ANSWERS TO 2007 CRYPTOGRAMS

1. We three kings of orient are. Bearing gifts, we traverse afar. Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. — magical carol

2. He’s making a list and checking it twice. Gonna find out who’s naughty and nice. — anal Santa?


4. Up on the housetop reindeer pause. Out jumps good old Santa Claus. Down through the chimney with lots of toys, all for the little ones’ Christmas joys. — house stop song

5. Then all the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in historee. — paean to leadership

6. Hark, the Herald Tribune sings, advertizing wondrous things. — Tom Lehrer

7. How can a society that exists on instant mashed potatoes, packaged cake mixes, frozen dinners, and instant cameras teach patience to its young? — Paul Sweeney

8. I have played for many famous conductors during my life. The better the conductor, the more the one hates him! Of all the many conductors that I have played for, I liked Ormandy the best. — Marcel Tabuteau, legendary Philadelphia oboist

9. Asking a writer what he thinks about critics is like asking a lamp post how it feels about dogs. — Ann Landers

10. Latin isn't dead. It just smells funny. — Josh Rocchio, Vicipaedia editor (Romans did not have W or K.)

11. Egotism is the anesthetic that dulls the pain of stupidity. — Frank William Leahy, football coach

12. Incompetence — When you earnestly believe you can compensate for a lack of skill by doubling your efforts, there's no end to what you can't do. — Larry Kersten

13. I used to think that the brain was the most wonderful organ in my body. Then I realized who was telling me this. — Emo Phillips

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