

Essay Marking Guide - Interpretation Exam & Relationship section of the R&ST Exam

The following marking guide is used to ensure consistency in marking.

The marks are apportioned for each question giving a maximum 100 marks (100%) per essay:

FAA Essay Marking Guide	Total Marks 100
Presentation - 10 marks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question included at beginning of the essay • 12pt font, double line spacing, spelling, grammar, organisation and flow • Within word limit (Intro, Body, References, Footnotes and Conclusion only) • Source material and Bibliography • Charts must have planetary, and house cusps, signs, degrees and minutes clearly legible – preferably not an on-line service 	10
Answering the Question - 80 marks	
Accuracy of Data, Content and Depth of Understanding	
Required Astrological Methodology Relevant to the question	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to identify key technical components and use correct terminology 	
Analysis	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate the ability to breakdown question into relevant parts • Definition and interpretation of astrological and other core components involved in the question • Development of Argument • Stick to the point – is the information relevant to the question • The theme is initialised and consistently developed • Accurate reasoning skills • Essay is structured in a logical and coherent manner • Essential points are organised to reveal a command of the arguments 	
Synthesis	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance to the question • The essential points made are related to reveal an overall grasp of topic • Ability to incorporate and integrate your analysis into a cohesive whole • Drawing the appropriate conclusions from the evidence presented • Providing a succinct final summation related to the question 	
Positive Framing	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to offer positive guidance to the client • Use of “Counselling orientation” as defined in Exam Book 	
Originality - 10 marks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique and individual approach, with own views and insights that are relevant and enhance the essay • The examiners want to hear ‘your voice’ as you develop your ideas 	10