

Medium Cryptograms — Set 243

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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: Z = E

Medium · 139 letters

P F E A N C S D A N Z P

W K Z H K E R W G Z K R

R Z S A V K F B R F B Z

C S V Z K S W J H J C B Z ,

A F Q J E H D A N Z Z P Z R

F V R Z S A C B Z S A W S G

G F H D A N Z A W C J F V

K N P B Z , A F H K W H D

A N Z L F C H Z F V

B Z J F G P W S G I K Z W D

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: X = E

Medium · 139 letters

H D W N G O N B H

Y H B B X G O F X J B F D

X I X B U B F E E W H D W X

W H J O F B X, V T D W X

N J Z N U X H I N B X

E W N K W W H J

C G F O T K X O R G H C X J,

H B O J X X U J M F G

B F D W N B R Y F G X

H M D X G N D W H J F B K X

C G F O T K X O N D 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

3. Clue: Y = E

Medium · 139 letters

O A M Z D F N M O D H M B M

Z O X Z Z O Y S D F X P

M Y Q M Y Y Q X T P Y M B M

Z D C Y F G Y A U Y

S D F X P A Z N X Q I O D H

Z D X U D A I A Z , X Q I

Z O X Z Z O Y A S S D F X P

M Y Q M Y Y Q X T P Y M B M

Z D C Y F G Y A U Y

A S S D F X P A Z N X Q I

O D H Z D Y Q L D N A Z .

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: O = N

Medium · 140 letters

B X Q X T E E J O Q P P T O F

C O X T E E J O Q P P L Z

B X Q K T B J L O T N ,

P L H J T N T O J U T N

F Q E Q O F P O L B L O

I X T B X Q Z Q Q N P G C B

L O I X T B X Q F L Q P ;

A C P B T P X J P

Y J K B C Q T O F Y J H Q

H L O P J P B O L B J O

z q q n j o m g c b j o

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: V = T

Medium · 140 letters

V M A B J I Y D R F Z Q A B

Q Y V M Y D, Q M A D Y V Y T

Y D Y V T D N V J B N I

T V N V A, Y T T Z

B A I N V A L V Z Z J V A B

P Y B P J H T V N D P A T

V M N V Y V A N T Y I S

P M N D R A T V Z N P P Z B L

Q Y V M Q M N V P N D K A

L Z D A N D L Q M N V Y T

R Y W A D Y V V Z L Z.

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
After an apostrophe	T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D (I'd)

Answer key

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1. "You think they are crusaders sent from some infernal clime, To pluck the eyes of sentiment and dock the tail of Rhyme, To crack the voice of Melody and break the legs of Time."

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1836, *Poems (1836)*, *The Music-Grinders (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

2. "A third in a manner does not even know what he has done, but he is like a vine which has produced grapes, and seeks for nothing more after it has once produced its proper fruit."

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

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

3. "History shows us that the Moral Sense enables us to perceive morality and how to avoid it, and that the Immoral Sense enables us to perceive immorality and how to enjoy it."

— Mark Twain, 1897, *Following the Equator*

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

4. "The happiness and unhappiness of the rational, social animal depends not on what he feels but on what he does; just as his virtue and vice consist not in feeling but in doing."

— Marcus Aurelius, 170, *Meditations, IX. 16 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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

5. "The ruling power within, when it is in its natural state, is so related to outer circumstances that it easily changes to accord with what can be done and what is given it to do."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 170, Meditations, IV. 1 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

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