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## Full Marks by Kcit

A specific number of clue answers are consistently modified to form the associated entries (which are also words, one a proper noun). Numbers in brackets give grid lengths. Solvers should get (and highlight) their FULL MARKS through completing the central square.

### ACROSS

- 1 When it's warmer, question swapping ends (4)
- 4 Fried dish now reduced – 60% of staff to tuck in (7)
- 10 Lecturer runs into individual returning to join course (5)
- 11 Key indicated in Verdi's letter (4)
- 12 We – that is, a boy and a girl (5)
- 13 Delay in friend's describing modal effects (6)
- 15 Excellent backing group in Manchester area (4)
- 17 Give responsibility to hospital department before evidence of idleness (7)
- 21 Father's avoided securing rights to canvas? (4)
- 22 Sign of victory: recalled positions, disregarding end of race (5)
- 23 Miser's bases in America (5)
- 25 Undeveloped state shown by former college in US city (4)
- 27 Having no children, and nothing to control source of reproduction (7)
- 29 Hold out rubbish in Edinburgh passageway (4)
- 35 Gold transaction can be a difficult experience (6)
- 36 Island rulers desert America (5)
- 37 Sources of tubers, circular shape, almost rejected (4)
- 38 Position that's adopted by fencing manoeuvre (5)
- 39 Matching clothes does best during winter festival (7)
- 40 Succeeded in interrupting backsliding jack tar? (4)

### DOWN

- 1 Goes to embrace British peoples (6)
- 2 Encourage woman to go round most of the world (4)
- 3 Gossip about new consort of King? (4)
- 4 Net work? (4)
- 5 East Europeans keeping head down in Greek jugs? (5)
- 6 Being in hat suitable for stretching (4)
- 7 Limit's to this author's authority (4)
- 8 Churchman concealing Rector's secret no longer (5)
- 9 Space in collection of data capable of being defended (4)
- 14 Attendant abandoning the German airport (4)
- 16 Japanese people are occupying University (4)
- 18 Pancake's nothing, seen next to endless food (4)
- 19 Trophies capped successful periods... (3)
- 20 ...albeit leader of team getting derisive comment (3)
- 21 Heads for the usual racing fraternity here? (4)
- 24 Is one investing in Japanese currency providing a measure of possession? (6)
- 26 Missile to cause discomfort in some areas of London? (5)
- 28 Measure of excitement and power shown by University (part of London University) (5)
- 29 Sign expressing influence is about right (4)
- 30 Senior academic's article accepted by study? (4)
- 31 Hurries birds around a second time (4)
- 32 Architect including it on bottom of blueprint, in text form (4)
- 33 Excessive source of oil (rose-oil) (4)
- 34 No longer used to board tug seen at sea (4)