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## READING MAGAZINES: HOROSCOPES

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### LIBRA

September 23-October 22

You must be wary of those who are happy not only to share their problems with you but to shift the responsibility for solving them in your direction as well. The line between concern over the welfare of close friends and colleagues and actually adopting them is unclear, so you must use your judgement. In fact, with Mercury, the planet of expression, adversely aspecting practical Saturn on Monday, what you learn about yourself in these situations could be more useful than any revelations about others. If this is the case, then there should be ample opportunity to apply that at the time of Thursday's Full Moon, which crosses the portions of your chart that relate to your point of view or attitude. You may be challenged on the position you take, but this should serve to reinforce the truth of what you have just learnt.

### VIRGO

**Influences** Partnership ventures of both a personal and professional nature dominate March and you have much to discuss. People may seem unco-operative, but persistence brings results.

**Work** All Virgos, but especially those born in September, should test the business loyalties of others. Be prepared to make alternative arrangements in time for a big financial shake-up.

**Love** This is a good time to move relationships on to a deeper level of understanding. Some ego clashes may have to be worked through, but the end results are worth the effort.

#### Key

✓ Top of the class

♥ Lucky in love

☺ Looking' good

🎵 Time to party!

☠ Trouble ahead!

#### Scorpio



You're tempted to do something sneaky, but you know it's not worth it. You're only messing around because you're bored. Try to get interested in something new cos it'll make all the difference.

#### Leo



If you've been trying to sort out a romantic situation, wait until you're in a more confident and optimistic frame of mind. Whatever happens, you'll get some results by the end of the fortnight.

### ARIES

Joint finances begin to proper as they used to in the old day. There is promotion or overtime on offer. A new peace pervades your home life. *Lovescope: If footloose, you won't stay that way much longer.*

### CAPRICORN

Take someone's advice and see a health matter through to its conclusion. A sudden change in routine will help raise your enthusiasm and give you renewed energy. *Lovescope: Spring is in the air, and in your heart.*

#### Pisces (sign of the month)

**Your Year Ahead:** During the coming year you can afford to relax and allow yourself to be supported by others. Your popularity soars, bringing more romantic opportunity and a welcome sense of belonging.

**Influences:** You start your new year feeling fighting fit and confident, but the early days of this month produce confused communications. This will pass by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Love:** Affairs of the heart are not a high priority this month because you are more worried about understanding yourself.

**Work:** Your understanding of others and your self-assurance impress your bosses, who will place their trust in you. Watch your spending in late March, when your taste for the good life could get expensive!



Read the horoscopes and answer the following questions

1. Horoscopes are usually positive; they say things readers want to hear.  
For example the *Virgo* horoscope says, 'This is a good time,' and, 'the end results are worth the effort.' Make a list of at least five other positive statements you can find in the extracts.
2. Many horoscopes will have sub-headings, dividing their statements into areas of life.  
For example '*Your Year Ahead*,' and '*Influences*'. Find the other sub-headings and make a list. You might want to think of your own areas of life and list these too!
3. Most horoscopes are very general.  
For example, the *Capricorn* horoscope begins, 'Take someone's advice and see a health matter through to its conclusion.' This could mean 'listen to your mother and stop eating chips,' or it could mean 'listen to your Doctor who says you need an operation.' Think of three other meanings for this statement and write them down.
4. Now find two other vague statements and write three possible meanings for each of them.
5. Why do you think that horoscopes are vague in this way?
6. Now you're ready to write your own horoscope. You will need to:  
Select a star sign (this could be your own).  
Choose your sub-headings (you could design a set of symbols with a key for this)  
Write three or four sentences which are positive and general.  
If you have time, write another!

