

[SOLUTION] Assorted Beginner's Clues...

Answer: I

Each of the crossword clues solves to something that can be represented by a single letter, as subtly hinted by ABC in the title. The clues solve to

- S -- seconds -- SI unit for time
- Q -- Q is symbol rational numbers -- Rational numbers
- U -- U-turn -- Type of turn in driving
- A -- The scarlet letter is A for adultery -- The scarlet letter
- R -- R programming language -- Statistical programming language
- E -- Mathematical constant e -- Natural base
- R -- ® -- Registered trademark symbol
- O -- O blood type -- Universal blood type
- O -- Last track of Ghost Stories is O -- Track on Coldplay's sixth album
- T -- Nickname for the MBTA -- Boston public transportation
- O -- Eighth element is Oxygen -- Eighth element
- F -- Fifteen in hex is F -- Fifteen in hex
- M -- Roman numeral for 1000 is M -- Roman one thousand
- I -- HTML element for italics is <i> -- HTML italics element
- N -- Team plasma leader
- U -- Standard notation for potential energy is U -- Potential energy
- S -- First atomic orbital is S orbital -- First atomic orbital
- O -- Cirque du Soleil production
- N -- Indie platformer game
- E -- Electron -- Negatively charged particle

These letters spell out the phrase `SQUARE ROOT OF MINUS ONE`, which is represented by the letter `i`.