

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 13/9/2025) Solution

<sup>1</sup> S	T	<sup>2</sup> A	N	<sup>3</sup> D	O	<sup>4</sup> U	T		<sup>5</sup> S	<sup>6</sup> T	E	<sup>7</sup> E	R	<sup>8</sup> S
K		U		E		N				I		X		P
<sup>9</sup> E	N	G	L	A	N	D		<sup>10</sup> C	A	P	I	T	A	L
T		U		D		E		R		S		E		A
<sup>11</sup> C	O	R	A	L	T	R	O	U	T		<sup>12</sup> E	N	V	Y
H				Y		C		I		<sup>13</sup> H		S		S
<sup>14</sup> E	P	<sup>15</sup> H	E	S	I	A	N	S		<sup>16</sup> E	D	I	T	
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	<sup>18</sup> P	A	I	N		<sup>19</sup> R	O	C	K	O	P	E	R	A
<sup>20</sup> S		D		S		I		O		N				R
<sup>21</sup> P	I	D	E		<sup>22</sup> P	A	I	N	K	I	L	<sup>23</sup> L	E	R
A		R		<sup>24</sup> L		G		T		S		E		I
<sup>25</sup> C	R	E	V	I	C	E		<sup>26</sup> R	A	T	R	A	C	E
E		S		F				O		I		S		R
<sup>27</sup> D	I	S	N	E	Y		<sup>28</sup> B	L	O	C	K	E	R	S

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STAND OUT	Be prominent and consumed by alcohol (5,3)	AND inside STOUT
5 STEERS	Small trees distracted some in herd (6)	S + anagram of TREES
9 ENGLAND	A glen transformed heart of blandish country (7)	Anagram of A GLEN + bla(ND)ish
10 CAPITAL	Main type of bread eaten by calf mostly (7)	PITA inside (CAL)f
11 CORAL TROUT	Food fish left covered in diced carrot completely (5,5)	L inside anagram of CARROT + OUT
12 ENVY	Be jealous of diplomatic agent losing out on love (4)	ENVOY minus O
14 EPHESIANS	Wandering sheep is speared by an ancient people (9)	Anagram of SHEEP IS outside AN
16 EDIT	Rewrite characters in capitalised italics (4)	capitalisED ITalics
18 PAIN	One of the family in agony (4)	PA + IN
19 ROCK OPERA	Crook worked with agent backing a modern musical (4,5)	Anagram of CROOK + (REP reversed) + A
21 PIDE	Dish containing one slice of dry Turkish bread (4)	PIE outside (D)ry
22 PAIN-KILLER	A dye not rightly slipped into person's analgesic (4-6)	(A + INK + ILL) inside PER
25 CREVICE	Opening chapter on corruption (7)	C + RE + VICE
26 RAT RACE	Creative work held back by people's hectic routine (3,4)	(ART reversed) inside RACE
27 DISNEY	Film producer's cast freed from organised syndicates (6)	Anagram of SYNDICATES minus CAST
28 BLOCKERS	They check opening of big storage units (8)	(B)ig + LOCKERS

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