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- 1 Piece of research (7)
- **5** Less strong (6)
- 8 Not dense (6)
- 11 Flightless bird (3)
- **12** Large desert in Asia (4)
- 13 Bring about (9)
- **14** Move apart (6)
- **15** Herald (9)
- 16 Incalculable (11)
- **20** A liking for sugary foods (5,5)
- 21 Perform a religious ceremony (9)
- **24** Cocoa product without milk (4,9)
- 29 Ukrainian port (6)
- **31** Rival contestant (10)
- 33 Wills (10)
- 35 Insurrection (6)
- **36** Compassion (13)
- **40** Country in Central America (5,4)
- **42** Device for regulating temperature (10)
- 44 Diaphanous (11)
- **48** Concerned with beauty (9)
- 50 Be imminent (6)
- **51** Assessment or evaluation (9)
- **52** Tehran's country (4)
- 53 Small viper (3)
- **54** Imaginary (6)
- **55** Saturated with liquid (6)
- **56** Mournful poems (7)

Down

- 2 Dry red wine (5)
- **3** Escape from prison (9)
- 4 This evening (7)
- **5** Sport played in a pool (5,4)
- **6** Great suffering (7)
- **7** Smells strongly (5)
- **8** Japanese food (5)
- 9 Main artery (5)
- **10** Small onion-like bulb (7)
- **17** Decay (5)
- **18** Bunch of threads (4)
- **19** Tree known for the nut it produces (9)
- 20 Hiding place (5)
- **22** Crime of setting something on fire (5)
- 23 Tests (5)
- **25** Red canals (anag.) (9)
- 26 Gear wheels (4)
- 27 In a slow tempo (of music) (5)
- 28 ____ pole: tribal emblem (5)
- 30 Poses a question (4)
- **31** Funny person (5)
- 32 Singing voices (5)
- **34** Game fish (5)
- **36** Pursue in order to catch (5)
- **37** Repetition of a process (9)
- **38** Walking unsteadily (9)
- **39** City with a famous leaning tower (4)
- **41** Rower (7)
- **42** Taught (7)
- **43** Error (7)
- **45** Female relation (5)
- 46 Foot-operated lever (5)
- 47 Derives the benefits (5)
- **49** Lacking meaning (5)

