

Answers to Essentials of Four Pillars of Destiny General Revision Paper

1. State the respective age ranges, different phases of life and body parts that represent each pillar (palace):

Four Pillars	Hour Pillar	Day Pillar	Month Pillar	Year Pillar
Age Range	52 years & above	35 ~ 51 years	18 ~ 34 years	1 ~ 17 years
Phases of Life	Golden Years	Prime and Middle Age	Youth & Adulthood	Adolescence
Body Parts	Lower body & reproductive organs	Abdomen	Shoulders and chest	Head

2. What are the implications when a clash between the Year Pillar and the Month Pillar is reflected in an individual's Eight Characters?

Four Pillars	Hour Pillar	Day Pillar	Month Pillar	Year Pillar
Heavenly Stems	x	x	Wood ←	Metal
Earthly Branch	x	x	Metal ←	Wood

Ans: The Year Pillar not only represents grandparents but also parents; while the Month Pillar can represent brother(s). Therefore, we can assume that the relationship between brother(s) and parents is less than cordial.

The clash between the Year Pillar and the Month Pillar may imply the possibility of accidents too. This possibility is especially higher before the age of 34.

3. With reference to the above four-pillar chart, which of the Four Pillars represents the palace of Career? What are the implications if the element of the abovementioned pillar is a Negative Element? What then, if it is a Positive Element?

Ans: Hour Pillar can signify the palace of Career.

We can deduce an individual's career achievements or whether his supervisor may assist in his career development through the Hour Pillar.

Hour Pillar	Reinforcing	Negative
	Career path is smooth; Highly regarded by superiors	Career path is rocky; Superiors are unappreciative

4. Explain and elaborate:

a. Where Explicit Talent Deity Meets Proper Authority Deity

Ans: Explicit Talent Deity shall suppress Proper Authority Deity.

Proper Authority Deity symbolises the 'husband' in a woman's destiny, whereas Explicit Talent Deity connotes her aptitude and emotions. Thus, a woman is deemed to be more demanding towards her spouse if her Explicit Talent Deity appears overriding. As such, matrimonial problems may arise should there be improper management of the aforesaid qualities.

b. A Weak Day Master with abundant Deities of Wealth

Ans: This implies the overwhelming presence of wealth stars within the chart pattern that are too much for the Day Master to handle.

A wealth star can stand for an individual's desire. Hence he may be perceived to embrace many desires with an overwhelming presence of wealth stars in his chart pattern or vice versa.

Thence, the strength or weakness of the Day Master shall determine if the individual possesses the drive to pursue his goals.

c. Where the Implicit Talent Deity is severely conquered by the Deity of Secondary Resources

Ans: A woman's Deity of Secondary Resources may curb the Implicit Talent and Explicit Talent deities of her child. However, this situation can actually turn out to be a good thing if the deities of Implicit Talent and Explicit Talent are too uncontrollable.

d. where both Amiable Deity and Competitive Deity pose threats to the wealth of the Day

Ans: This refers to the submission of the wealth star to the Amiable Deity and the Competitive Deity.

5. Describe the conditions for a balanced and moderate four-pillar chart

- Ans:
- i. not too strong;
 - ii. not too weak;
 - iii. not too cold;
 - iv. not too hot and dry;
 - v. the five elements within the four-pillar chart should be sinuous and fluid.

6. Write the answer to following:

	Five Emotions	Five Virtues
Wood	Anger	Benevolence
Fire	Joy/Happiness	Courtesy
Earth	Contemplation	Trust
Metal	Anxiety	Justice
Water	Panic	Wisdom

7. What are the differences between clashes that involve solely the elements or both the elements and the directions amongst the heavenly stems?

Ans: Clash of the heavenly stems lends to the 'destructive relationships between the five elements', while the directional clash of the heavenly stems also encompasses the 'contradictory relationships in terms of directions'.

Destructive Relationships of Heavenly Stems	Directional Clash of Heavenly Stems
<i>Jia</i> Wood destroys <i>Wu</i> Earth	<i>Jia</i> Wood clashes with <i>Geng</i> Metal
<i>Yi</i> Wood destroys <i>Ji</i> Earth	
<i>Bing</i> Fire destroys <i>Geng</i> Metal	<i>Yi</i> Wood clashes with <i>Xin</i> Metal
<i>Ding</i> Fire destroys <i>Xin</i> Metal	
<i>Wu</i> Earth destroys <i>Ren</i> Water	<i>Bing</i> Fire clashes <i>Ren</i> Water
<i>Ji</i> Earth destroys <i>Gui</i> Water	
<i>Geng</i> Metal destroys <i>Jia</i> Wood	<i>Ding</i> Fire clashes with <i>Gui</i> Water
<i>Xin</i> Metal destroys <i>Yi</i> Wood	
<i>Ren</i> Water destroys <i>Bing</i> Fire	
<i>Gui</i> Water destroys <i>Ding</i> Fire	

8. Illustrate the differences between the 'destructive relationship of alike elements' and the 'destructive relationship of opposite elements'?

Ans: The destruction of *Yi* Wood by *Xin* Metal exemplifies the destructive relationship of alike elements, because both elements are of "Yin" nature.
The destruction of *Yi* Wood by *Geng* Metal demonstrates the destructive relationship of opposite elements, as *Geng* Metal is "Yang", whilst *Yi* Wood is "Yin" in nature.

9. There is no such thing as Absolute Yin (纯阴) or Absolute Yang (纯阳). Please comment.

Ans: We may use the analogy of the human skeleton to refer to *Yang* and the flesh as *Yin*.

If a person's body consists of the skeleton only and not a single strain of flesh or tissue (ie.the state of 'pure *yang*'), he shall be unable to perform any simple task of movement.

Similarly, a person who has only 'flesh' is comparable to a pool of mud when in the absence of a skeletal frame.

10. The element that represents the liver and Bile Duct is :-

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| i. | Fire | ii. | Wood |
| iii. | Water | iv. | Metal |

Ans: Wood

11. What are the 'Creative Relationships between the Five Elements'?

Ans: The creation of Earth from Fire can describe the creative relationship between the Five Elements. In this process, Fire element reinforces Earth element's strength but weakens from doing so at the same time. Therefore, both Creative and Diminishing Relationships between the Five Elements actually relate to the same thing.

12. From your understanding of He Tu (河图), describe the Five Unions of Heavenly Stems (天干五合).

Ans: Please refer to Chapter 4, *What are the Ten Heavenly Stems?*, from *Essentials of Four Pillars of Destiny (Elementary)*.

13. From the list of combinations listed below, identify which are the Six-Union of Earthly Branches and which the Six-Conflict of Earthly Branches.

Earthly Branch	Six-Conflict? Six-Union?
<i>Zi Wu</i>	Six-Conflict
<i>Yin Hai</i>	Six-Union
<i>Mao Xu</i>	Six-Union
<i>Si Shen</i>	Six-Union
<i>Mao You</i>	Six-Conflict
<i>Chen Xu</i>	Six-Conflict

14. List the symbolic hours of the Earthly Branches:-

Time	Chinese Hours (Earthly Branches)
12.10 pm	Hour of <i>Wu</i>
08.31 pm	Hour of <i>Xu</i>
11.48 pm	Hour of <i>Zi</i>
04.05 pm	Hour of <i>Shen</i>

15. Besides being classified as weak and strong, what other qualities can a day master possess?

Ans: Besides being classified as weak or strong, a day master can reflect hot or cold conditions.

16. According to the theory of the Five Elements in the Four Seasons, Wood is at its peak in the season of Spring. List the various strengths of the other elements (metal, water, fire, earth) during the season of Spring.

Spring	Wood	Fire	Earth	Metal	Water
	Peak	Birth	Death	Decline	Rest

17. Correspond the Earthly Branches of *Chen*, *Xu*, *Chou* and *Wei* to the correct pools (metal, fire, water and wood).

	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Xu</i>	<i>Chou</i>	<i>Wei</i>
Pools	Water Pool	Fire Pool	Metal Pool	Wood Pool

18. With reference to the theory that the 'Six Harmful Clashes are a result of a conflict to the Six Unions', explain the Mutual Harmful Clash between *You* and *Xu*.

Ans: Please refer to Chapter 5, *Earthly Branches*, from *Essentials of Four Pillars of Destiny (Elementary)*.

19. Identify the stage of 'Jia Wood' in the table of the 'Heavenly Stems in the 12 Natural Stages of Life'.

	Growth	Bath	Cultivation	Entry	Peak	Deterioration	Sickness	Death	Burial	End	Conception	Nurture
Jia	<i>Hai</i>	<i>Zi</i>	<i>Chou</i>	<i>Yin</i>	<i>Mao</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Si</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Wei</i>	<i>Shen</i>	<i>You</i>	<i>Xu</i>

20. In the table of the 'Heavenly Stems in the 12 Natural Stages of Life', which element constitutes the Star of Aggression (羊刃) for 'Gui Water'.

Ans: "Hai" constitutes the Star of Aggression for 'Gui Water'.

21. List the covert Heavenly Stems within these Earthly Branches.

Earthly Branch	Yin			Shen			Ren		Chen			Wu		Si		
	Covert Stems	Wu	Jia	Bing	Wu	Geng	Ren	Jia	Ren	Gui	Wu	Yi	Ding	Ji	Wu	Bing

22. Below are five pairs of heavenly stems and earthly branches, of which two are incorrect. Please identify and explain.

A. Ding
Chou

B. Jia
Chou

C. Ding
Wei

D. Yi
Zi

E. Xu
Shen

Ans: (B.) Jia Chou & (D.) Yi Zi are incorrect.

23. List the Eight Characters as well as the Luck Cycle for the following example.

Female : 26 January 1961, 4.50 am (western calendar)

Hour Pillar	Day Pillar	Month Pillar	Year Pillar
<i>Bing</i>	<i>Ji</i>	<i>Ji</i>	<i>Geng</i>
<i>Yin</i>	<i>Wei</i>	<i>Chou</i>	<i>Zi</i>

68	58	48	38	28	18	8
<i>Ren</i>	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Jia</i>	<i>Yi</i>	<i>Bing</i>	<i>Ding</i>	<i>Wu</i>
<i>Wu</i>	<i>Wei</i>	<i>Shen</i>	<i>You</i>	<i>Xu</i>	<i>Hai</i>	<i>Zi</i>

24. From the viewpoint of Destiny Studies, the Awakening of Insects represents which of the 12 solar months.

Ans: In the Farmers' Calendar, the Awakening of Insects represents the solar month of 'Mao'.

25. With reference to the Hour Pillar Chart, what is the Hour Pillar if an individual is born at 12 in the afternoon, with the day pillar of *Ding Chou*.

<i>Bing</i>	<i>Ding</i>	X	X
<i>Wu</i>	<i>Chou</i>	X	X

26. Elaborate the following terms :-

Coinciding Heavenly Stem and Earthly Branch:

The occurrence of a heavenly stem and a earthly branch to belong to the same element within a Four-Pillar Chart.

X	Day Master	X	<i>Jia</i>
X	X	<i>Yin</i>	X

Jia Wood is prevalent in heavenly stem and earthly branch.

Proximity:

Refers to nearness and closeness.

X	Day Master	<i>Bing</i>	<i>Jia</i>
X	X	X	X

Jia Wood and *Bing* Fire are close in proximity.

Interval Pillar:

Refers to a separating gap.

X	Day Master	X	X
X	<i>Yin</i>	<i>You</i>	<i>Hai</i>

A possible six-union can exist between *Yin* and *Hai*, but the union is separated by the gap of the month pillar, *You* Metal.

27. With Bing Fire as the day master, its relationship with the heavenly stem of Yi Wood constitutes the

- A. Deity of Primary Resources
- B. Deity of Conventional Wealth
- C. Amiable Deity
- D. Deity of Proper Authority

Ans: Deity of Primary Resources

28. With Bing Fire as the day master, list the appropriate 'ten deities' in the four-pillar chart (including covert Heavenly Stems).

Heavenly Stems	X	<i>Bing</i>			X		X		
Earthly Branch	<i>Zi</i>	<i>Shen</i>			<i>Hai</i>		<i>Si</i>		
Covert Heavenly Stems	<i>Gui</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Geng</i>	<i>Ren</i>	<i>Ren</i>	<i>Jia</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Bing</i>	<i>Geng</i>
Ten Deities	Deity of Proper Authority	Deity of Implicit Talent	Deity of Unconventional Wealth	Deity of Imposing Authority	Deity of Imposing Authority	Deity of Secondary Resources	Deity of Implicit Talent	Amiable Deity	Deity of Unconventional Wealth

29. *Gui* Water and *Wu* Earth combine to transform into

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| ii. Water | ii. Metal |
| iv. Fire | iv. Wood |

Ans: Fire

30. State the various earthly branches that constitute the Growth stages of the 5 *Yang* heavenly stems in the 12 Natural Stages of Life.

Yang Heavenly Stems	Earthly Branches in 12 Natural Stages of Life
<i>Jia</i>	<i>Hai</i>
<i>Bing</i>	<i>Yin</i>
<i>Wu</i>	<i>Yin</i>
<i>Geng</i>	<i>Si</i>
<i>Ren</i>	<i>Shen</i>

31. Where do we check for the heavenly stems and earthly branches to the month pillars and hour pillars?

Heavenly Stem & Earthly Branch of Month Pillar	Through ' <i>Wu Hu Xun</i> '; by deduction from the Year Heavenly Stem
Heavenly Stem & Earthly Branch of Hour Pillar	Through ' <i>Wu Shu Xun</i> '; by deduction from the Day Heavenly Stem

32. What are the differences between the deities of proper authority and imposing authority?

Ans: Deity of Proper Authority (*Zheng Guan*) lends to the merciful conquest between *Yin* and *Yang*, where its intentions are positive and meant for the day master to abide rules and regulations.

Deity of Imposing Authority (*Qi Sha*) lends to a more offensive conquest of identical elements.

33. What are the differences between the deities of explicit talent and implicit talent?

Ans: Deity of Explicit Talent (*Shang Guan*) comes from the creation of *Yin* from *Yang* or vice versa.

Deity of Implicit Talent (*Shi Shen*) is created from the day master and is either *Yang* with *Yang*, or *Yin* with *Yin*, which are both indifferent.

34. Describe and compare the relationships amongst the deities of primary resources, secondary resources, explicit talent and implicit talent.

Ans: Deity of Primary Resources and Deity of Secondary Resources are amongst the Ten Deities, which can suppress Deity of Implicit Talent and Deity of Explicit Talent.

	Deity of Implicit Talent (<i>Shi Shen</i>)	Deity of Explicit Talent (<i>Shang Guan</i>)
Deity of Primary Resources (<i>Zheng Yin</i>)	'Sentimental' suppression	'Non-sentimental' suppression
Deity of Secondary Resources (<i>Pian Yin</i>)	'Non-sentimental' suppression	'Sentimental' suppression

35. What are the implications of a weak day master with a strong and unfavorable deity of explicit talent?

Ans: The implications can be deduced as follow:

- Day Master is deemed to be temperamental and likes to indulge in trivial smart play.
- Weak physical health
- If the candidate is female and expecting, extra precaution must be exercised to prevent high possibilities of a miscarriage.

36. When a Ding Fire individual is born in the solar month of *Mao*, his month of birth is considered to be a supportive season, or unsupportive season?

Ans: His month of birth is considered to be a supportive season.

37. 'When a day master is born in the supportive season, we can almost be certain that this individual is strong'. What is the rationale? Do you agree?

Ans: When a Day Master is born in the supportive season, this individual is very likely to be strong. In addition to the aforesaid observation, we should also consider if his earthly branches and arrangement of pillars are supportive or not.

A Day Master may turn from 'strong to weak' when his earthly branches or arrangement of pillars is unsupportive.

38. What conditions will constitute a need to lower the temperature of a four-pillar chart? And under what conditions to raise it?

Ans: The need to raise the temperature of a four-pillar chart will be constituted when the individual is born during winter (such as months of *Hai*, *Zi* and *Chou*), with fairly strong Metal or Water elements that can come to his aid within his life chart.

The need to lower the temperature of a four-pillar chart may be necessary when the individual is born during summer (such as months of *Si*, *Wu* and *Wei*), with fairly strong Wood or Fire elements that can come to his aid within his life chart.

39. Which months of birth can likely render a chilly four-pillar chart?

Ans: Birth in months such as *Hai, Zi, Chou* or *Yin* (especially the first half of *Yin* month), can likely render a chilly four-pillar chart.

40. Some describe the deities of proper authority and imposing authority as 'two-headed snakes', why is that so?

Ans: Deities of proper authority and imposing authority may overpower the day master in the absence of deities of resources.

41. If a four-pillar chart needs two Positive but opposing Elements (Positive Temperate Element and Boosting Element) at the same time, which would you choose? Why?

Ans: Positive Temperate Element takes priority before the Boosting Element.

42. Why is it important to learn 'Chart Pattern'? How many types of chart patterns are there?

Ans: A Chart Pattern reveals the key features of the Eight Characters. Quick understanding of the life chart can be established when the principal chart pattern is accurately identified.

There are many types of chart patterns in general. They are usually classified under 2 major types, which are namely the Common Chart Pattern and the Special Chart Pattern.

43. Elaborate how the choices of Chart Patterns can influence the selection of positive and reinforcing elements.

Ans: This is because the positive and reinforcing elements of the Common Chart Pattern and the Special Chart Pattern are very different from each other.

Many a time, the positive and reinforcing elements for a Common Chart Pattern are the negative elements for a Special Chart Pattern.

44. When choosing the positive and reinforcing elements, what are the differences between a Common Chart Pattern and a Special Chart Pattern?

Ans: In the broad spectrum, the equilibrium of a life chart will be disturbed when its strength, weakness, heat or coldness exceeds that of a normal level. In such cases, the use of certain Five Elements is necessary to return the balance, which refers to the 'antidote' or 'positive and reinforcing elements'.

If the imbalance of the life chart is slight, simple remedies are sufficient to rectify the shortfall. This is deemed as a Common Chart Pattern.

Those life charts that are severely imbalanced, where common methods of reinforcement and support are rendered inadequate, shall be considered as Special Chart Patterns.

45. List the conditions for establishing a Common Chart Pattern.

Ans: Careful observation of the covert stem's main energy and residual energy within the month branch shall foremost identify the Common Chart Pattern. After which, the type of Ten Deities that emerges from the covert stem will determine the chart pattern.

Below are factors to consider when determining the chart pattern:

- a. If the main energy (covert stem) within the month branch corresponds with the year stem, month stem or hour stem, then the creative or destructive relationship between this main energy and the day stem shall determine the chart pattern.
- b. If the main energy (covert stem) within the month branch does not correspond with the year stem, month stem or hour stem, then the creative or destructive relationship between any residual energy (covert stem) and the day stem shall determine the chart pattern.
- c. If neither main energy (covert stem) nor residual energy (covert stem) within the month branch corresponds with the year stem, month stem or hour stem, then locate the covert heavenly stems within the month earthly branch. Pick the most advantageous Five Element after a comparison of the strengths and weaknesses amongst the various covert stems within the month branch. The creative or destructive relationship between this element and the day stem shall determine the chart pattern.

46. What are the Positive and Reinforcing Elements of a Wood Domineering Chart Style?

Ans: [Positive and Reinforcing Elements of a Wood Domineering Chart Style:](#)

Positive : Wood

Reinforcing : Water, Wood, Fire

47. State the main characteristics of a Domineering Chart Style and a Passive Chart Style?

Ans: [Characteristics of Domineering Chart Style:](#)

The unique feature is the unrestrained strong dominance of another element that is similar to the day master. As a result, the day master will become exceedingly strong. In other words, Domineering Chart Style relates to the solo supremacy of the element of the day master.

[Characteristics of Passive Chart Style:](#)

Passive Chart Style connotes the idea of submission. Since the day master is extremely weak in the eight characters, he has to yield to the dominant energy of his four-pillar chart to get by.

48. State the conditions for establishing a Fire Domineering Chart Style.

Ans: [Conditions to establish the Fire Domineering Chart Style:](#)

Day Master : *Bing; Ding*

Months of Birth : *Si, Wu or Yin* (growth stages of Fire)

Seasonal Combination (*San Hui*) or tri-union (*San He*) of the earthly branches : Seasonal combination of *Si, Wu* and *Wei*; or Tri-union of *Yin, Wu* and *Xu*

No restraining or destructive elements : *Ren, Gui, Hai, Zi*

49. How do you derive the Positive and Reinforcing Elements of a Domineering Chart Style?

Chart Pattern	Positive Elements (Yong Shen)	Reinforcing Elements (Xi Shen)	Negative Elements (Ji Shen)
Metal Domineering Chart Style	Metal	Earth, Metal, Water	Fire, Wood
Water Domineering Chart Style	Water	Metal, Water, Wood	Earth (except <i>Chou & Chen</i>), Fire
Wood Domineering Chart Style	Wood	Water, Wood, Fire	Metal, Earth
Fire Domineering Chart Style	Fire	Wood, Fire, Earth	Water, Metal
Earth Domineering Chart Style	Earth	Fire (except <i>Wei</i>), Earth, Metal	Wood, Water

50. State the conditions for establishing a Wealth Submissive Chart Style.

Ans: Conditions to establish the Wealth Submissive Chart Style:

- a. Day master is weak with no support (No amiable and competitive deities or deities of primary and secondary resources in four pillars);
- b. Deities of authority rule the month branch;
- c. Earthly branches form tri-union/ seasonal combination of wealth;
- d. Extremely strong deities of wealth, which are created from deities of talent;
- e. Heavenly stems reveal deities of wealth

51. Compare the main features and differences of the following pairs of Chart Styles.

I. Imposing Authority and Proper Authority Chart Styles

Ans: **Proper Authority Chart Style**

The individual is upright, gentle and kind. Besides being humble and polite, he is also reliable, down-to-earth, disciplined and helpful. His sense of responsibility earns him respect.

Ans: **Imposing Authority Chart Style**

The individual is vigorous, brave and decisive. He is not afraid of hardships and likes challenges. Additionally, he upholds justice and has a high tolerance for external pressures. However, his thirst for challenges can render him to be rather imposing and daunting, which others may find offensive.

II. Implicit Talent and Explicit Talent Chart Styles

Ans: **Implicit Talent Chart Style**

The individual prefers freedom and a carefree lifestyle. He is optimistic, loves poetry and dance, possesses artistic inclination, and likes to go about doing what he enjoys. Being gentle and introverted by nature, he dislikes pressure and confrontations.

Ans: **Explicit Talent Chart Style**

The individual is energetic, competitive, ambitious and driven. He learns fast, has quick reflexes and his principles are based on his preferences. Personal benefits take precedence over benefits to others. His strong desires plus wilful and arrogant personality make him unsuitable for a vocation in the civil service.

52. State the implications when the Positive Element appears as the day branch.

Ans: The Day Earthly Branch relates to the Day Master's palace of husband and wife. Thus, the spouse is deemed to have good qualities if the day earthly branch is favourable.

53. What is an active pillar? What are the implications when the active pillar is also the day pillar?

Ans: Please refer to Chapter 1, *Introduction to Four Pillars and Palaces*, from *Essentials of Four Pillars of Destiny (Elementary)*.

54. It is believed that 'the world is created, developed and influenced by the interactions between *Yin* and *Yang*'. However, it is also advocated that '*Yin* and *Yang* are of opposing nature'. Comment.

Ans: Please refer to Chapter 1, *Introduction to Four Pillars and Palaces*, from *Essentials of Four Pillars of Destiny (Elementary)*.

55. Why is the combination of *Jia* and *Ji* referred to as the 'Combination of Fairness and Kindness'?

Ans: Please refer to Chapter 4, *What are the Ten Heavenly Stems*, from *Essentials of Four Pillars of Destiny (Elementary)*.

56. State the Earthly Branches for the four Burial Pools.

Burial (Pool)	Earthly Branch
Water Pool	<i>Chen</i>
Fire Pool	<i>Xu</i>
Wood Pool	<i>Wei</i>
Metal Pool	<i>Chou</i>

57. Elaborate the implications of 'union' and 'conflict'.

Ans: Please refer to Chapter 5, *Earthly Branches*, from *Essentials of Four Pillars of Destiny (Elementary)*.

58. Write down the corresponding earthly branches, solar terms as well as the 12 climatic changes that lend to the solar months.

Solar Month	Earthly Branch	Solar Term	Climatic Change
1 st	<i>Yin</i>	Beginning of Spring	Rain
8 th	<i>You</i>	White Dew	Autumn Equinox

59. State the relevant stages with reference to the 'Heavenly Stems in the 12 Natural Stages of Life':-

Heavenly Stems	Growth	Entry	Burial	Peak	Bath
<i>Bing</i>	<i>Yin</i>	<i>Si</i>	<i>Xu</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Mao</i>
<i>Ji</i>	<i>You</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Chou</i>	<i>Si</i>	<i>Shen</i>
<i>Geng</i>	<i>Si</i>	<i>Shen</i>	<i>Chou</i>	<i>You</i>	<i>Wu</i>
<i>Gui</i>	<i>Mao</i>	<i>Zi</i>	<i>Wei</i>	<i>Hai</i>	<i>Yin</i>

60. List the representative directions, colours and horoscopes of the following Earthly Branches.

Earthly Branches	Horoscope
<i>Chen</i>	Dragon
<i>Yin</i>	Tiger
<i>Si</i>	Snake
<i>Shen</i>	Monkey

61. State the relevant Voyager Star (four types of Voyager Star 四马地) pertaining to the individual earthly branches.

Ans: *Yin, Shen, Si and Hai* are the earthly branches that pertain to the Voyager Star.

62. State the relevant Star of Romance (four types of Romance Star 四败地) pertaining to the individual earthly branches.

Ans: *Zi, Wu, Mao and You* are the earthly branches that pertain to the Star of Romance.

63. State the Four Burial Stages (四墓地) of the earthly branches.

Ans: The Four Burial Stages of the earthly branches are *Chen, Xu, Chou and Wei*.

64. What is the Star of Aggression? How do you distinguish it from the Competitive Deity?

Ans: The Star of Aggression is a compound star, which is also the 'Peak' phase in the 12 Natural Stages of Life.

The Star of Aggression is akin to the Competitive Deity of the Ten Deities too. The competitive deity is established as so when it corresponds to the heavenly stem. It is only called the star of aggression when the competitive deity corresponds to the earthly branch.

65. Correspond the correct Academic Stars to their heavenly stems. Explain the implications of an Academic Star.

Heavenly Stems	<i>Jia</i>	<i>Bing</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Ren</i>
Academic Star	<i>Si</i>	<i>Shen</i>	<i>Shen</i>	<i>Yin</i>

Ans: People who possess the academic star are smart, hardworking and have a thirst for knowledge. They are apt at using their talents and wit to turn a problematic situation around. With gentle and gracious mannerisms, they have depth and dislike socialising with uncouth individuals.

However, an overpowering presence of the academic star may not be a good thing too, as he can be misguided by his personal conceit, which will bring about his downfall.

66. The representative direction of Bing Fire is: -

- i. East
- ii. West
- iii. South
- iv. North

Ans: South

67. Wu Earth is at its peak in the season of

- i. Spring
- ii. Summer
- iii. Winter
- iv. Transitional Phase

Ans: Transitional Phase

68. One of the main characteristics of Wood is: -

- i. Upward
- ii. Inward
- iii. Downward
- iv. Outward

Ans: Upward

69. The Heavenly Stems that represent the Central position is :-

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| i. | <i>Bing Ding</i> | ii. | <i>Jia Yi</i> |
| iii. | <i>Geng Xin</i> | iv. | <i>Wu Ji</i> |

Ans: *Wu Ji*

70. Which of the Heavenly Stems prosper in the season of summer?

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| i. | <i>Geng</i> | ii. | <i>Jia</i> |
| iii. | <i>Gui</i> | iv. | <i>Bing</i> |

Ans: *Bing*

71. How many earthly branches are there?

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| i. | 10 | ii. | 12 |
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Ans: 12

72. The representative direction of You Metal is

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|------|-------|-----|-------|
| i. | East | ii. | West |
| iii. | South | iv. | North |

Ans: *West*

73. Collectively, 'Hai, Zi Chou' merge to become: -

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|------|--------|-----|--------------------|
| i. | Summer | ii. | Spring |
| iii. | Winter | iv. | Transitional Phase |

Ans: Winter

74. The 11th position of the Earthly Branches is occupied by: -

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|------|----------|-----|------------|
| i. | 戊 (wu) | ii. | 戎 (rong) |
| iii. | 戌 (xu) | iv. | 戌 (shu) |

Ans: 戌 (Xu)

75. Which pillar as the Star of Void will constitute an unfavorable marriage?

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|------|-------------|-----|--------------|
| i. | Year Pillar | ii. | Month Pillar |
| iii. | Day Pillar | iv. | Hour Pillar |

Ans: Day Pillar

76. State the characteristics of the Voyager Star.

Ans: The presence of the Voyager Star in the eight characters portrays an active and carefree individual who is well suited for mobile jobs.

By the same token, a person who has many Voyager stars in his four pillars tends to be very unsettled and travels frequently.

77. State the implications when a Deity of Imposing Authority poses as an unfavorable element to the Star of Romance.

Deity of Imposing Authority + Star of Romance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refers to <i>Tao Hua Sha</i>• Such individuals are power-hungry, oppressive and avaricious. Fatal danger is possible when in conflict.• Female individuals must take care as they are prone to engage in undesirable trades.
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78. The earthly branch that relates to the Commanding Star of 'Yin Wu Xu' is:

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| i. <i>Zi</i> | ii. <i>You</i> |
| iii. <i>Wu</i> | iv. <i>Mao</i> |

Ans: *Wu*

79. Which of the following earthly branches is the Star of Aid (天乙贵人) to a day master of Ding fire?

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|------------------|-----------------|
| i. <i>Chen</i> | ii. <i>You</i> |
| iii. <i>Chou</i> | iv. <i>Shen</i> |

Ans: *You*

80. The Star of Void for 'Wu Shen' lies at:

- i. *Xu Hai*
- ii. *Shen You*
- iii. *Chen Si*
- iv. *Yin Mao*

Ans: *Yin Mao*

81. 'Upward climb' is the characteristic of which element?

- i. Fire
- ii. Metal
- iii. Earth
- iv. Water

Ans: Fire

82. A male born in the year of Ding is considered to be _____, whose luck cycle is arranged in a _____ manner.

- i. *Yang* Male, Progressive Calculation
- ii. *Yin* Male, Reverse Calculation
- iii. *Yang* Male, Reverse Calculation
- iv. *Yin* Male, Progressive Calculation

Ans: *Yin* Male, Reverse Calculation