

**SPECIAL May 2020 – Puzzles Number 27**  
**CROSSWORD CLUES**

1. (a) *Eccentric spindle projection*    **C \_ M**  
(b) *Prolonged state of deep unconsciousness*    **C \_ M \_**  
(c) *Underground thickened stem; bulb, tuber*    **C \_ \_ M**  
(d) *Pinnacle*    **\_ C M \_**  
(e) *Long range weapon, typically with a nuclear warhead (inits.)*    **\_ C \_ M**  
(f) *Minor appearance by a major star or celebrity*    **C \_ M \_ \_**  
(g) *Coarse fabric used for heavy-duty lining*    **\_ C \_ \_ M**  
(h) *Thrift*    **\_ C \_ \_ \_ M \_**  
(i) *Zone of growth tissue within a plant*    **C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ M**  
(j) *Relating to any system based on the number ten*    **\_ \_ C \_ M \_ \_**

**BONUS:** *US Civil War General Sherman's middle name*    **\_ \_ C \_ M \_ \_ \_**

2. (a) *Covetousness*    **E \_ V \_**  
(b) *Group of similar people*    **\_ E V \_**  
(c) *Bring to mind; conjure up*    **E V \_ \_ \_**  
(d) *Diplomatic representative*    **E \_ V \_ \_**  
(e) *Search within a bag or other container*    **\_ E \_ V \_**  
(f) *Cause of annoyance*    **\_ \_ E V \_**  
(g) *Develop gradually*    **E \_ \_ \_ V \_**  
(h) *Chicory*    **E \_ \_ \_ V \_**  
(i) *Entirely lacking*    **\_ E V \_ \_ \_**  
(j) *Daydream*    **\_ E V \_ \_ \_ \_**

**BONUS:** *Absolute temperature unit*    **\_ E \_ V \_ \_**

3. (a) *Abnormal discharge from or within the body* **F L \_ \_**  
 (b) *Roll or fold up neatly and securely* **F \_ \_ L**  
 (c) *Openly disregard* **F L \_ \_ \_**  
 (d) *Serious criminal* **F \_ L \_ \_**  
 (e) *To cover food with spirits and set it alight briefly.* **F L \_ \_ \_ \_**  
 (f) *Leave of absence* **F \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ \_**  
 (g) *Superficial; over-simplified* **F \_ \_ \_ L \_**  
 (h) *Treat sacrilegiously* **\_ \_ F \_ L \_**  
 (i) *Nimbly; skillfully* **\_ \_ F \_ L \_**  
 (j) *Quell; suppress; smother* **\_ \_ \_ F L \_**

**BONUS:** *Shining forth brilliantly; radiant.* **\_ \_ F \_ L \_ \_ \_ \_**

4. (a) *Wildebeeste* **G \_ U**  
 (b) *Shivering fit* **\_ G U \_**  
 (c) *Beef cattle breed* **\_ \_ G \_ U**  
 (d) *Enthusiasm* **G U \_ \_ \_**  
 (e) *Small tropical American fruit tree* **G U \_ \_ \_**  
 (f) *Excrement of seabirds and bats* **G U \_ \_ \_**  
 (g) *Outward form; semblance* **G U \_ \_ \_**  
 (h) *Complete range or scope* **G \_ \_ U \_**  
 (i) *Respected and impressive* **\_ \_ G U \_ \_**  
 (j) *Highly seasoned dish of small pieces of meat stewed with vegetables*  
**\_ \_ G \_ U \_**

**BONUS:** *Remove or reduce an object's magnetism* **\_ \_ G \_ U \_ \_**

5. (a) *In good health*     **H \_ L \_**
- (b) *Tiller*     **H \_ L \_**
- (c) *Black powder used as eye make-up*     **\_ \_ H L**
- (d) *Middle Eastern sweet made of sesame flour and honey*     **H \_ L \_ \_**
- (e) *Actual shape of a "spiral" staircase*     **H \_ L \_ \_**
- (f) *Squalid dwelling*     **H \_ \_ \_ L**
- (g) *Confidence trickster's accomplice*     **\_ H \_ L \_**
- (h) *Give birth to a puppy*     **\_ H \_ L \_**
- (i) *Discourteous person*     **\_ H \_ \_ L**
- (j) *Sap-bearing plant tissue*     **\_ H L \_ \_ \_**

**BONUS:** *level or rank*     **\_ \_ H \_ L \_ \_**

6. (a) *Sin*     **I \_ \_ Q \_ \_ \_ \_**
- (b) *Unease*     **\_ I \_ Q \_ \_ \_ \_**
- (c) *Spicy, tangy*     **\_ I Q \_ \_ \_ \_**
- (d) *Shellfish soup*     **\_ I \_ Q \_ \_**
- (e) *Ban*     **\_ I \_ Q \_ \_ \_ \_ \_**
- (f) *Detailed analysis*     **\_ \_ I \_ \_ Q \_ \_**
- (g) *Slanting; indirect*     **\_ \_ \_ I Q \_ \_**

**BONUS:**

[CHEMISTRY] *Property exhibited by some salts which form a solution of themselves by absorbing moisture from the air.*

**\_ \_ \_ I Q \_ \_ \_ \_ \_**

7. (a) *Triangular staysail*    **J \_ B**
- (b) *Insulting remark*    **J \_ B \_**
- (c) *Ornamental lace clothing accessory falling from the throat*    **J \_ B \_ \_**
- (d) *Twenty-five or fifty year commemoration*    **J \_ B \_ \_ \_ \_**
- (e) *Desert-dwelling rodent*    **J \_ \_ B \_ \_**
- (f) *Seed oil widely used in cosmetics*    **\_ \_ J \_ B \_**
- (g) *Relating to the reign of James I of England*    **J \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_**
- (h) *Wine bottle four times larger than an ordinary bottle*    **J \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_**

**BONUS:** *The Former French Somaliland*    **\_ J \_ B \_ \_ \_ \_**

8. (a) *Economize on, scrimp and scrape:*    **\_ K E**
- (b) *Military cap*    **K E \_ \_**
- (c) *To adjust the spacing when type-setting or word processing*    **K E \_ \_**
- (d) *Cows collectively*    **K \_ \_ E**
- (e) *Position out of alignment*    **\_ K E \_**
- (f) *Harness*    **\_ \_ K E**
- (g) *V-shaped formation of flying geese or swans*    **\_ K E \_ \_**
- (h) *Bumpkin*    **\_ \_ K E \_**
- (i) *High-quality black tea*    **\_ \_ K \_ E**
- (j) *With suspicion or disapproval*    **\_ \_ K \_ \_ \_ \_**

**BONUS:** *(in tsarist Russia) a royal decree*    **\_ K \_ \_ E**

9. (a) *State of matter*    **L \_ Q \_ \_ \_**



(b) *Oriental fruit (pictured)*    **L \_ Q \_ \_ \_**

(c) *Restrictive close-knit group*    **\_ L \_ Q \_ \_**

(d) *Talkative*    **L \_ Q \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_**

(e) *Conversational, every-day, non-literary*    **\_ \_ \_ L \_ Q \_ \_ \_ \_**

**BONUS:** *Carefully measured volume of liquid*    **\_ L \_ Q \_ \_ \_**

10. (a) *Latin abbreviation for "that's really how it appears in the original"*    **S \_ C**

(b) *Vocal improvisation common in jazz*    **S C \_ \_**

(c) *Cult*    **S \_ C \_**

(d) *Flat circular plate*    **\_ \_ S C**

(e) *Heir of a wealthy or prominent family*    **S C \_ \_ \_**

(f) *Loose rock debris at the base of a cliff*    **S C \_ \_ \_**

(g) *Fishing boat*    **S \_ \_ C \_**

(h) *Seemingly indifferent to joy, grief, pleasure, or pain.*    **S \_ \_ \_ C**

(i) *Clear jelly*    **\_ S \_ \_ C**

(j) *Complete failure*    **\_ \_ \_ S C \_**

**BONUS:** *The telling of fortunes by reading tea leaves*    **\_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_**

## ANSWERS

1. a. cam   b. coma   c. corm   d. acme   e. ICBM   f. cameo   g. scrim   h. economy  
i. cambium   j. decimal   Bonus: Tecumseh
2. a. envy   b. bevy   c. evoke   d. envoy   e. delve   f. peeve   g. evolve   h. endive  
i. devoid   j. reverie   Bonus: Kelvin
3. a. flux   b. furl   c. flout   d. felon   e. flambé   f. furlough   g. facile   h. defile  
i. deftly   j. stifle   Bonus: effulgent
4. a. gnu   b. ague   c. wagyu   d. gusto   e. guava   f. guano   g. guise   h. gamut  
i. august   j. ragout   Bonus: degauss
5. a. hale   b. helm   c. kohl   d. halva   e. helix   f. hovel   g. shill   h. whelp  
i. churl   j. phloem   Bonus: echelon
6. a. iniquity   b. disquiet   c. piquant   d. bisque   e. disqualify   f. critique  
g. oblique   Bonus: Deliquescence
7. a. jib   b. jibe   c. jabot   d. jubilee   e. jerboa   f. jojoba   g. Jacobean  
h. jeroboam   Bonus: Djibouti
8. a. eke   b. kepi   c. kern   d. kine   e. skew   f. yoke   g. skein   h. yokel  
i. pekoe   j. askance   Bonus: ukase
9. a. liquid   b. loquat   c. clique   d. loquacious   e. colloquial   bonus: aliquot
10. a. sic   b. scat   c. sect   d. disc   e. scion   f. scree   g. smack  
h. stoic   i. aspic   j. fiasco   Bonus: tasseomancy