



Federation of Australian Astrologers Inc

## **2018 Relationships & Specialist Techniques Exam**

Mon 16 April 2018 – Mon 21 May 2018

**PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTION SHEET BEFORE PROCEEDING**

# INSTRUCTION SHEET

## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**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 Co-ordinator 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 emailed to [exams@faainc.org.au](mailto:exams@faainc.org.au) no later than **Monday 21 May 2018**.

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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 Coordinator.

# 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:**

**Wendy: July 2, 1991, 10.30am, Bellingen, NSW.**  
ASC close to 15 Virgo

**Mark: July 19, 1981, 2.48am, Adelaide, South Australia.**  
ASC close to 23 Taurus

Wendy and Mark are planning on getting married in the spring and as a pre-wedding present to themselves, have decided they would like a 'Relationship Reading' to give them greater insight into their relationship dynamics. They both have a good understanding of their natal charts and feel they know each other very well as they have been together for several years. However, they are interested to know what further insights and understanding astrology can offer them, especially in the areas of challenge that may come to the fore when they start a family in a few years.

*Using their natal charts, bi-wheels, Synastry Grid and either the Derived Ascendant or Midpoint Composite chart, what insights can astrology give them around the strengths and challenges in their relationship?*

*Make sure you address their lunar patterning, in both their individual charts and their Synastry, and reflect on how this may be impacted by parenting.*

*Note: Wendy and Mark currently reside in Melbourne*

## **QUESTION TWO**

**Yuki: July 9, 1977, 5.18am, Saga, Japan.**

ASC close to 16 Cancer

**May: October 2, 2015, 11.07am, Melbourne, Victoria.**

ASC close to 10 Capricorn

Yuki has come to you to discuss her youngest daughter, May, who she loves dearly but whom she describes as intense and wilful. Yuki informs you that May is a very affectionate child who is usually well behaved and a little shy in public, but at home her moods and temper often dominate the household.

Yuki is frustrated with her inability to manage May's temper. She wants a better understanding of her daughter and her reactions to her. She shares that she knows May reminds her of herself in some ways, but she is still at a loss as to how to respond most effectively to May's tantrums.

*Using the natal charts, bi-wheels, Synastry Grid and either the Derived Ascendant or Midpoint Composite chart, how can you address Yuki's concerns?*

*What behavioural patterns/ themes does May have that are similar to her mother? How can you offer this information to Yuki in a non-judgmental way so that she can parent more effectively?*

*Note: Yuki and May currently reside in Melbourne, Australia.*

## 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

With Saturn's ingress into Capricorn, the next few years are likely to be very significant, particularly as a planet in its rulership can be likened to a king or queen in their own castle.

*Using historical reference points, examine how the effect of Saturn, returning to its rulership in Capricorn may influence world affairs and mass consciousness in general. Hypothesise (in your own words), what the potential implications of this upcoming cycle of Saturn could mean, in terms of its future impact on humanity.*

*Include in your evaluation the potential for psychological transformation in the world at large. This must be your original work with only short references to other authors.*

#### 2. ASTEROIDS

**Donald Trump: 14 June 1946, 10.54am, Queens, New York – USA**  
*ASC close to 0 Virgo*

The addition of the feminine asteroids in recent times, has added the archetypal feminine principle to chart synthesis and delineation. The asteroids represent the re-emergence of powerful feminine symbolism into the consciousness of humanity.

*Examine and discuss the meaning of the **asteroid Vesta** in the above natal horoscope. Share your insights and hypothesise how the awakening of Vesta's feminine expression in our society affects not only women, but also men. How can humanity in their changing roles actively participate as co-creators of the brave new world emerging in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?*

### **3. ECLIPSES**

***Kylie Minogue: 28 May 1968, 11.00am, Melbourne, Australia***  
*ASC close to 26 Cancer*

Using the above horoscope, investigate all possible Solar and Lunar Eclipse effects during 2018. List all these eclipses and decide which ones are likely to impact her life most strongly over this period. Speculate on what sort of effect they may produce. Emphasise the effects of the Eclipses on a planet or a natal point and the significance of house polarity.

Include in your work, reference to the Saros Cycles to which each important eclipse belongs. Distinguish clearly between the effects of a Solar Eclipse and a Lunar Eclipse as well as their long term influence in a person's evolving consciousness. Include in your answer the charts you believe are most relevant.

### **4. MYTHOLOGY**

***Female: 15 February 1961; 8.05pm, Sydney, Australia***  
*ASC close to 26 Virgo*

Uranus, discovered using a home-made telescope by William Herschel in 1781, amongst other things, heralded the birth of a new social order in the world. This can be synthesised under the banner of 'Liberty, Equality and Fraternity'.

Astrologers know that myths (a form of story telling) provide a way of understanding the inner process at work when you establish a deep connection with a planetary archetype.

*What are the key myths / archetypes or symbols that surround Uranus? By utilizing this information in the woman's horoscope above, what facets of her personality may be projected or unconscious? By bringing them into the light of day and connecting with them, how may this understanding help her journey of self discovery? Focus only on Uranus by sign, house, aspects and rulership.*

## 5. RELOCATION

**Male:**        **27 September 1989, 1:05pm, Sydney, Australia**  
                  ASC close to 4 Aquarius

With more and more people moving away from their place of birth a Relocated chart may be recast for their current location. In doing so they retain their basic identity but changes do occur. Comment on what the changes are when we relocate a chart and why this happens?

*The above chart belongs to a man who has had to move to Perth, WA for his work. By comparing the charts, will this move be a good career move for him? Explain your reasoning whether for or against giving the relocation indicators. Also discuss any other areas in his life that he may experience differently and the possible effects he may expect from the changes.*

## 6. HEALTH

**Angelina Jolie:**   **4 June 1975, 9.09am, Los Angeles, California**  
                  ASC close to 29 Cancer

The natal birth chart provides insight into our constitutional health and vital force. Utilising medical astrology techniques to interpret the natal chart supports identification of both constitutional strengths and weaknesses. This can assist in understanding potential disease susceptibilities prior to manifestation and the targeting of preventative strategies to maintain homeostasis.

*Using the above chart and astrological indicators (Moon, Sun, ASC, 6<sup>th</sup> house cusp, 6<sup>th</sup> house planets and their rulers), identify Angelina's physical constitutional strengths and weaknesses including an interpretation of possible disease susceptibilities. Discuss how Angelina can utilise and bolster her physiological strengths (i.e. bodily function) in prevention of her potential disease susceptibilities.*

## 7. ELECTIONAL

**Cindy King: 5 Jan 1962, 1.00am, Wellington, New Zealand**

ASC close to 9 Scorpio

Cindy purchased a 3-bedroom investment rental property in Ipswich, Queensland during the peak of the real estate boom in the mid 2000's. She now wishes to sell the property but is concerned the 2012-2015 market downturn will impact on the sale price. She wishes to list the property for sale on a date that will assist her in achieving the best possible price for her property.

*Using Electional astrology and its rules, identify the most auspicious date and time-frame (between 1 January – 31 June 2018) for listing the property for sale, so that Cindy might capitalise on her investment. Outline your methodological workings and reasonings at each step of the Electional process to justify your date/time choice.*

## 8. HORARY

**Horary: 22 Dec 2017, 2.00 pm, Burleigh Heads, Qld, Australia**

ASC close to 0 Taurus

*Question Is there a committed future for my long-distance romantic relationship?*

Jan has been in a long-distance romantic relationship for the past seven years. Her romantic interest lives overseas, and they connect regularly by phone/internet and in person every couple of years. She contacts you in December 2017 to gain clarity before visiting him in January 2018. Jan wishes to know whether there is a committed future for them living together as she is considering moving overseas.

*Calculate a horary chart to answer Jan's question using the above data. Outline the horary rules/strictures of judgement you used, detail your interpretation and justify your answer to the question using horary techniques.*

**END OF EXAM**