

Notes on Common Errors 3911 – 3962

(Error incidence : total error : total entry)

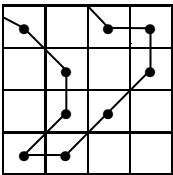
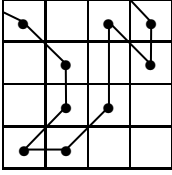
- 3912 Unsatisfactory finale (Message “Black out writer’s full name”; (78 : 95 : 467)
 ISABEL ALLENDE in **E** shape)
 (i) Blue not black (23) (ii) Other colours (4 different) (15)
 (iii) No blacking at all (17) (iv) Other faults (12 different) (23)
- 3913 (i) STEM / HEMMED IN BLISS for STET / NETTED IN BLISS (65 : 183 : 537)
Check once, remove knight and put it back
 STE(N)T; NETTED IN BLISS = ‘clue’ to ‘captivated’
 (ii) SHEEP SPIN ARMS for SHEEP UP IN ARMS (40 : 183 : 537)
 ‘Clue’ to ‘Rams’; four words specified
 (iii) IN CUT AND HURT / SNEB / WEBBED IN BLISS for (29 : 183 : 537)
 IT CUT AND HURT / STET / NETTED IN BLISS
 Clue to ‘Harm’, ie, charm (= it) cut; for STET see (i)
- 3914 ENDOPLEURAS for ENDOPLEURAE (38 : 183 : 550)
Drupe alone developed base containers for seeds
 Anag. DRUPE ALONE + E
- 3915 (i) REELED for REVVED (144 : 254 : 696)
 (a) extra EE highlighted, no VV (112)
 (b) extra L **l** L highlighted, no VV (32)
 (‘Revolved’; pairs of all 26 letters were to be highlighted)
 (ii) HADJI for HAJJI; no JJ highlight (74 : 254 : 696)
 (iii) Extra

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 highlighted (31 : 254 : 696)
- 3917 (i) RAKES for RAXES (63 : 186 : 470)
Rector copies missing folio and reaches out for the Edinburgh edition
 R + (F)AXES
 (ii) TAINO / ALSPOT for TWINS / ALOPST (41 : 186 : 470)
Language used by Nova Scotia and parts of Scotland
 TWI + NS; POSTAL order
 (iii) Other than NIGHT MAIL (crossing) BORDER highlighted (7 different) (37 : 186 : 470)
 (iv) TAINS for TWINS See (ii) (34 : 186 : 470)
- 3919 (i) No ‘elements’ entered at all; various choices in unchecked cells, (50 : 211 : 448)
 eg, ARAAIC or ARMAIC for ARaMAIC
 (ii) WRAC for WAAC (50 : 211 : 448)
Female combatant with a mate in Merseyside, it’s said
 Homophone WACK
 (iii) NORTeNA for NORTeNAs (31 : 211 : 448)
Staggeringly near tons — many North Americans fit such a description!
 Anag. NEAR TONS
- 3920 (i) Faulty top row: RYORKDARLING expected, part of scrolling (112 : 123 : 351)
 destinations ... (Doncaste)R YORK DARLING(ton)...
 (a) THISTRAINSTO (ie unchanged) (69)
 (b) Others (18 different) (43)
 (ii) Unsatisfactory highlighting (54 different) (96 : 123 : 351)
 I HAVE TO GO TO, ascending grid in approximately correct
 geographical representation, plus YORK (see (i))

- 3921 Faulty thematic entries: (59 : 85 : 562)
 (i) CONSUMER for CENSURER (47)
 (ii) PUNT (35), MUNT (5), AUNT (4), RUNT (3) for HUNT (47)
 (iii) LUSH (41), LUSK (2), RUST (1) for LUST (44)
 CENSURER, LUST, HUNT (GENTLE, ROMANIST) formed from letters of
 ULSTER, MUNSTER, LEINSTER, CONNAUGHT
- 3922 (i) Unsatisfactory highlighting: SHARAWAGGI required (56 : 105 : 295)
 (a) WAGGISH (29) (b) others (19 different) (27)
 (ii) Bars missing / extra (45 : 105 : 295)
- 3924 Other than WE STIR THE HUSH (anag. THE WISE THRUSH) × 2 (38 : 67 : 397)
 in grid (10 different)
- 3926 ENISLE for INISLE (65 : 102 : 452)
To isolate under control when wearing linen cloth
 To isolate = definition of entry; IN LINE = answer, – N, + S
- 3930 Other than **PENDULUM** under grid (22 different) (27 : 52 : 283)
 Noddy = inverted pendulum
- 3933 Unsatisfactory outline of Italy and / or city locations (331 : 343 : 519)
 (i) Faulty depiction of Gulf of Taranto coastline (291 : 343 : 519)
 (a)  (136) (b)  (107)
 (c) Others (nearly all different) (48)
 (ii) (a) Rome placed on coast; (67 : 343 : 519)
 usually with fault(s) elsewhere; 19 straight lines specified for outline
 (b) Turin on coast; see (ii)(a) (30 : 343 : 519)
 (c) Genoa inland; see (ii)(a) (27 : 343 : 519)
 (d) Venice inland; see (ii)(a) (13 : 343 : 519)
- 3935 (i) Other than BLACK (in black) at 25ac (replacing WHITE) (39 : 144 : 642)
 (a) GREEN (17) (b) WHITE (11) (c) others (7 different) (11)
 (ii) Other than WHITE, BALLROOM, LEAD PIPE under grid (16 different) (28 : 144 : 642)
- 3936 Other than SICKLE and CDXCIII highlighted (21 different) (62 : 85 : 577)
 1 Galleon = 17 Sickles × 29 Knots : 493
- 3937 Unsatisfactory highlighting (214 : 236 : 676)
 (i) SILAS MARNER, ADAM BNDE, MARIAN EVANS
 Message: “Pen name for real name”, hence GEORGE ELIOT required,
 placing the E correctly in BEDE (175)
 (ii) Others (21 different) (39)
- 3941 Unsatisfactory highlighting: eight anagrammed bones forming (89 : 105 : 444)
 symmetrical loaf shape required
 (i) TRIBUNAL (TURBINAL) included for PROMETAL (TEMPORAL) (25)
 (ii) Others (28 different) (64)

- 3943 Unsatisfactory highlighting: beginning and end of **WATLING STREET** (153 : 182 : 605)
required
(i) S of **SOUTHWARK** and Y of **CANTERBURY** (116)
(ii) Others (12 different) (37)
- 3946 Unsatisfactory highlighting: **LEANTO, ALLIUM PORRUM** (= leek) (102 : 116 : 545)
required
(i) **ATREAR** included for **PORRUM** (44)
(ii) **PORRUM** missing (hence only 12 letters, not specified 18) (42)
(iii) Others (11 different) (16)
- 3948 **IPAPT** for **UPAPT (UNAPT)** (79 : 122 : 473)
Not fit, one exercises outside a lot
'lot' extra; UN + A in P.T.
- 3950 Unsatisfactory highlighting: **ANAGRAMS LURE OK** required (82 : 96 : 430)
(i) (a) **TPECDI** (20) (b) **PECDIT** (9) for **LURE OK** (29)
(ii) S of **ANAGRAMS** not included; 8-letter word specified (15)
(iii) Others (21 different) (38)
- 3952 (i) Unsatisfactory depiction/arrangement of card-holdings (39 different) (84 : 118 : 391)
(ii) Other than **FATNESS** (longest word in E's hand) highlighted (21 different) (45 : 118 : 391)
- 3953 (i) Other than blank grid (31 : 55 : 785)
Message from clues: Erase all letters from grid
(ii) Other than **PATAPHYSICS** under the grid (10 different) (25 : 55 : 785)
- 3954 (i) **UNBARS** for **UNBAGS** (35 : 89 : 457)
Releases hound I don't lay claim to
'hound' extra word; 2 defs, one of them putative
(ii) E for I (completing jumble of **SPEM IN ALIUM**) in centre circle (25 : 89 : 457)
- 3956 Unsatisfactory anniversary (grid entry) numbering (some multiple) (86 : 117 : 464)
(i) ²**PAPER** for ¹**PAPER** (27)
(ii) No numbers at all entered (26)
(iii) ⁴**LINEN** for ¹²**LINEN** (18)
(iv) Others (16 different) (23)
Chambers Dictionary was emphasised as primary reference for anniversaries,
and the required numbers did not appear elsewhere in the grid/clues
- 3958 Unsatisfactory highlighting (**EDWARD UPWARD** in vertical 'spiral'
required) (36 : 68 : 393)
(i) Only **UPWARD** (16)
(ii) Others (15 different) (20)
- 3959 (i) **CAEIGHTEEN** for **RA(NINE →)EIGHTEEN** (83 : 141 : 710)
Hearing unexpectedly about letter to do with part of mouth
Anag **HEARING** about **TEE**
(ii) **GYRE** for **GORE** (29 : 141 : 710)
Turn on section of parachute canopy
GO, RE

- 3960 (i) MAGGIE THATCHER for CHRISTOPHER FRY in diagonal (120 : 241 : 549)
BIRTH CENTENARY in other diagonal confirmed
- (ii) CASH, or if (i) above, MASH for CAST (MAST) (93 : 241 : 549)
Nuns are quiet after Mass
Misprint, Nuts; A, ST after M
- 3961 Crotchets used for all 12 notes (4 should be minims) (52 : 140 : 560)
Clashes one letter apart → crotchets, two letters apart → minims;
the preamble effectively defined a gap, "... never more than two letters
apart alphabetically"
- 3962 Unsatisfactory highlighting/erasing (104 : 129 : 504)
HUIA was to be highlighted in the 'TODAY' half of the grid, and
erased in the 'TOMORROW' half
- (i) TODAY highlighted, TOMORROW erased; neither HUIA treated (44)
 - (ii) HUIA (in TODAY half) and TODAY highlighted;
HUIA (in TOMORROW half) untreated; TOMORROW erased (31)
 - (iii) Other variations (11 different) (29)
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