



### Across

- 1 Membrane of the uterus (7)
- 5 Full of pathological microorganisms (5)
- 8 Porch along the outside of a building (7)
- 9 Electronic equipment consisting of a device used to connect computers by a telephone line (5)
- 10 Indian city north-east of Mumbai (or a square devised there) (5)
- 11 Love unquestioningly and uncritically or to excess (7)
- 12 Abounding in small stones (6)
- 14 Related to a Scottish philosopher who rejected the concept of certainty in knowledge (6)
- 17 Mouth-like opening in a sponge through which water is expelled (7)
- 19 Closely constrained, constricted or constricting (5)
- 22 German iris having large white flowers with lavender-tinged falls and a fragrant rhizome (5)
- 23 (Heraldry) a charge in the shape of a circle (7)
- 24 Cattle dung in India (5)

### Down

- 1 Long backless sofa (5)
- 2 Army unit usually consisting of two or more divisions and their support (5)
- 3 Member of a people living in Djibouti (also known as Afar) (7)
- 4 King of the Visigoths who captured Rome in 410 (370-410) (6)
- 5 Any of various fine-grained silty soils that become waxy and very sticky mud when saturated with water (5)
- 6 Resembling a long slender stick (3-4)
- 7 Twining plant of Amazon basin having large edible roots (3,4)
- 12 Lengthen in time; cause to be or last longer (7)
- 13 Brief massage of the upper body (4,3)
- 15 Discomfited (7)
- 16 Preserve a dead body (6)
- 18 Acronym for light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation; an optical device that produces an intense monochromatic beam of coherent light (5)

**25** Occurring in the central part of one's existence, typically aged 40 or over (7)

**20** Italian histologist noted for work on the structure of the nervous system and for his discovery of certain bodies (1844-1926) (5)

**21** Levy of one tenth of something (5)