTRO HISTORY / CYCLES

During 2015 and 2016 Saturn will square Neptune three times. This is the waning square in the Saturn Neptune cycle that began in 1989.

Outline your understanding of the Saturn/Neptune cycle and discuss the implications of the current waning square in context of this cycle. What challenges does the current square represent for the collective as well as the individual?

2. FIXED STARS

Poppy King **24 May 1972, 6:30 am, Melbourne, Australia,**
ASC close to 22 Taurus

Poppy King was 18 when she launched her cosmetics company, Poppy Industries. Her rich, opaque lipsticks in the Seven Deadly Sins range were immensely popular, with Lust and Gluttony making their way into women's handbags Australia wide. In her first 8 months she made AUS \$1 million. By 1995 Poppy Industries was worth AUS \$6.5 million with King receiving the Young Australian of the Year award as well as being named a "Global Leader for the New Millennium" by Time magazine. King has stated "Nothing is as empowering as lipstick. Not only does it brighten up my face it fires up my confidence."

All the Royal Stars of Persia offer the possibility of glory and success but each has a particular challenge that must be overcome. Poppy King has Aldebaran by ecliptic longitude conjunct her Saturn.

Discuss the significance of Aldebaran in astrology and its possible effect and influence in Poppy's life.

3. HEALTH

Simon: **12 April 1948, 10.09 am, Perth, Western Australia**
ASC close to 6 Gemini

The Natal Birth Chart can be viewed as a psychological 'map' which reveals the unconscious forces at work that mysteriously create consequences in our world, including our dis-ease patterns. So it could be said that physical disease is the final expression of symptoms that are already present in the psycho-emotional make-up inherent at birth and are perhaps genetically inherited.

Addressing the astrological indicators in this chart, discuss the potential health issues that this man may hypothetically experience from a physical, psychological, spiritual, mental, and emotional perspective.

Also, using the chart above, create a diagnosis based on any of the significant factors that offer information about the primary health-related challenges Simon may experience in his lifetime.

4. RELOCATION

Schapelle Corby **10 July 1977, 11:55 am, Brisbane, QLD**
ASC close to 27 Libra

On 27th May 2005 Australian Schapelle Corby was convicted of trafficking 4.2 kg of cannabis in her boogie board into Indonesia. She was sentenced to 20 years and imprisoned in Kerobokan Prison, Bali, Indonesia. In May 2012 Corby was granted a five-year sentence reduction and after serving nine years was released on parole in February 2014. She is not permitted to leave Indonesia until July 2017. Corby has always maintained her innocence.

Given the enforced nature of this relocation, how may Schapelle have experienced the changed environmental circumstances/conditions, in light of her natal chart? With Neptune strongly placed in the relocated chart what underlying theme is being worked out and what may have been illuminated for her, not only during her incarceration, but also over the next few years?

5. HARMONICS

Tony Abbott **4 November, 1957, 4:00 am, London, England**
ASC close to 9 Libra

David Hamblin suggests *that for people with strong 4th harmonic charts, life will always be a battle, but a great deal depends on the arena in which the battle is fought out. Hamblin also suggests that the 4th harmonic chart can be an invaluable aid in order to understand the root causes of an adult's present problems and neuroses, and of all the harmonics the fourth works closest to the surface.*

Tony Abbott was Australia's 28th Prime Minister from 18 September 2013 to 15 September 2015 when he was ousted by Malcolm Turnbull. Amongst other things, Abbott was known for his uncompromising and belligerent agendas as well as for his reactionary ideology. Some called him an unregenerate brawler and a political buffoon. Love him or hate him everyone had an opinion.

What added dimensions and insights can be gained through Abbott's Fourth Harmonic chart that may not be present in his natal chart?

6. ECLIPSES

Male **11 March 1980, 12.11pm, Bangalore, India**
ASC close to 23 Gemini

Solar and lunar eclipses are said to be markers in the nodal cycle as they always fall close to the transiting north and south nodes. The transiting north node and the eclipses that fall close to this point can call us to new growth that pushes us out of our comfort zone, while the transiting south node and the eclipses that fall close to this point may call us to release our gifts and resolve the past.

Explain your understanding of the astronomy and astrology of both solar and lunar eclipses with reference to the statements above.

Use the chart details above to demonstrate your understanding of these hypothetical statements. Refer to the solar and lunar eclipses as well as the transits of the nodes for 2015 and 2016

7. MYTHOLOGY

Knowledge of the myth associated with a planetary principle can greatly enhance our understanding of that principle, as astrology understands that there is synchronicity in the naming of a planetary body and its astrological meaning.

When Chiron was discovered in 1977 it was named after the centaur known as The Wounded Healer.

How do the myth and archetypes associated with mythological Chiron amplify our understanding of the astrological principle that we know as Chiron?

8. ELECTIONAL

Lisa **13 September 1979, 4.59 pm, Sydney NSW Australia**
ASC close to 11 Pisces

Matt **14 Oct 1969, 4.00 pm, Sydney NSW Australia**
ASC close to 25 Pisces

Lisa has met the 'man of her dreams' and they are getting married.

Knowing that you are an astrological practitioner, Lisa asks you to 'find the perfect day for them to get married' in Sydney, between July and November 2016.

Using your knowledge of Electional Astrology and its rules, speculate on what is needed for the timing of this occasion. Find the time and day you think would be most suitable, explaining your methodical workings, reasoning and the choices you are making.

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