



Federation of Australian Astrologers Inc

2021 Dynamic Exam

17th September – 22nd October 2021

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTION SHEET BEFORE PROCEEDING

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**Each question is worth equal marks
and should not exceed a 2,500-word limit.**

- There are FIVE questions in the Dynamic Examination.
You are required to answer a total of **THREE** questions:
- 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 **PLACIDUS HOUSE** system must be used to help maintain consistency in marking.
- Orbs: Please only use a 1-degree orb for both applying and separating for transits, progressions and solar arcs unless specified otherwise.
- 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 perspective that supports the client rather than an evolutionary perspective.
- The word length should be stated at the end of each essay (introduction, body, conclusion, footnotes, references and appendices).
- Your answers must be returned to the Exam Board Coordinator by return email **no later than Friday 22nd October**.
- If your circumstances change once the exam has commenced and you are not able to complete 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 that 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.

Restrict your answers to the specific components asked for in each question;

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. Quotations should also be referenced within the text of your essay. Plagiarism will result in failure of the exam, so all sources must be acknowledged. A digital PDF format of each essay must be sent as one whole document, including all supporting material i.e., charts, transit graphs, etc.

Examiners will be marking the validity of your argument, not right or wrong answers. Please refer to the Essay Marking Guide criteria sheet included with this exam.

Each essay must comply with a maximum word limit of up to 2,500 words with a +/- 10% tolerance. 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 double line spaced using a font such as Times New Roman, Arial or Trebuchet.

Ensure you include all charts generated with each of your answers and **check that you have cast the correct chart from the data supplied using the PLACIDUS house system.**

RETURN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR EXAM PAPERS

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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.

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Question 1

Jennifer: 25 July 1970 8am Bendigo, VIC

Ascendant: close to 10 Leo

Jennifer consults with you in January 2021 for guidance in relation to her marriage and family. Over the last few years, she has come to the realisation that she and her husband are on different paths. She is seeking a partnership where emotional intelligence, spiritual connection, and like-minded interests promote togetherness and joint goals. Alternatively, her husband is pragmatic, a workaholic, is motivated to build financial wealth, and discounts spirituality. Jennifer has made the decision to discuss separation and divorce with her husband and she is hopeful your astrological guidance will support an understanding how to best approach a discussion with her husband about her decision to leave the marriage. Additionally, Jennifer is also mindful of their two primary school children and the impact the separation will have on them. She is realistic in understanding that a mediation process may need to be considered and wonders what the year ahead holds for successful negotiation of both the separation/divorce and shared parenting/custody of the children.

Using any major outer planetary transits (i.e., Jupiter, Chiron, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto) from the period of 1 January 2021 to 31 June 2022 in addition to solar and/or lunar eclipses, help Jennifer understand the activations (i.e., outer planetary transits and eclipses) to her natal chart. Based on these activations, include guidance on the processes she may be experiencing in navigating the life decision to separate from her husband. What hurdles/barriers may Jennifer need to be mindful of and what guidance might you provide to approach these possible impediments in a constructive way?

Question 2

Dianne: 15th February 1961 8:05 pm Wollongong, NSW

Ascendant: close to 26 Virgo

Dianne is retiring at the end of the year after working in the insurance industry since she left school. Both her sons have left home and she is excited by the prospect of her first grandchild being born in October. As Dianne has always been a working Mum, she is looking forward to being a very hands-on Grandmother with the prospect of babysitting when her daughter-in-law, returns to work from maternity leave.

However, she cannot help but feel some trepidation as a large part of her life has been defined by her work and the interaction with workmates. Dianne is now starting to worry that she may have been too hasty in taking early retirement and is starting to regret her decision.

With reference to Dianne's major Transits and Secondary Progressions including the Progressed Lunar phase for the 12-month period beginning September 2021, how can you acknowledge her concerns, and help facilitate an awareness of the current dynamics taking place? How can you support Dianne in making any necessary adjustments through this major period in her life engendering a positive outlook for her future? Include Chiron in your answer.

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Question 3

Maria: 2 January 1986 at 1.11 pm in Stockholm, Sweden

Ascendant: close to 19 Gemini

Maria is feeling restless and longs for change and travel, but Australia's closed borders are limiting her options. She is married with two primary school-age children and works in a senior position in an elite private school. Maria confides that she is a bit of a workaholic and very ambitious. She has been in Australia for 10 years and both her girls were born here but all her family, and her partner's family, live in Europe. Maria currently finds herself torn between three options: stay in Australia in her comfortable job where her family is covid safe and financially secure; return to live in Europe so her parents can get to know her girls and allow the girls to connect with their European heritage; follow her dream and look for a job in an International School somewhere in Asia, Singapore being the favoured destination. Her partner is not that keen on moving at the moment.

With reference to her natal chart as well as her key transits, progressed lunation phase, and any key solar arc directions for the time frame from June 2021 to the end of July 2022, how can you assist Maria with her decision making in these challenging times? How is this dilemma both an expression of her natal chart as well as her current transits?

Question 4

Marianne: 7 November 1964, 6.30 pm Perth, WA

Ascendant: close to 12 Taurus.

Marianne comes to you for a consultation in early January 2021. She wants to know what is in store for her over this coming year. She tells you that she is coming out of a few years of loss in both the relationship and career areas of her life. Feeling restless, she thinks that this year is going to be very challenging, with many uncomfortable changes brewing. With a lack of zest for life, she wonders if there is any hope for the future within the areas she has mentioned above.

By examining her major Transits and Progressed Moon from January to December 2021, as well as her Progressed Lunation phase, what guidance can you offer Marianne which can empower her with a renewed sense of enthusiasm? Based on the lunation phase, include guidance which will assist Marianne in understanding that every experience in our lives has an evolving cycle of ebb and flow. What natal chart configurations are being triggered during January to December 2021 and how might she best work with these issues?

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Question 5

Michael: 31 December 1979, 10.45 pm Brisbane, Queensland

Ascendant: close to 22 Virgo

Michael has booked an astrological consultation to see you, in early July 2021. Michael is anxious about what the next 12 months may hold for him. He is a successful businessman who usually prides himself in being able to cope with all that life brings to him. However, he has been going through a challenging time with panic attacks and sleeplessness over the past six months. He usually travels extensively with his job, however, under the current 'Covid' conditions, travel plans have been affected by sudden unexpected delays and breakdowns. He is feeling confused, tense, and uncertain about the future with a loss of confidence in his long-term goals.

Using his major Transits from January 2021 to July 2022, as well as his Solar Return charts from his birthdays both in 2020 and 2021, what guidance and insights can you offer Michael about his concerns? How would you support him in his current evolutionary process towards a positive outcome? Michael resides in Brisbane, Queensland.

End of Exam