CRYPTOGRAMS

1. KGQU GO QRKK FQ JUWRCN. DFCGSU GC. OPUKK CYU VWGD, WDX QUUK CYU LGDX. KGTU NFRV KGQU CF CYU QRKKUOC ZFCLUDCGWK, WDX QGEYC QFV NFRV XVUWPO. NFR WVU CYU SUDCUV FQ NFRV RDGTUVOU, WDX NFR SWD PWMU WDN CYGDE YWZZUD.

2. OZYEJOK HEZ QAKH DFIJI LFZ YZKIFH AV JFF ZWIGJHRAX RK HEZ JLRFRHT HA QJBZ TAIYKZFV WA HEZ HERXU TAI EJDZ HA WA, MEZX RH AIUEH HA LZ WAXZ, MEZHEZY TAI FRBZ RH AY XAH.

3. NPGZG RZG JRQM EKKZH VQ SVIG NPRN EKQ’N KTGQ FPGQ MKD XQKLX, GODRSSM HTRLGE RJVE NPKHG NPRN KTGQ FPGQ MKD EKQ’N FRQN NPGJ NK.

4. CHCQ HS FW BXQ XQWRHCWEAIQ SHX BII OLQ OLECJW OLBO LBRRQC OH FW, AFO UQ BXQ XQWRHCWEAIQ SHX OLQ UBD UQ BPO ULQC OLOQD MH LBRRQC.

5. XDV KCX XC HT OZDOUY XC XOWT O HUN PXTJ UZ CKT UP UKYUF OXTY; VCG FOK’X FDCPP O FAOPI RU XRC PIOQQ MGJJP.

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How to Solve Cryptograms

Cryptograms are sentences in a simple substitution code, where one letter of the alphabet is substituted for the correct letter. No letter stands for itself. The code is different for each cryptogram.

A cryptogram may be an original thought or a quotation, sometimes humorous and sometimes philosophical. It is always correctly punctuated.

There are many things to look for to help break the code for each cryptogram. For example, single letters usually stand for I or A. Common two-letter words are OF, IN, IS, IT, AT, OR, and TO. Three-letter words are often THE, AND, ARE, and FOR. Look for common suffixes, for example, -ING, -ED, -TION, and -ABLE to end words. Note the frequency of the letters. The most frequently used letters in the English language, in order, are E, T, A, O, I, N, S, H, R, D. Always look for the basic form of the sentence (subject, verb, etc.) to help you proceed. Patience and persistence will be rewarded!

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SOLUTIONS

1. Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Smell the rain, and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential, and fight for your dreams. You are the center of your universe, and you can make anything happen.

2. Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not.

3. There are many doors in life that don’t open when you knock, equally spaced amid those that open when you don’t want them to.

4. None of us are responsible for all the things that happen to us, but we are responsible for the way we act when they do happen.

5. Try not to be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated; you can’t cross a chasm with two small jumps.

Caution: The solutions are included at the bottom of the page.