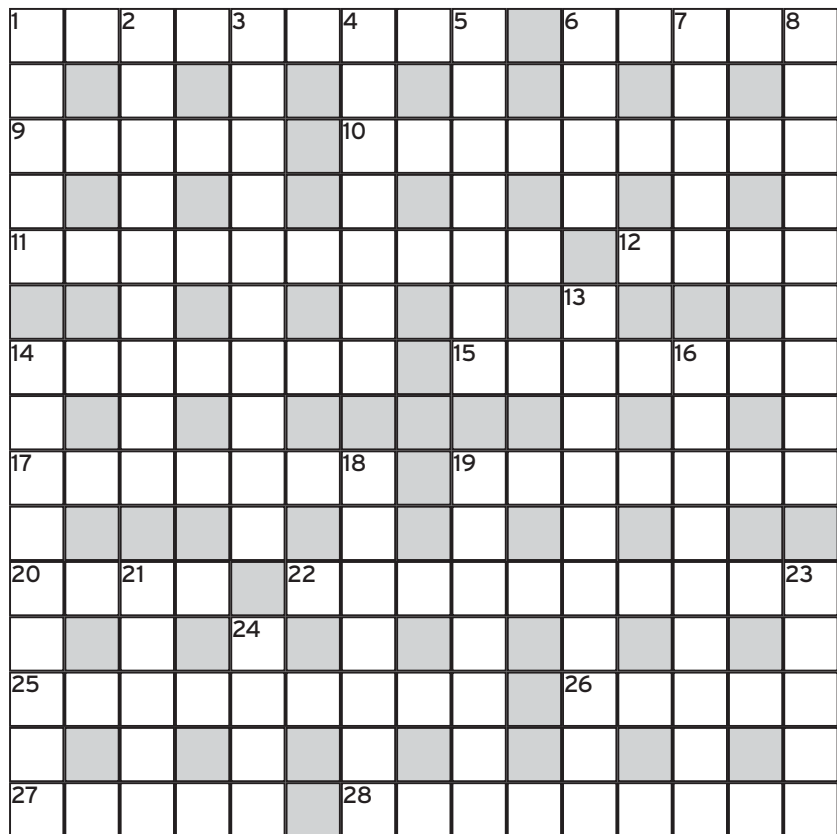


THE HINDU CROSSWORD 9446

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Across

- 1 Now the assignment is to gain access (9)
- 6 A detachment mainly found in church (5)
- 9 Try some relish (5)
- 10 It may make one smart top or bottom (9)
- 11 Writer not returning to the city (10)
- 12 Fill a vacancy in the clothing department (4)
- 14 In mental disorder one needs nourishment (7)
- 15 Sun block from Europe borders on second best (7)
- 17 Makes a statement about the royal property (7)
- 19 Paths that are habitual method of procedure (7)
- 20 Party the French give as state benefit? (4)
- 22 A key government official's in control (10)
- 25 Vote in CIA reforms for a probationary period (9)
- 26 Ann to turn liberal to reduce to nothing (5)
- 27 One's sweetheart may be so old fashioned (5)
- 28 Infantry weapon always with Aramis? (9)



Down

- 1 The most elevated story of Athens (5)
- 2 See me rise to unravel the secret doctrines (9)
- 3 Her state we are disposed to think of endearingly (10)
- 4 Successor in their family anyhow to get possession (7)
- 5 Highly offensive racket in which retired doctor is caught (7)
- 6 Cleric be after Jack (4)
- 7 What a skin diver takes to explore South Caribbean island (5)
- 8 They increase the value to make it more important (9)

- 13 Make light of Aunt Millie's change of name (10)
- 14 Performed in a musical group without inhibitions (9)
- 16 May be the perfect way to suggest times are not now so jittery (4,5)
- 18 Weapon worn in a belt (7)
- 19 Tools to shape wood, used less in church (7)
- 21 One of the greens must look at tax (5)
- 23 One of a line for good measure (5)
- 24 Driving cloud used by Saddam for air attacks (4)

Solution to Puzzle 9445

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