



Federation of Australian Astrologers Inc

2021 Interpretation Exam

Friday 13th Feb 2021 – Friday 19th March 2021

PLEASE READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING

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.

- 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 19th March, 2021**.

- Each essay must be presented as a complete unit and must include all the supporting material. PDF format is preferable.
- 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 counselling 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.”

Whilst the FAA Exam Board respects the evolutionary view of the birth chart [and nodal axis] that refers to past lives unless otherwise stated we believe it is not appropriate to bring this discussion into the answer of any exam. Not all our clients embrace this paradigm and it can become highly subjective; therefore, we ask you to focus on a counselling rather than evolutionary perspective.

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.

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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 no later than **Friday 19th March, 2021.**

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.

2021 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.

ASC close to 3 Pisces

Female:

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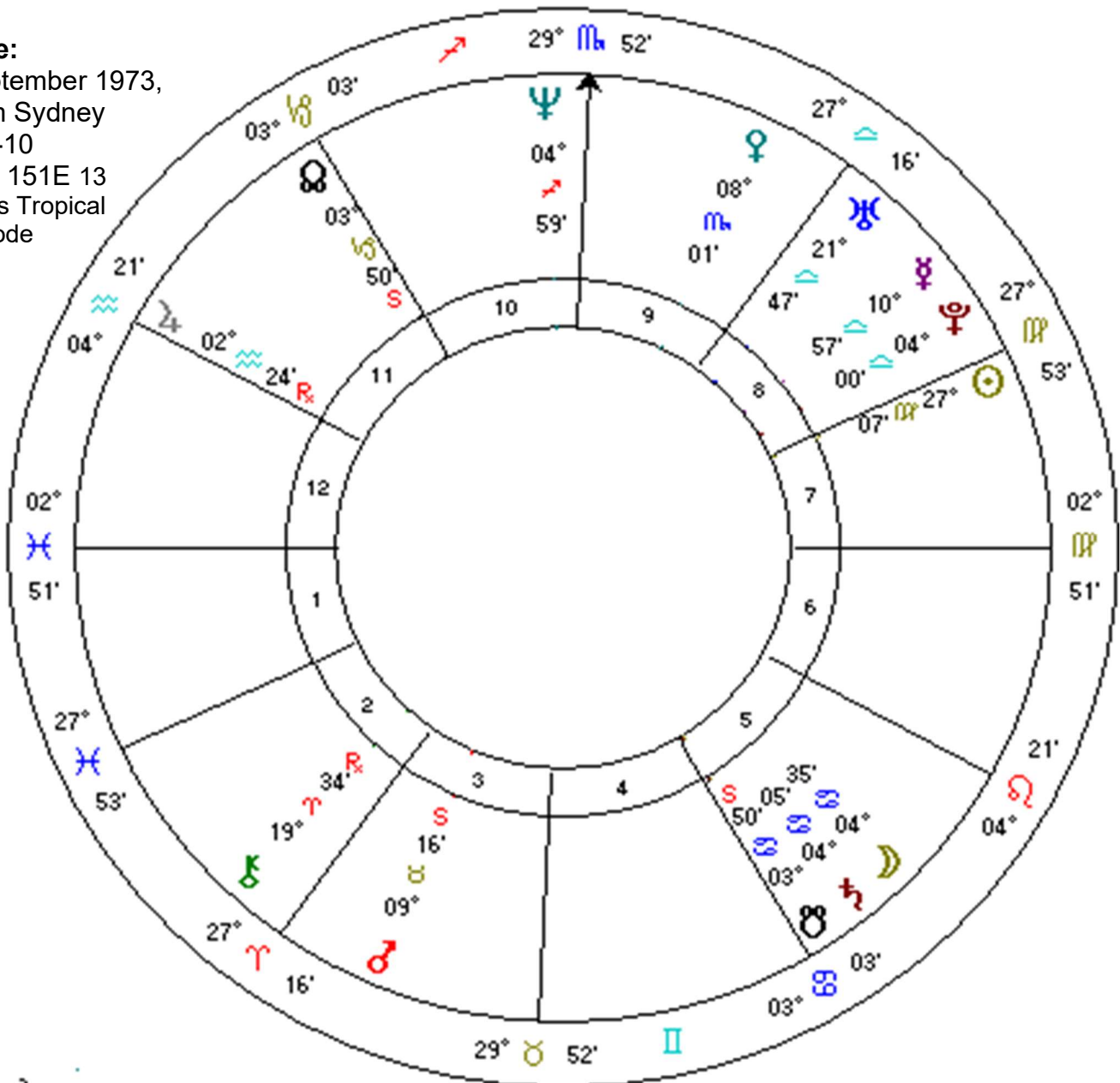
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Placidus Tropical

True Node



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SECTION ONE

Female: Born 20 September 1973, 3.50pm in Sydney NSW.

ASC close to 3 Pisces

Question 1

The signs of Gemini and Sagittarius are intercepted across the 4th /10th house axis and Neptune sits within the interception. How may the intercepted signs and the planet Neptune impact on her experience of her 4th and 10th houses? [Refer only to the houses, signs and planet mentioned, along with the signs on the cusps of the 4th & 10th houses]

Question 2

Mars is stationary retrograde in Taurus in the 3rd house and is part of a T-square with Venus in Scorpio in the 9th house and Jupiter in Aquarius in the 11th house. How may this play out in this woman's chart, and how can she empower herself here? [Refer only to the planets involved in the T-square, their signs and the houses where they are located as well as the phenomenon of Mars stationery retrograde.]

Question 3

With reference only to the Houses of Substance - houses 2, 6 and 10 – and any signs, and planets found there, along with the positions of the house ruler; what vocational guidance could you offer this woman?

Question 4

The Moon and Saturn are both conjunct this woman's South Node. How would you delineate her nodal axis with reference to its sign and house polarities as well as the impact this potent conjunction has on her nodal challenges? [Do not refer to any other aspects, or past lives, as requested in the General Instructions.] *(page 2 OTHER INFORMATION paragraph 3)*

Question 5

Mercury in Libra is located in this woman's 8th house and is conjunct Pluto. How could this impact on her learning, self-expression, and outlook on life? [Refer only to the Mercury/Pluto conjunction in Libra, its placement in the 8th house, and the houses ruled by the two planets.]

End of Section One

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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

Tom: Born August 12, 1980 at 7.10am in Ballina, NSW.

ASC close to 4 Virgo

Tom is a horticulturist who loves his job and lives to surf. He is married with two children, aged 10 and 5.

For many years Tom has suffered from periodic depression and anxiety and he has 'managed' this through his surfing and self-medicating with tobacco and marijuana. He tells you that both his parents are old hippies and his father still enjoys a joint and the hippy lifestyle. His parents separated when he was a child but he has come to realize that he has suffered from cyclic depression for years, as have both his younger brother and his mother.

Tom confides that he was in denial about his own depression and substance abuse until recently, when his ten-year-old daughter challenged him about his cigarette smoking. His wife has been trying to get him to do something for years as she has said that it sometimes feels like she has three children and he is often absent; either surfing or stoned.

Tom would like to gain deeper insights into these patterns and get some ideas about what he could do so he can be a better father and husband, rather than one who is always looking for 'escape routes' [his words]. How can you help Tom with these concerns?

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Question 2 (see chart above)

Annie: Born on November 12, 1982 at 9.38pm in Melbourne.

ASC close to 9 Gemini

Annie has come for career guidance. She already has a degree in Tourism and Events and has worked in a number of roles in hospitality and organizing events; however, she is looking to retrain in a career that has more family-friendly hours as she now has a partner and two young children. She is currently working part-time in a hospitality role at a conference centre. She is also looking for the intellectual stimulation offered through further study as she will have a bit of time on her hands when her youngest child starts school in 2021.

In the past, Annie has thought she may like to train as a primary school teacher but is now thinking that she would like a career as a psychologist after having gone through some challenges of her own and been helped by counselling.

Annie is wondering if the chart shows she may be better suited to one career or the other, or whether you can offer her some other ideas. How can you assist Annie in finding a more fulfilling career path?

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Question 3

Charlotte: Born August 6 2019 at 1.30 pm in Melbourne, Victoria.
ASC close to 22 Sagittarius

Charlotte's mother has come to you for two reasons: firstly; she would like a general understanding of her daughter's temperament and how she can parent her more effectively; and secondly, she is worried about the effect that the Melbourne lockdown has had on her child.

Charlotte had been a very happy and outgoing baby, but during the Melbourne lockdown, she had very little contact with anyone except for her two [doting] parents and has become anxious whenever she sees anyone other than her parents: this usually manifests as becoming distressed and breaking into tears. Charlotte has also developed quite a temper at home and is hitting her parents whenever she can't get her own way.

How can you address her mother's concerns and assist her to parent more effectively?

END OF SECTION TWO

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