



Vic Skeptics May 2018 Crossword

Theme: Astrology

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STANDARD CLUES

ACROSS:

1. Clumsy or unintelligent man [3]
3. Ancient astronomer based in Babylon [8]
9. A band in the heavens divided into twelve signs, each containing 30 degrees of longitude and acting as a barometer for various human traits [6]
11. A time of equal day and equal night occurring twice a year [7]
12. Infusion of *Camelia sinensis* [3]
13. Skilled at something [5]
15. One who watches at an event [9]
17. Area of an ocean, typically adjoining and partly enclosed by land [3]
18. The Lion; relates to the Nemean Lion killed by Hercules [3]
19. Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are collectively the _ _ _ signs [3]
20. Unit of energy [3]
23. Thinly dispersed; in short supply [6]
25. Bose and Einstein's particle alternative to a fermion [5]
27. Specialists in a particular branch of study [8]
28. Aries, Leo & Sagittarius are collectively the _ _ _ signs [4]
30. Horse-drawn mobile fighting platform [7]
31. Dried grape [6]
32. A planet's movement through a zodiacal sign or house [7]
36. The indefinite article used before words beginning with a vowel sound [2]
37. & 39 across: an astrologer's map of planetary positions at the exact moment of the client's birth [5, 5]
39. See 37 across
40. Tree variety [3]
41. Not encountered often [4]
43. Planet not featuring in classical Astrology as it was not discovered until 1781 [6]
44. The Sun's apparent path through the zodiac [8]
45. Greek god of nature [3]
46. One who is concerned mainly with advancement in his or her profession [9]
48. The motion of the axis of a spinning body, such as the wobble of a spinning top or the Earth [10]
49. Tract of open uncultivated upland [4]
50. Fire, water, air & earth collectively in astrology; They relate to three of the signs of the zodiac each [8]

51. The Serpent bearer: thirteenth sign of the zodiac? [9]

DOWN:

1. Ukrainian port city [6]
2. More offensive or disgusting [6]
3. Major grouping of stars as apparent from Earth [13]
4. Leaves [7]
5. The Ram; relates to the flying ram in Greek mythology that provided the Golden Fleece [5]
6. Russian ruler [4]
7. Zodiac sign based on Astraea. In Greek mythology, she was the last immortal to abandon Earth at the end of the Silver Age, when the gods fled to Olympus – hence the sign's association with Earth. (Wikipedia) [5]
8. Essential oils extracted from roses [6]
10. Describes two or more planets coming close (within 8° of arc) in their apparent positions [11]
14. One's equal in rank [4]
16. The Fish (derived from the ichthyocentaurs, who in Greek mythology aided Aphrodite when she was born from the sea) [6]
18. The only inanimate sign in the Zodiac [5]
21. The convention that the Earth, rather than the Sun is at the centre of the Solar System [9]
22. Foretell [7]
24. Bucket [4]
26. Rotation OR heavily biased reporting [4]
29. Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn are collectively the _ _ _ _ _ signs [5]
31. Apparent motion of a planet that appears to be traveling backwards from Earth's perspective [10]
33. Foot digit [3]
34. A chart of the heavens cast for a particular moment in time, as seen from a particular place on the Earth's surface [9]
35. Heavenly body whose name means "wanderer" [6]
36. Horoscopes are constructed in this deliberate way; their meaning is unclear and subject to different interpretations [10]
38. The current astrological age according to most Astrologers. (although others say it is the Piscean) [8]
39. The midway point between two zodiac signs [4]
42. Categorisation of body movements, gestures, facial expressions, etc which can be "read" [7]

- 44. Entangle, ensnare [6]
- 47. Particular amounts of money [4]
- 48. A prefix indicating favour for some group or idea, etc., without being personally affiliated [3]

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS:

- 1. Some loutish person has removed the top of the bread [3]
- 3. Chemical bond with aluminium taken to academic to find astronomer [8]
- 9. Oz acid rocked the heavens [6]
- 11. Like a horse without a tail, steer into biannual event [7]
- 12. Leaves in late afternoon [3]
- 13. Expert in a minor area of retailing [5]
- 15. He watches tots caper around [9]
- 17. Main layer of coal unfinished [3]
- 18. Sign some people overlook [3]
- 19. It's primarily nitrogen [3]
- 20. A piece of work? [3]
- 23. Scattered beams with energy [6]
- 25. Gift has direction to find particle [5]
- 27. Marks the inclusion of a short break for those learning [8]
- 28. Trigger feminine wrath [4]
- 30. Talk about Brazilian city transport [7]
- 31. Mostly increasing the amount of dried fruit [6]
- 32. Start in rebuilt conveyance [7]
- 36. She rules the sky in the Sumer time [2]
- 37. & 39 across: Maternity hospital record [5, 5]
- 39. See 37 across
- 40. Furniture maker ignores odd characters in bedlam [3]
- 41. It's not often found in the Sumatra region [4]
- 43. Run USA ragged over distant planet [6]
- 44. Pit Cecil to confuse solar track [8]
- 45. Hurt as I dropped vessel [3]
- 46. Ambitious type rushes around island ahead of time [9]
- 48. Cone spires create a wobble [10]

- 49. Use ropes to secure African [4]
- 50. Electrical coils made by steelmen [8]
- 51. Hi up hocus finds snake lady [9]

DOWN:

- 1. Some of the codes sabotaging Black Sea port [6]
- 2. Or fuel may be more offensive [6]
- 3. Trick a woman into wrongly identifying stars [13]
- 4. Hurried back about painting as one takes one's leave [7]
- 5. A sign decay hasn't started? [5]
- 6. Business bigwig put crooked character into automobile [4]
- 7. Sign that it's right to leave after six [5]
- 8. Rat sat and smelled the roses [6]
- 10. Coincidence of coconut jinn [11]
- 14. Apostle has no time for aristocrat [4]
- 16. Fish pies seen around South Carolina [6]
- 18. Sign in more than 50% of reading rooms [5]
- 21. Get cornice fixed, putting earth in the middle [9]
- 22. Look forward to old Scotsman sheltering communist [7]
- 24. Friend carrying one bucket [4]
- 26. Reel back with some drinks [4]
- 29. It is ground to make electricity safe [5]
- 31. An amendment to great order is certainly not progressive [10]
- 33. Hose end [3]
- 34. What's to become of you? [9]
- 35. Aircraft on time for Jupiter, perhaps [6]
- 36. Murky stew is a gumbo, final item in menu [10]
- 38. Collector of relics dispatching books - one for horoscope reader? [8]
- 39. Transition point starts to come under sustained pressure [4]
- 42. Tell [7]
- 44. Men she cunningly gets in trap [6]
- 47. In addition, they return us a manuscript [4]
- 48. Person being oddly selective as expert [3]

SOLUTION

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