


## Notes on Common Errors 3859 – 3910

(Error incidence : total error : total entry)

- 3860 Unsatisfactory placement of ‘black holes’ (●) (224 : 247 : 794)
- (i) ● at end of CARES(SING) misplaced, blocking path of LOCH(INVAR) (68)
  - (ii) ●s not at vertices but adjacent corners/angles of cells, hence  in two places (62)
  - (iii) Odd ●(s) missing/extra (other than in (i)) (41)
  - (iv) Others (11 different) (53)
- 3861 (i) MURRAYFIELD for LANSDOWNE RD (157 : 214 : 661)
- (ii) MILLENNIUM for TWICKENHAM ( 5 : 214 : 661)
- (iii) Both (i) and (ii) ( 26 : 214 : 661)
- Choices determined by GREENVWHITE in central row
- 3862 Unsatisfactory highlighting: HEISENBERG’S UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE ( 70 : 103 : 737)
- (i) EISENBERG for HEISENBERG’S (25)
  - (ii) Nothing highlighted (16)
  - (iii) Others (7 different) (29)
- 3865 (i) HEIAC for H(E)LIAC ( 92 : 187 : 755)
- Solar panel’s base, one acting between extremes of temperature*  
L (panel’s base) + I A, in H C
- (ii) (a) HAIRIL (23) (b) HAIROL (22) (c) HAIREL (3) for HAIRG(E)L ( 48 : 187 : 755)
- Good atmosphere coming first in the upper chamber: it adds style*  
G after AIR, in H L
- (iii) BHAGAVAD GITA not highlighted ( 35 : 187 : 755)
- 3867 (i) Odd bar(s) missing/extra, other than in (ii) ( 51 : 121 : 531)
- (ii) EAT and ARY for EIAIT and ARIY ( 31 : 121 : 531)
- 3868 (i) YRELLIAL for YLELLIAL (RAILLERY, R to L) (110 : 207 : 716)
- (ii) (a) REEN (28) (b) REIN (11) for REAN ( 39 : 207 : 716)
- Queen Mother thrown in a ditch*  
‘thrown’ superfluous; R + EAN
- 3869 Other than  $\begin{matrix} R & & E \\ & A & \\ & & G \\ & L & \\ & & H \end{matrix}$  in originally blank cells ( 49 : 69 : 325)
- (i) All six left blank (18)
  - (ii) Others (23 different) (31)
- 3870 Unsatisfactory highlighting; DICHTERLIEBE and LIEDERKREIS required ( 81 : 129 : 866)
- (i) Nothing highlighted (42)
  - (ii) Others (10 different) (39)
- 3871 Other than **blank** cells forming **e** (100 : 124 : 436)
- (i) Cells forming **e** highlighted/delineated (61)
  - (ii) O in all such cells (25)
  - (iii) Others (6 different) (14)
- Preamble: “... so that nothing shows what is missing.”

- 3872 (i) LAICIS for LAICIZ(E) ( 40 : 124 : 605)  
*Make non-professional girl round up agents*  
 CIA rev. in LIZ
- (ii) ANALYSR for ANALYZ(E)R ( 34 : 124 : 605)  
*Gossip left rector to pen final letters for Examiner*  
 ANA, + YZ in L R
- 3874 (i) CONK (58) (ii) TONK (15) (iii) KONK (7) ( 82 : 123 : 785)  
 (iv) MONK (1) (v) OONK (1) for GONK  
*Try to break down natural killer*  
 Misprint Toy; GO + N.K.
- 3875 PENNED for PINNED ( 32 : 144 : 574)  
*Enclosed, tormented number inside*  
 N in PINED
- 3876 Unsatisfactory highlighting: LARGE WOODWIND INSTRUMENT ( 61 : 96 : 764)  
 required  
 (i) Using (28) (ii) Not using (26) 23 letters as specified  
 (iii) Nothing highlighted (7)
- 3877 Unsatisfactory highlighting of MACAVITY ( 85 : 157 : 595)  
 (i) –CA– misplaced, thus not 180°-symmetrical as specified (53)  
 (ii) Nothing highlighted (6) (iii) Others (5 different) (26)
- 3879 Other than 42263001 under grid ( 34 : 40 : 348)  
 (Sum of grid entries, reversed; = 6501<sup>2</sup>; the sum of grid entries,  
 10036224, was 3168<sup>2</sup>)  
 (i) 31686501 (17) (ii) Others (11 different) (17)
- 3880 Other than GAUGER under grid (11 different) ( 31 : 61 : 577)
- 3882 Other than only the 5 × 5 SATOR square in grid; message from clues (133 : 133 : 563)  
 ERASE ALL GRID ENTRIES THAT CONTAIN A NON-TITLE LETTER  
 (i) All answers consisting of only title letters left intact (113)  
 (ii) Others (10 different) (20)
- 3883 Faulty depiction of treasure — ANCIENT CROWN OF ENGLAND ( 23 : 35 : 231)  
 delineated to form a crown shape (10 ‘lines’)
- 3886 Other than FEERINS (241 : 256 : 443)  
 (i) FEERING (199) (ii) FEARING (35)  
 (iii) Others (5 different) (7)  
 Formed from chemical element symbols utilising consecutive letters from  
 ‘DIFFERENT LANGUAGES’, ie, I F Fe Er Re N Tl La U Ag Ge Es S
- 3888 Other than RR to replace letter pairs in clash squares, forming ( 62 : 84 : 352)  

E	D
H	E
R	R

 in encircling TINTINNABULATE, ie, R-EDHERR-ING (35 different)
- 3890 Other than D, X, Q, T in enclosed cells, completing alphabetic sequence ( 38 : 43 : 334)  
 of letters’ phonetic spellings in diagonals (29 different)

- 3891 (i) IN TOW for ON TOW ( 54 : 135 : 438)  
*Being drawn towards the depressed*  
 (Wordplay indicated extra letter, L) ON T' LOW
- (ii) ED CORDELIA EN (Cordelia in Eden) highlighted for INFLAMMATION forming a 'wheel' of 'fire' ( 40 : 135 : 438)
- 3894 BEAUS for BEAUX ( 45 : 93 : 400)  
*Lovers head for a bridge over waters of Paris*  
 (Superfluous letter, a, in clue) B + EAUX
- 3895 RATH for PATH ( 30 : 112 : 800)  
*Route right into Maori fort*  
 (Wordplay indicated extra letter, R) RT in PAH
- 3898 (i) Unsatisfactory depiction of 2001 (two lines specified, forming clock hands showing one minute past eight) (154 : 262 : 571)
- (a) 

M	M
	I

 (59) (b) 

I		M
	M	

 (53) (c) others (24 different) (42)
- (ii) RENT for REND ( 75 : 262 : 571)  
*After split take cottage room in Scotland*  
 (Superfluous word in clue, *after*) R + END
- (iii) (a) HAMMER (21) (b) RAMMER (13) for YAMMER ( 34 : 262 : 571)  
*Brahma's breathless counterpart on earth's heard by some to go on and on loudly*  
 (Superfluous word in clue, *breathless*) Homophone YAMA
- 3900 SEEDR for SEE(D)ER ( 34 : 92 : 537)  
 'Dropouts' were the same letter in each 3 × 3, hence D to be omitted
- 3901 Unsatisfactory depiction of 'pie' containing CHIRON and DEMETRIUS (186 : 202 : 701)  
 Preamble: "... in four lines ..."
- (i) 

C	H	I	R	O	N	D
	E	M	E	T	R	
		I	U	S		

 (81)
- (ii) Others (48 different) (105)
- 3902 Unsatisfactory orientation of grid (190 : 206 : 369)  
 Determined by wordplay indicating direction(s) in all relevant clues  
 (6 of the 7 incorrect orientations appeared)
- 3904 Other than DRIL(L)P(IP)E ( 34 : 58 : 335)  
 (i) DRILNE (24) (ii) Others (5 different) (10)  
*Oilmen's kit's a cloth measure*  
 DRILL + PIPE (specified as in *Collins English Dictionary*)
- 3908 Other than UTOPIA I I COINED highlighted ( 39 : 68 : 408)  
 (i) Nothing (30) (ii) Others (8 different) (9)