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

Certificate Interpretation Exam: CIEX

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Total: 100 marks PASS: 70% MERIT: 77% DISTINCTION: 85%

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

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 the 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 do not need to calculate Chiron's position. Relevant pages of the Noon Ephemeris and tables of houses are provided.

Please note that no Tables of Daily Motion of the Planets are provided with the exam, so you have to calculate them yourself. Remember that when using Noon Ephemeris:

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- For an am birth you need to take the planet's position at noon on the day of birth and subtract its position at noon on the previous day. That will give you the motion during the 24 hours from noon of the previous day to noon of the day in question.
 - For a pm birth you need to take the planet's position at noon on the day after birth and subtract its position at noon on the day of birth. That will give you the motion during the 24 hours from noon of the day of birth to noon of the next day.

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 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. Please take the position of Chiron from the chart supplied. 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 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.

You can find guidelines for the note-taking process, phases 1 to 5, in Article 5.1 of Module 3. Remember that you must include phase 5 of the process – a list of the chart's key astrological factors and its main themes as you see them, with astrological signifiers to support your choice. This is shown on pages 4-5 of Article 5.1.

Maximum Length for your Preliminary Notes: **no more than 15 pages** (font type 12pt).
You can take the interpretations at the end of Module 3 as a reference.

20 Marks

4. Your Written Interpretation

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

Your interpretation should demonstrate your understanding of the ideas and techniques you learned in Modules 1, 2 and 3 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. 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, avoiding any definite language and taking into account the impact your interpretations may have onto the owner of the chart. You should describe what you can see in the chart without giving any advice, 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 no more than 4,000 - and *every* remark or observation made must be supported by the appropriate astrological signifiers in the margin, against the relevant observation. The signifiers should not be included in the word-count. If the analysis is less than 3,000 words or more than 4,000 words you risk losing substantial marks.

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

- 3. Aspect Patterns:** In order to be considered as one of the ‘aspect patterns’ discussed in Module 2, all the points in the pattern must be occupied by planets. A pattern which contains either the nodal axis on its own, or one of the angles on its own, as one of the points should not be considered as an aspect pattern.
- 4. Arabic Parts:** *Do not* include the Part of Fortune or any other Arabic Parts in your interpretation.
- 5. 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.

Chart Calculation Tables and Forms

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

Submission Guidelines for Examination Papers

Presentation

Your paper must be typed in 12p. 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, with your hand-drawn chart duly scanned, **must be sent to the Faculty's Exam Submission Postbox** – you will find relevant instructions on 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**. A document with detailed instructions as to how to produce the type of document required was sent to you when you enrolled in this exam.

If your exam document doesn't 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 Postbox 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 Spring Equinox, you may still submit it by the Autumn Equinox 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 three 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 thirty days 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 Head of Exams is final.