

VERY IMPORTANT: Please read and carefully follow the instructions in this paper and the documents you received when you enrolled for the exam. Not following the instructions can result in a significant loss of marks or your paper being disqualified, with the risk of missing the final deadline for this exam.

Intermediate Exam: DIEX

All examination papers must be your own unassisted work. The Faculty checks for plagiarism and we reserve the right to use anti-plagiarism software. Submission of your Entry Form and Fee constitutes a declaration that you agree to, and will abide by, this rule. If the examiners have any reasonable indication that you have failed to comply with this regulation, your paper will be disqualified.

Total: 100 marks

PASS: 70%

MERIT: 77%

DISTINCTION: 85%

Successful completion of this exam will result in the award of 60 credits towards the Faculty's Diploma qualification.

Important: You must have passed the Certificate Exam before submitting the Intermediate for marking.

Guidelines and Instructions: Please Read Carefully

You are required to address the natal chart interpretation and forecasting clearly to **Mary** in the form of a written report using normal everyday language and omitting any use of astrological or psychological terminology.

House System

You may use either the Equal House system or the Placidus House system. **If you use the Placidus House system, please include a copy of the natal chart.**

Forecasting Material

All the forecasting material for the period in question is provided in this paper, but you are encouraged to look before and after the period in question, for example, six months before and after. This will help you to see the full arc of transits which begin before or end after the year and be aware of any other key forecasting factors which occur just prior to or just after the period in question. If you opt to use the Placidus House system you should provide your own charts and data.

Significators

Every comment you make must be supported by the relevant astrological significators, which should be placed in the margin against the relevant observation.

1. Natal Chart Interpretation (45 marks)

You are expected to follow your own process of note-taking and familiarisation with the chart. These notes are not to be submitted.

Your report should be presented in four sections, as follows:

1a Identification of the main Chart Themes (15 marks)

You are required to identify and name the main natal Chart Themes which are **unique and prominent in this particular chart**, list them and describe each Chart Theme briefly, supporting each one with the relevant astrological signification.

This analysis should not exceed **3 pages** in length.

1b Chart Theme Analysis (10 marks)

You are required to write an in-depth interpretation of **ONE** of the natal Chart Themes you identified in section 1a, supporting your interpretation with relevant signification.

The analysis of the Chart Theme should be between **850 – 1,000 words** in length.

1c Life Area Analysis (10 marks)

You are required to write an in-depth interpretation of **ONE** general Life Area of the chart, choosing from **relationships, career/vocation** or **education**, supporting your interpretation with relevant signification. This should cover a different topic to your natal Chart Theme.

The analysis of the Life Area should be between **850 – 1,000 words** in length.

For both sections, **Chart Theme (1b)** and **Life Area (1c)** analysis, the examiners will be looking for an open and non-judgmental approach to the interpretation, and for sensitive communication to **Mary**, and they will also be looking for your awareness of, and sensitivity to, any ethical or moral issues which may need to be considered. You should interpret without giving any advice to the client and you may be penalised for an insensitive and/or judgmental approach.

1d Case Study Report (10 marks)

Submit a Case Study Report, **addressed to the examiners**. The report provides an opportunity for you to reflect on any personal, emotional, or judgmental views you discovered while working on the chart. The report should also detail any potentially sensitive issues which you chose to leave out of the final interpretation, giving your reasons for that choice and to record any factors that you felt were inappropriate to mention in the interpretation itself.

Your report should be between **500 – 1,000 words** in length.

2. Forecasting (55 marks)

2a Weighting of the forecasting material and extraction of the key factors (20 marks)

You are required to make a list of the key forecasting factors for the year in question, which you should select from **all the forecasting material**, giving reasons for your choices. Please note that **you are not required to interpret the factors here**. The examiners will only be looking at your ability to weigh the different forecasting factors and extract those which will be most relevant for Mary during March 2019– March 2019.

You should **submit a list of the key factors** with the reasons for your choice under each factor.

Please remember that this must not be an interpretation, but a technical explanation from the astrological point of view – for example, you may choose a transit to a planet because you think that planet is prominent in the natal chart, in which case you must explain why you think it is so significant. Also, you must explain your reasons for choosing that particular transiting planet, which may arise from its position in the natal chart, from cyclic considerations, etc. **There is no word count for this section.**

2b Identifying and describing the main forecasting themes (10 marks)

You are required to identify **TWO** main forecasting themes by grouping the relevant forecasting factors identified in section 2a, and briefly describing **each** theme according to the factors that suggest it.

The examiners will assess your capacity to see how different forecasting factors from different forecasting techniques can combine to activate a particular aspect of life or area of the chart and your ability to describe the symbolism this involves. **There is no word count for this section.**

2c Interpretation of the forecasting material (25 marks)

This section requires you to write a forecasting report in **two parts**, addressed to Mary. The first part of the report should describe the **general forecasting context** of the period in question. It should include the key forecasting factors which inform the period. This part of the report should be a maximum 1,000 words in length

The second part should cover **ONLY ONE of the forecasting themes** you have identified in section 2b. This part should be strictly focused on this theme and your report must be an in-depth interpretation, analysing that specific theme and how this aspect of life or area of the chart is going to be affected by the several forecasting factors that are emphasising it during the period explored.

The examiners will be assessing your interpretation skills in forecasting, looking for an open and non-judgmental approach, and for sensitive communication to Mary – you may be penalised for an insensitive and/or judgmental approach or for giving direct advice to the client. This interpretation of the forecasting theme should be **a maximum 1,500 words in length.**

In the following pages you are provided with the following material about “Mary” – “the client”:

- A case history with the main biographical data and events
- Natal Chart
- Solar Return Chart
- Bi-wheel with the natal chart in the inner wheel and the Solar Return Chart in the outer wheel
- Bi-wheel with the natal chart in the inner wheel and the secondary progressed positions in the outer wheel
- Grid with the monthly positions of the progressed Moon during the relevant period
- Bi-wheel with the natal chart in the inner wheel and the solar arc directed positions in the outer wheel
- List of transits for the relevant period
- List of progressions for the relevant period
- List of solar arc directions for the relevant period
- List of lunations for the relevant period
- List of eclipses occurring within the relevant period

Submission Guidelines for Examination Papers

Presentation

Your paper must be typed in 12 pt. font and written in English, free of any spelling and grammar mistakes, and all the pages should be numbered.

You should state clearly at the beginning of your paper if English is not your first language. However, it is your responsibility to ensure your paper can be easily understood and if you are in any doubt about the level of your written English we would advise you to have your script reviewed by a native English speaker, where this is possible.

Your **candidate number** must be placed in the top right-hand corner of all pages of your paper. Please make sure that you have not put your name or any form of personal identification on any part of your examination paper, because it will be marked anonymously, and the examiners must not be aware of your identity.

If your name or identity appears anywhere on your paper, you will be requested to re-submit it with your name removed before it can be passed on to the examiners for marking. In such cases, if the delay means that the exam submission deadline is missed, your paper will be held over to be marked at the next exam season.

Neat, clear presentation of every part of your paper is important, and marks will be deducted for poor presentation.

Submission Guidelines

One electronic copy of your paper must be sent to the Faculty's Exam Submission Dropbox – you will find relevant instructions in the exam enrolment letter. If you have chosen to include hand-drawn signifiers in this paper you will have to scan the whole paper to send it by email.

Your exam must be sent **as a single document in PDF format**.

If your exam document does not meet these submission requirements it will be sent back to you, and you will be requested to re-submit it in the required format. If the delay means that the exam submission deadline is missed, your paper will be held over to be marked at the next exam season.

Please note that it is **essential to keep your own copies** of all papers and examiners' reports, in case you need to produce proof of your progress through the course in the future.

Submission Dates

Your completed paper must be submitted to the Exam Submission Dropbox to arrive no later than the Spring or Autumn Equinox, which mark the start of the two exam marking seasons each year.

Entries received after the Spring or Autumn Equinox cut-off dates will be held over until the next exam marking season.

Your marking fee is valid for a maximum of two exam seasons after payment. For example, if you apply for an examination paper in October but for any reason are unable to submit your completed paper by the following Equinox in March, you may still submit it by the subsequent Equinox in September without having to pay a further marking fee for that examination paper.

The results of exam papers submitted by the Spring Equinox will be available by the Summer Solstice. The results of exam papers submitted by the Autumn Equinox will be available by the Winter Solstice.

Marking Procedure

Your paper will be marked anonymously by two examiners under the supervision of the Head of Exams, and given one of four grades: **Distinction, Merit, Pass or Fail**. No exact marks are issued, but you will receive an Exam Report on your paper.

In the case of a Fail, you will receive a failure statement from the examiners explaining why you have failed and providing suggestions to enable you to pass the next time. You will be sent a new paper the next time you apply, and each application must be accompanied by the relevant examination fee. Your paper will not be marked until the following exam period.

If you are dissatisfied with the mark you have received for any of your exams you may make a formal written appeal to the Head of Exams within **four weeks** of receiving your Examiner Report. This allows for the re-marking of your paper by different examiners on receipt of an additional marking fee (which will be refunded if the paper is subsequently passed). When your paper has been re-marked, the decision of the Head of Exams is final.