

King Classic Sudoku

		8	5				9	
4	7	6	1	9	8		2	
						8	6	1
2					5			7
3							5	
9		5		8	7	1		2
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7		3	8	6				

Difficulty: ★ 9/29

2	9	7	3	5	4	8	6	1
4	3	8	9	6	1	2	7	5
6	5	1	7	8	2	3	9	4
8	2	5	6	3	9	4	1	7
3	7	4	5	1	8	6	2	9
9	1	6	2	4	7	5	8	3
5	4	2	1	7	6	9	3	8
1	8	9	4	2	3	7	5	6
7	6	3	8	9	5	1	4	2

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ISAAC ASIMOV’S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: HOW MUCH?
(e.g., How much more is a quarter than a nickel? Answer: 20 cents.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. A yard is how much more than a foot?
Answer _____
2. John paid \$20.50 for five ice-cream cones. How much did each cone cost?
Answer _____
3. It is now noon. The bus arrives at 1:20 p.m. How much longer do you have to wait?
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL
4. How much rent will you pay in a year if the cost is \$500 a month?
Answer _____
5. If your expenses have doubled, how much is the percentage increase?
Answer _____
6. How much more will you have to pay per month if your \$50 water bill is increased by 10%?
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL
7. If the national debt is \$40 trillion and the population is 400 million, how much does each person owe?
Answer _____
8. How much did the U.S. pay for Alaska in 1867? (Correct if within half a million dollars.)
Answer _____
9. The cost of jeans increased from \$36 per pair to \$45 per pair. How much is the percentage increase?
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1) 24 inches. 2) \$4.10. 3) 80 minutes. 4) \$6,000. 5) 100%. 6) \$5 more. 7) \$100,000. 8) \$7.2 million. 9) 25%.

SCORING:
18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you’re plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ F K I S K X W V C K M O Z L ‘ O H M S F K ’
J H I I C A M M K M O — X K V F H X S
H C C W M N Z X Z A O F J H I Z M W Z L C F W
O X W H C I Z L V K M W T H . ” — S H U K S
V H T W X Z M

Previous Solution: “Hell isn’t merely paved with good intentions; it’s walled and roofed with them. Yes, and furnished too.” — Aldous Huxley
TODAY’S CLUE: *n sjenbe v*

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Venomous viper
4 Every cloud — a silver lining
7 Wide stripe
11 “Murders in the Rue Morgue” author
12 Old exclamation
14 Notion
15 Burst
16 Concern
17 Done with
18 Amass
21 Big boat
22 Cakes and —
23 London’s Big —
25 Jelly fruit
28 Mechanical
32 Clumsy guy
33 Distribute cards
35 Church part
36 Commedia dell’—
38 Midway attraction
40 Liquid meas.
41 Downwind
43 Worn out
45 Domicile (Abbr.)
46 Simian creature
47 May honoree
49 Causing great distress
55 Actor — Thicke
57 Spiritual teacher
58 Ocean
59 Nerve network
60 Brewed drinks
61 Fireplace item
62 London area
63 Tint
64 Print measures
DOWN
1 iPhone downloads
2 Chimney buildup
3 Hard-rind fruit
4 Badgered in public
5 Wide open

Answer to Previous Puzzle

J	A	R		A	C	M	E		G	R	I	D
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F	A	R	C	E		P	R	O	M	O	T	E
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T	A	L	E		P	O	M	E		L	E	T
S	H	E	D		S	T	A	N		A	R	E

6 Delhi dress
7 Life story, for short
8 Benefit
9 — -do-well
10 Gloomy
13 State near Pa.
19 Beret
20 Flow back
24 Many years
25 Objective
26 Not at all abundant
27 Consequence
28 Foray
29 Long-standing
30 — the Terrible
31 Breton or Gael
34 Goof
37 Sheep
39 Adopt, as a cause
42 Incense residue
44 Long seat
46 Wide assortment
47 Red planet
48 Margarine
50 Emissary (Abbr.)
51 Regretted
52 — of Wight
53 Elemental gas
54 Jokes
56 “The Matrix” hero

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