

DIONEIO'S PUZZLE SOLUTION - SEA SCALLOP

Answers shaded in the grid are "off" by a certain amount. In clue order:

- 15A ELLEN (9th season judge) = 4
- 19A CATS (second-longest running) = 1
- 23A ISAIAH (two books before Lamentations) = 1
- 39A HAYES (two presidnts away from correct answer ARTHUR) = 2
- 68A MAINE (Maine was the 23rd state) = 5
- 71A O'NEAL (Shaq was 34 for the Lakers) = 6
- 12D IOTA (the ninth, not first Greek letter) = 8
- 36D LAURA BUSH (two First Ladies away from correct answer, BARBARA BUSH) = 2

Answers to the questions below the grid can be found word-search fashion in the grid. Each of these passes through 2-3 of the wrong answers. Indexing into the answers by the wrong amounts in the order in which they're encountered yields the answer to the final question, SEA SCALLOP

1	S	2	T	3	A	4	R		5	T	6	E	7	E	8	M	9	S		10	A	11	S	12	I	13	F
14	W	I	R	E					15	E	L	L	E	N						16	T	H	O	U			
17	A	N	O	N					18	A	S	A	D	O						19	C	A	T	S			
20	M	E	M	O					21	C	A	M	E	O						22	R	A	E				
23	I	S	A	I	24	A	H							25	S	T	26	O	27	O	P						
				28	R	I	E	29	L	30	S						31	O	P	E	32	R	33	A			
34	C	35	C	36	L			37	T	R	I	P	38	S			39	H	A	Y	E	S					
40	Y	E	A	45				42	S	E	R	A	43	I			44	L	E	O	S						
45	T	R	U	M	46	P			47	D	E	R	M	48	A			49	D	S	T						
50	E	E	R	I	E					51	E	S	P	Y	52	S											
				53	A	T	A	54	L	55	L				56	A	N	I	57	M	58	A	59	L			
60	E	61	B	B					62	E	L	63	T	64	O	N			65	D	A	D	A				
66	A	L	U	67	M				68	M	A	I	N	E					69	I	C	O	N				
70	S	O	S	O					71	O	N	E	A	L					72	N	A	R	C				
73	E	C	H	O					74	N	O	R	N	S					75	G	O	N	E				

What shade of blue are thy lover's eyes? (8) SAPPHIRE 1, 8, 2 S, E, A

What shade of red are thy lover's lips? (7) SCARLET 1, 2 S, C

What are thy lover's favorite flowers? (9) CAMELIAS 2, 5, 6 A, L, L

What is thy lover's favorite pet? (9) TOY POODLE 2, 4 O, P