

QPP 127

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Every answer contains at least one of the letters MDCLXVI.

After completing the puzzle, determine the value of the Roman numerals in each answer:

- Where adjacent characters occur, the combined value should be used. E.g. The value of "FIVE" is 4 and the value of "SIX" is 9. If other letters separate them, the two Roman characters should be summed. E.g. The value of "SIEVE" is 6. (The answers don't contain any invalid combinations like "LL" or "IC".)
- Characters contributing to both an across and a down answer should be counted in both.

Which answer holds the highest value?

Across

- 1 Victory by Union with quibble over split (5,2)
- 5 Classic sets again featuring things originally written about (2,5)
- 9 Recording of hit seventies band (5)
- 10 Mixed drink, wretch given mouthful (9)
- 11 He fought, retaliating in moderation (3)
- 12 Liking fighting he's nursing hip (5)
- 13 Draw on copper dish (5)
- 14 Peter the German has fine hair (3,4)
- 16 Tea getting drunk with Simpsons heartless Mr Burns (7)
- 18 Infection acquired by nun, disregarding bishops for bachelor (7)
- 20 Combination of plants in season end of May (3,4)
- 22 Cat caught by hedge taking quiet run (5)
- 24 Rips off vessel housing video device (5)
- 26 Joker perhaps lacking shred of respect (3)
- 27 Harsh criticism crushes student recovering from failure (9)
- 29 Head resident informally lacking high employment? (5)
- 30 Broadcast clock chime (7)
- 31 Setback following rally lowers rating (7)

Down

- 1 Suspect colonel's unmarried after suggestion of crude saucy stuff (7)

- 2 Raise ends to adjust inclination (9)
- 3 Squares still square (5)
- 4 Sexual desire not quite over, is boosted in operation (7)
- 5 They're found to balance on board, like in pod (3,4)
- 6 Protected individual hard to catch up (3)
- 7 Flash tip of genitals dressing (5)
- 8 They thatch bald people who have kids (7)
- 13 Sorry son's gone round (5)
- 15 Open on time (5)
- 17 Touring car nearly scuppered English victory (9)
- 18 Addresses current expenditure (7)
- 19 Getting glimpse of stocking on Carol behind us (7)
- 20 Stopped at first, went on getting caught (7)
- 21 Good publicity earns handy things (7)
- 23 Regulator aboard naval vessel (5)
- 25 Trials place trade at noon (5)
- 28 American writer and French companion (3)

