



Federation of Australian Astrologers Inc

2022 Relationships & Specialist Techniques Exam

Friday 22nd April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTION SHEET BEFORE PROCEEDING

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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. Pages should also be numbered.
- Each essay must comply with a maximum word limit **with a +/- 10% tolerance**. Not only are you assessed on your astrological knowledge, but consideration is also 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.
- To ensure consistency in marking the exams are based on the Placidus House system
- Under FAA examination conditions, it is not appropriate to discuss past-life chart interpretations as these interpretations are not falsifiable/verifiable and open to speculation. In responding to exam questions, answers need to focus on a counselling perspective that supports and empowers the client in a positive manner.

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.
- *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.*

General Exam Guidelines (Cont.)

- Inclusion of the transpersonal planets: Unless otherwise stated, **all** essays must be based on contemporary western style astrology using the outer modern planets of Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. Where relevant you must also demonstrate the use of counselling skills that support the client.
- 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 Coordinator 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 Coordinator ASAP.

OTHER INFORMATION

This is an unsupervised examination. You may use a computer program to generate any or all 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 that 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 **Friday 27th May 2022**.

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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:

Anna: 8 August 1961, 4:35 pm Winterthur, Switzerland
ASC close to 22 degrees Sagittarius

Dan: 20 December 1958, 5:30 pm, Koroit, VIC
ASC close to 29 degrees Taurus

Anna and Dan have been married for 36 years, live in Southport on the Gold Coast, and have two adult children together. Their children now live interstate and have begun building their own families, whom Anna and Dan enjoy visiting.

Whilst Anna works part-time and cares for her ailing mother and Dan works full-time, they are both looking forward to retiring in the next couple of years. They love each other deeply, generally, get along very well, and have weathered difficult times together.

However, they are concerned that as they transition from busy individual and stressful lives into spending more time together in retirement, their frequent niggling small arguments over trivial matters may become larger problems in their marriage. They wonder how they may become more considerate of each other, be better communicators, and resolve any disagreements before they become problematic.

Using the Natal Charts, Bi-Wheels, Synastry Grid, and Derived Ascendant or Midpoint Composite chart, how can you address Anna and Dan's concerns with astrological insights and advice in managing their relationship in preparation for an enjoyable retirement together?

SECTION 1 (Cont.)

QUESTION TWO

Dorothy: 28 February 1987, 10:00 am Southport, QLD
ASC close to 6 degrees Taurus

Alexander: 9 September 2017, 4:45 pm Melbourne, VIC
ASC close to 1 degree Pisces

Dorothy and her husband live in Melbourne, Victoria, and have two children, a 4-year-old son, and an 18-month-old daughter. Dorothy has worked intermittently as a part-time teacher since the birth of her children and her husband works full-time in their family business.

Dorothy is seeking astrological insights and advice with regards to her relationship with her son. She explains that she adores Alexander, and he can be delightful, kind, and fun-loving. However, Alexander can also be stubborn and difficult to parent.

Although Dorothy is very patient with Alexander, she finds dealing with his frequent tantrums exhausting. Specifically, when he does not get his way, Alexander can cry, yell, and hit his mother. Although Alexander also throws a tantrum when his father is present, he does not hit him.

Dorothy wonders how to better communicate and approach Alexander to mitigate his physical outbursts towards her and maintain a loving and respectful relationship.

Using the Natal Charts, Bi-Wheels, Synastry Grid, and Derived Ascendant or Midpoint Composite chart, how can you address Dorothy's concerns with astrological insights and advice in managing her relationship with Alexander?

END OF SECTION ONE

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. FIXED STARS

Prince William: 21st June 1982; 9:03 pm; London, United Kingdom.
ASC close to 27 degrees Sagittarius

Aldebaran is one of the Royal Stars of Persia and as such offers the possibility of glory, success, or happiness, but only if a particular nemesis can be overcome.

Explain the significance of this fixed star in astrology and its possible significance and influence in the chart of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, who by ecliptic longitude, has it conjunct his Mercury.

2. RELOCATED

Allan: 2 Oct 1946, 0.52 am, Gloucester, United Kingdom.
ASC close to 1 degree Leo

Relocated to Bega: Australia: 36S40 149E50
ASC close to 27 degrees Sagittarius

Allan was born in Gloucester, UK in 1946 and at the age of 35 married; and then moved to New Zealand with his NZ wife together with his three-year-old son from a previous relationship, where they spent the next few years. In the mid 80's they then moved to Sydney, Australia before finally relocating to Bega on the NSW South Coast in 2000.

Taking a birth chart and recalculating it for a location other than the birthplace does not change the aspects between the planets. When comparing the natal chart of Allan with his current, Bega relocated chart, what have been the major differences and what benefits or otherwise, have been gained by this relocation? How may this have influenced his lifestyle?

SECTION 2 (Cont.)

3. MYTHOLOGY

Mankind's understanding of the universe has greatly altered in the course of the millennia. Therefore, we have to recognise that our analysis of the myths besides certain constant themes and principles, have been shaped and reshaped to Man's current image of his/her world. Variables such as the flourishing variety of social systems, research, the modes of nature-knowledge, and the accessibility of global communication and transport have all been contributing factors in expanding our understanding.

Kronos/Saturn has come a long way since being known to the ancients as 'the great malefic or Grim Reaper' and is still perhaps the most maligned. Discuss the key myths and/or archetypes that led to this reputation? What other key myths and/or archetypes does modern astrology identify with, that have broadened our understanding of Saturn?

4. BLACK MOON LILITH

Female: Born 16 Nov 1965 6.30am in Sandringham, Victoria, Australia.
ASC is 17 degrees Sagittarius 29 minutes

Black Moon Lilith carries complex feminine symbolism. As the lunar apogee, She is identified as the furthest point in the Moon's orbit of the Earth - which suggests an Earth-Moon point - but She also carries the archetype of Lilith.

How do you understand the symbolism of the Black Moon Lilith in the personal horoscope? How can She be experienced in Her wholeness, with reference to Her conscious and unconscious sides, both Her light and Her shadow.

Relate these themes to the birth chart below. Make sure you include a discussion of the sign, house, and key aspects to the BML, including reference to any key aspect pattern that She constellates through Her inclusion.

5. CYCLES: JUPITER NEPTUNE CYCLE

Once every 13 years Jupiter forms a conjunction with Neptune, marking the beginning of a new Jupiter Neptune Cycle. During April 2022 these two planets will conjunct at close to 24 Pisces, an event that has not occurred since 1856.

How do you believe this conjunction may impact on both the individual and collective psyche as well as in world affairs? Refer to past conjunctions to illustrate your thinking.

6. MUNDANE: SATURN SQUARE URANUS: 2021 TO 2022

During 2021 Saturn in Aquarius formed an exact square to Uranus in Taurus three times and during the latter part of 2022, these two planets will once more come within orb. At one level this transit has been suggested to symbolise the conflict between rights and responsibilities.

How do you see this aspect playing out - during this time frame 2021 to 2022 - both in the social and political spheres as well as within the collective unconscious?

SECTION 2 (Cont.)

7. HORARY

A female client has telephoned you and wants to know whether she and her partner will stay together? She asks the question: "Should I stay or go?" The time and date she asked the question was **7.14 pm, on 7th January 2022, in Brisbane, Queensland.** (Ascendant is approximately 25 degrees Cancer).

Using the traditional technique of Horary, how would you assist her? What would you share with her in your consultation together? Validate your answer by demonstrating the relevant rules & regulations of this technique utilised by reliable sources on the subject.

8. HEALTH

Ronald Reagan: 6 February 1911, 4.16 am, Tampico, Illinois, USA.
ASC close to 27 degrees Sagittarius

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.

American movie star and US President Ronald Reagan suffered from Alzheimer's disease for several years before he died in 2004. Discuss and address the astrological indicators in his chart for this condition as well as the potential health issues that this man may have hypothetically experienced from a physical, psychological, spiritual, mental, and emotional perspective.

9. EVOLUTIONARY

Vladimir Putin: 7 October 1952, 9.30 am, St. Petersburg, Russia
ASC close to 3 degrees Scorpio

Evolutionary Astrology states that the Soul contains within it two antithetical, yet co-equal, desires: one to return to source, and one to separate away. Evolution occurs as the Soul progressively purges and exhausts separating desires from lifetime to lifetime. When Pluto is in aspect to any planet in the natal chart, it symbolises that the Soul is confronting pre-existing patterns of behaviour that are creating limitations and blocks – thus causing points of stagnation for the further evolution of the soul.

Pluto by house and sign indicates the core evolutionary desires and intentions of the past), and its polarity point (opposite house and sign) reflects the evolutionary intentions for this lifetime. The nodal axis serves to support the evolutionary transition from the past to the future, which is why it is important in evolutionary astrology.

Discuss the karmic evolutionary dynamics in Vladimir Putin's birth chart via Pluto, its polarity point, as well as the nodal axis and their planetary rulers. In terms of his soul's evolutionary growth, hypothesise on how Putin may be progressing in this lifetime.

END OF EXAM