

Medium Cryptograms — Set 239

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Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: N = E

Medium · 131 letters

H V N D V N D M W K V Y D V H V N

Q N C Q B N Y I Q C W N Z C R

H V N Y O Q A J B Y D

W N O X L R H W Y R H V N

L Z C Q H Y C R C E H V N

D C R W H Y H A H Y C R L O N H V N

J N W H N X Y Z N R D N C E

H V N Y O D L Q L D Y H U E C O

W N B E - T C X N O R I N R H .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

2. Clue: B = T

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M B Y I J M H X I E M H C

P F O V I B M Q H H Q B Q H U L

V Q X X Q H B Q I U U, D O B M H

J Q X P J P H J P

V Q X Z O U J Q T L Q H I U U,

B W I B B W P F P J B M H L Q G

B W P G T P P T P Z O D U M V J Q G

I X P T M V I Y I J

Z T I V B M V I U U L J P B B U P F.

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

3. Clue: I = E

Medium · 132 letters

V X X N A R O W G V T I N A I

G V Y I, - K V Y R X R V T R O

I O N I T D T R G I, Y L Y I O N V T P

R O I O F C T V O B I, B L V T G I

R O G C J G N V O B I. V X X

N A R O W G O L S V T I V G

N A I P S I T I R O N A I F V P

L K N A L G I S A L Y S I A V Q I

J C T R I F.

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

4. Clue: J = E

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L P J B J F X J O L D A Z A X

V A F I Y O P I F I O L J F

O A Z K D K L K D Z L P D K , D Z

B I K K D Z H J S J F U R I U I K

L P J Y I K L , I Z R D Z W J D Z H

Z J D L P J F S D A Y J Z L Y U

J M O D L J R Z A F L A F B D R

Z A F B Y I U D Z H L P J

P U B A O F D L J .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

5. Clue: L = T

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L N A J L U G E J I K N Y
Q N E J U K R G M J K Z N L O
Q N E J U K R J U K V Y K . N ' I I
L J I I B V W Z O V L N A J
G A P I J K Z N L O G I , Z O V
L N A J L U V L K Z N L O G I ,
Z O V L N A J D G I I V R K
Z N L O G I , G Y Q Z O V O J
K L G Y Q K K L N I I Z N L O G I .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solver's cheat sheet

Most common letters

E T A O I N S H R D L U

Most common 1-letter words

A I

Most common 2-letter words

OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US AM

Most common 3-letter words

THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE

Common double letters

LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC

Common word endings

-ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST

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Answer key

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1. "The checks which the people imposed on their public servants in the adoption of the Constitution are the best evidence of their capacity for self-government."

— James K. Polk, 1848, *Fourth Annual Message to Congress*

Cipher key: A=U B=L C=O D=C E=F F=J G=Q H=T I=M J=B K=W L=A M=K N=E O=R P=Z Q=P R=N S=X T=G U=Y V=H W=S X=V
Y=I Z=D

2. "It was in making education not only common to all, but in some sense compulsory on all, that the destiny of the free republics of America was practically settled."

— James Russell Lowell, 1870, *Among My Books, First Series. New England Two Centuries ago (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=Q B=T C=G D=B E=K F=D G=F H=N I=A J=S K=Z L=Y M=I N=V O=U P=E Q=O R=J S=X T=R U=L V=C W=H X=M
Y=W Z=P

3. "All things are the same, - familiar in enterprise, momentary in endurance, coarse in substance. All things now are as they were in the day of those whom we have buried."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations, IX. 14 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=H B=C C=U D=P E=J F=D G=S H=Q I=E J=B K=F L=O M=Z N=T O=N P=Y Q=V R=I S=W T=R U=K V=A W=G X=L
Y=M Z=X

4. "The perfection of moral character consists in this, in passing every day as the last, and in being neither violently excited nor torpid nor playing the hypocrite."

— Marcus Aurelius, 1862, *Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

Cipher key: A=O B=P C=K D=I E=J F=R G=Q H=G I=A J=E K=S L=T M=X N=U O=C P=H Q=W R=D S=V T=Z U=Y V=M W=B X=F
Y=L Z=N

5. "Time travels in divers paces with divers persons. I'll tell you who Time ambles withal, who Time trots withal, who Time gallops withal, and who he stands still withal."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It, Act III. Sc. 2 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=M B=Y C=J D=G E=V F=K G=A H=Q I=L J=E K=S L=T M=C N=I O=H P=B Q=D R=P S=Z T=X U=R V=O W=U X=F
Y=N Z=W