

## Notes on Common Errors 3287 – 3338

(Error incidence : total error : total entry)

- 3287 ARON (or AARON) not highlighted (102 : 162 : 624)  
Elvis Presley's middle name; preamble required 'full name'
- 3288 South west corner incorrectly coded ( 49 : 84 : 260)  
Letters in answers were advanced according to their position in the word
- 3292 XEMS for XEMA ( 33 : 86 : 433)  
*Leach's gulls return from [Tehuantepec – that's] Mexico*  
(2 words redundant – initials indicating Twenty Two for Playfair)  
A (form of ab, = from) MEX rev.
- 3294 APRNCPO for (I)N PR(I)NC(I)P(I)O ( 72 : 115 : 448)  
(One word in clue distorted by addition of a letter, to be omitted from light)  
*During reaction of propionic ac(i)d, I, a doc, strangely take no part at first*  
IN (During) + anag. PROPIONIC ACD I less A D,O,C
- 3296 Other than ARTEMIS highlighted, adjacent to stars of Orion (183 : 205 : 329)  
Most popular:  
(i) Various other arrangements of ARTEMIS (69)  
(ii) Various arrangements of MOON (27)  
(iii) Various arrangements of DIANA (17)  
(iv) Various arrangements of ORION (14)  
(v) Nothing highlighted (14)
- 3297 (U)P(O)N not highlighted ( 37 : 79 : 201)  
PICTURE YOU UPON MY KNEE in grid; full lyric required, not a representation thereof
- 3299 (i) TRAIN-SPOTTING for STARTING-POINT under diagram (399 : 482 : 667)  
'When read in the correct order ... solvers should satisfy themselves describes all the clues affected.' They all began with a definition of POINT  
(ii) APAGOGE for EPAGOGE (131 : 482 : 667)  
*Logical reasoning, for instance round failure to meet coming back*  
E.G. + O + GAPE rev.
- 3304 Alternative answers suggesting theme not deduced ( 55 : 118 : 344)  
Most common:  
(i) SAW for TAW (light 20) (43)  
*To do this might involve cut – taking little time expressing disgust*  
T + AW  
(ii) JAWS for YAWS (light 25) (14)  
*What makes one sick? Using other type of Japan's capital for shark film*  
Y (= YEN) replacing J in JAWS

- 3305 (i) Other than ~~se~~ in each defect square (215 : 246 : 390)  
 "... entrants are asked to draw a s(ymb)ol ... in each such place ..."  
 Y, M and B were three of the eight superfluous letters  
 ("... ignore ALL occurrences ...")
- (ii) UNCOORDINATE for INCOORDINATE ( 59 : 246 : 390)  
*One officer rationed firing of other ranks*  
 I + N.C.O. + anag. RATIONED (UNCOORDINATE non-existent)
- 3308 (i) SPANG for SPANK ( 43 : 114 : 517)  
*Pair of horses, with velocity constant, move briskly*  
 SPAN + K G (or g) not velocity constant and definition becomes imprecise
- (ii) Nothing shaded ( 32 : 114 : 517)  
 MORLOCKS and ELOI required
- 3309 Other than totally blank grid ( 44 : 44 : 266)  
 'Erase everything, send blank' in intermediate grid answers
- 3310 PLUMBISM for PLUIBISM ( 70 : 108 : 622)  
*Flier once respected choice I made to replace last of serum in case of poisoning*  
 IBIS (Flier ...) in PLUM (choice); I replacing M in PLUMBISM
- 3312 (i) Formation of C U P (sponsor) highlighted, but letters left in place underneath ( 48 : 131 : 366)  
 Preamble: "... solvers should find a way of removing ..."
- (ii) Nothing highlighted, nothing removed ( 30 : 131 : 366)
- 3313 (i) Surnames only highlighted ( 34 : 166 : 714)
- (ii) JAQUES for JACQUES (ANQUETIL) highlighted ( 30 : 166 : 714)
- 3314 THE WHO for THE THE ( 57 : 95 : 236)  
 THE WHO does not satisfactorily '... indicate what is missing ...'  
 as in (THE) KINKS etc.
- 3318 (i) Alternatives to 14.08.1948 under diagram ( 67 : 184 : 425)
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| (a) 14.08.48   | (23) | (b) 12.08.1948     | (16) | (c) 14.08.1938 | (10) |
| (d) 24.08.1948 | ( 6) | (e) 14 AUGUST 1948 | ( 4) | (f) 12.08.1938 | ( 3) |
| (g) 14.08.1945 | ( 1) | (h) 12.08.48       | ( 1) | (j) 14.8.1948  | ( 1) |
| (k) 20.08.1948 | ( 1) | (l) 14.8.48        | ( 1) |                |      |
- Date derived from eight consecutive clues where the position of an 'o' indicated the relevant digit of the date, as in preamble example
- (ii) All 8 Os in diagram highlighted but not connected ( 63 : 184 : 425)  
 Preamble: "... make another connection of eight letters in the completed grid to indicate the batsman's final score ..."

- 3319 Alternatives to 1.618033988749894 ( 78 : 97 : 429)  
 Most frequent: 1.6181533988749894 (41)  
 Golden Ratio, derived from unchecked letters in acrosses  
 (O = 0 had to be deduced, or confirmed from the ratio)
- 3323 (i) PEON for PENN (= Friend) ( 83 : 167 : 742)  
 (ii) BOOT for BOOR (= Countryman) ( 50 : 167 : 742)  
 ( 49 with both )
- 3326 Bar(s) missing/extra ( 54 : 60 : 468)
- 3327 (i) Omitted (51) or (ii) faulty (28) shading ( 79 : 110 : 620)  
 E LONARD and BERNSTEN I required
- 3328 INSIDE for ONSIDE ( 69 : 150 : 690)  
*Eagle standing among Cromwell's horsemen*  
 i.e. Legal standing ... Ir(ONSIDE)s
- 3333 Other than TWELVE THREES under diagram (13 different) ( 49 : 82 : 320)
- 3334 Highlighting faulty ( 58 : 92 : 567)  
 Name (THOMAS CARLYLE) and addresses (ECCLEFECHAN,  
 CHELSEA, CRAIGENPUTTOCK) were required
- 3336 IRIS for IRID ( 49 : 96 : 295)  
*One way one's held flag* I in I, RD
- 3337 DOTES/DISTIL for DOMES/DISMAL ( 46 : 161 : 772)  
 From HOMES, DOVES and DISMAY, DISTAL  
*Nests, perhaps [HOMES], for birds of peace [DOVES]*  
*Alarm [DISMAY] a long way from the centre [DISTAL]*