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## Certificate Interpretation Exam: CIEX

All examination papers must be your own, unassisted, work. Submission of your Entry Form and Fee constitutes a declaration that you agree to, and will abide by, this rule. If the Board of Examiners has any reasonable indication that you have failed to comply with this regulation, your paper will be disqualified.

*Total: 100 marks*

*PASS: 70%*

*DISTINCTION: 85%*

Successful completion of this Chart Interpretation Examination will result in the award of 60 credits towards the Faculty's Certificate.

**Please note that this paper is just an example, and cannot be used for your examination. When you are ready to take any of the three exams you need to apply for them to the Examinations Secretary, who will send you a real one.**

### *Guidelines and Instructions: Please Read Carefully*

#### *Overview*

You are provided below with a birth chart and are required to demonstrate that you can calculate and draw the chart by hand and write a full character analysis *addressed to the examiners*.

There are *four* sections in this paper, all of which must be completed:

1. All steps of chart calculation by hand.
2. Hand drawn birth chart.
3. Preliminary notes made while preparing the interpretation.
4. The interpretation itself.

#### *1. Chart Calculation*

You are required to calculate the angles and find the intermediate house cusps and planetary positions of the chart supplied using the relevant Worksheets A, B and C, which are provided with this paper. *You can use either a Noon or Midnight Ephemeris*. Relevant pages of Noon and Midnight ephemeris and tables of houses are provided.

There might be slight differences between the computer calculated chart provided and your hand calculations, due to the higher degree of exactitude of the astrological

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programs. You will not be penalised for these differences as long as your calculations are correct.

**15 Marks**  
*(5 marks each Worksheet)*

## **2. Hand drawn Birth Chart**

One hand-drawn copy of the supplied chart must be included using the standard Faculty Chart Form. You can use either the Equal or Placidus house system, indicating clearly which house system you have chosen. You should draw in both the major and minor aspects between planets, including the aspects to the nodal axis and Chiron. **Do not** draw in the aspects to the angles.

**5 marks**

## **3. Preliminary Notes**

You are required to submit brief, succinct preliminary notes revealing clearly the procedure you followed as you prepared for your written analysis. Your preliminary notes, which must be typed (astrological symbols may be drawn by hand), will help the examiners to assess your ability to identify and extract the main themes in an astrological chart. Astrological shorthand and the use of astrological symbols in your notes is encouraged - but must be very clear so that the examiners can follow your reasoning easily.

**20 Marks**

## **4. Your Written Interpretation**

Your chart analysis must be **addressed to the examiners**, but you are required to use normal every-day language, and avoid the use of any astrological jargon.

Your interpretation should demonstrate your understanding of elements, modes, planets, signs, houses and aspects, and your ability to integrate these into a coherent interpretation. Your interpretation should reveal the main themes which are likely to predominate in this person's life. Your aim should be to reveal a clear understanding of this person's nature, its conflicts and potentials both in general and with regard to specific areas of life, such as family, career and personal relationships. A creative and open approach to chart interpretation is expected, and you should feel free to explore difficult issues with the examiners as long as you do so in a sensitive way. You will be penalised for a judgmental and definite approach to astrology.

The analysis should be 3,000-4,000 words - never less than 3,000 -, and **every** remark or observation made must be supported by the appropriate astrological signifiers either in the margin, against the relevant observation or as footnotes.

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Please use the chart provided for your interpretation.

You should include the number of words at the end of your written interpretation.

*60 marks*

### ***Technical Points***

- References:** You may use any notes, reference or text books as you prepare for this paper, but your final analysis must be your own work and wording copied from any source will be severely penalised.
- Aspects:** You are required to interpret both **major and minor aspects** (i.e. conjunctions, oppositions, squares, trines, sextiles, semi-squares, sesquiquadrates, quincunxes and semi-sextiles). Aspects to the angles, the nodal axis and to Chiron should be included in your account.  
  
**Important note: if you started your Foundation Course before August 2005, you are required to interpret only major aspects.**
- Aspect Patterns:** Neither the nodal axis *alone* nor the angles *alone* should be used to form aspect patterns.
- Arabic Parts:** *Do not* include the Part of Fortune or any other Arabic Parts in your interpretation.
- House system:** You may use either the Equal House system or the Placidus House system for your calculations and chart analysis. Please state clearly at the beginning of your analysis which house system you are using.
- Ephemeris:** You may use either a Noon or Midnight Ephemeris for your calculations. Relevant worksheets for both types of calculation are supplied with this paper.





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**Chart Calculation Tables and Forms**

***All the tables and forms you need to complete this paper will be provided here,  
both for noon and midnight calculation***

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## Submission Guidelines for Examination Papers

### Presentation

Your paper must be **typed in 12. 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.

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, with your hand drawn chart duly scanned, **must be sent by email** to the Examinations Secretary at [exams@astrology.org.uk](mailto:exams@astrology.org.uk). 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.

*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 Secretary 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.*

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Your marking fee is valid for a maximum of two Exam seasons after payment. For example, if you apply for an Examination Paper in December 2010 but for any reason are unable to submit your completed Paper by the Spring Equinox 2011, you may still submit it by the Autumn Equinox in 2011 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 Chair of the Examining Board, and given one of three grades: ***Distinction, 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 Board of 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 Exam Chair within six weeks of receiving the 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 Chair of the Board of Examiners is final.