

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.

Intermediate Interpretation Exam: **DIEX**

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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.

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.

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

Guidelines and Instructions: Please Read Carefully

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

All the material you need to complete this paper is provided here, but you are free to produce your own material if you wish, particularly if you want to use a different house system.

Significators

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

House System

You may use any house system you wish, but must identify clearly which house system you are using. **If you are using a different house system than the one provided, please include a copy of the natal chart.**

1. Natal Chart Interpretation (45 marks)

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

a) Preliminary Notes (10 marks)

You are required to provide **brief** preliminary notes which demonstrate the process you followed to prepare for the chart interpretation and your approach to it. The astrological symbols must be typed, using the standard abbreviations included in Module 6.

Your notes must be a maximum of **10 pages long** and should represent a concentration of your process of preparing for the chart interpretation.

b) Identification of the Main Themes in the chart (10 marks)

You are required to identify the themes which appear as more prominent **in this particular chart**, list them and describe them briefly, supporting your choice with the relevant astrological signifiers.

c) Natal Themes Analysis (20 marks: 10 marks each theme)

You are required to write an in-depth interpretation of **ONLY TWO** of the themes you identified in section 1(b).

Since the examiners will be looking for an open and non-judgmental approach to the interpretation, and for sensitive communication to Stephen, they will also be looking for your awareness of, and sensitivity to, any ethical or moral issues which might have to be considered. You should describe what you can see without giving any advice to the client and you can be penalised for an insensitive and/or judgmental approach.

The analysis of each theme should be between **700-1,000 words** long.

d) Case Study Report (5 marks)

Submit a Case Study Report, **addressed to the examiners**. The report should detail any potentially sensitive issues which you chose to leave out of the final interpretation, giving your reasons for that choice. It is a space for you to record any factors which you felt were inappropriate to mention in the actual interpretation itself. The report also provides an opportunity for you to reflect on any personal, emotional or judgmental views you discovered while working on the chart. Your report should be between **500-1,000 words** in length.

2. Forecasting (55 marks)

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

You are required to make a list of the main forecasting factors for the year in question, which you should select from all the forecasting material provided, 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 the “client” during the period instructed.

A way of doing this could be by submitting the lists or wheels provided with this paper (whichever of these you wish to use) with the main factors highlighted, accompanied by an explanation of the reasons why you have highlighted each of the chosen factors. Alternatively, you can simply submit a list of the main factors with the reasons for your choice under each factor.

Please, remember that this must not be an interpretation but just a technical explanation from the astrological point of view – e.g. you may choose a transit to a planet because you think that planet is prominent in the natal chart, so you must explain what makes you think it is so prominent. 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.

(b) Extracting and describing the forecasting themes (10 marks)

You are required to group the main forecasting factors identified in section 2(a) by themes, 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 area of the chart and your ability to describe the symbolism this involves.

(c) Interpretation of the forecasting material (25 marks)

This section requires you to write a forecasting report, **addressed to the “client”**. Your report should begin with a section describing the general context of the period in question followed by a section covering **ONLY ONE** of the themes you have identified in section 2(b). Your piece of forecasting interpretation must be strictly focused on that area and your report must be an in-depth interpretation, analysing that area in the natal chart and how it is going to be affected by the several forecasting factors which 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 the “client” – you may be penalised for an insensitive and/or judgmental approach or for giving direct advice to the client.

Also, you are required to explore the possibilities of using the astrological forecasting factors realistically and constructively, according to the potentialities indicated in the natal chart.

The “client” – here you are provided with the following material:

- 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 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 Postbox – 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**. A document with detailed instructions as to how to produce the type of document required was sent to you when you enrolled on this exam.

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 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 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 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.