

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 3/10/2020) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 PATHFINDER	Endless apathy shown by friend upset scout? (10)	a)PATH(y + anagram of FRIEND)
6 SPAT	Scrap series, not showing final instalment (4)	(SPAT)e
9 RURAL	Country isn't excluded from trials run at sea (5)	Anagram of TRIALS RUN minus ISNT
10 IMPOSTURE	Circular piece of precious stone used in corrupt deception (9)	[preci(O)us + ST] inside IMPURE
12 SPICINESS	Special cold relish (9)	SP + ICINESS
13 OMEGA	The end is nothing great (5)	O + MEGA
14 GATE	Take items of bling at emporium (4)	blinG AT Emporium
15 ORIENTAL	Eastern European's jacket taken in by custom tailor? (8)	(E)uropea(N) inside anagram of TAILOR
18 CARAPACE	Fish expert brought round a shell (8)	(CARP + ACE) outside A
20 MOOS	Tailless deer makes animal noises? (4)	(MOOS)e
24 TESLA	Car seat repositioned, keeping couplings at the centre (5)	Anagram of SEAT outside coup(L)ings
25 DEADLY SIN	Lady is implicated in retreat's offensive behaviour (6,3)	Anagram of LADY IS inside DEN
26 ELOPEMENT	Operator in subdivision is running away (9)	OP inside ELEMENT
27 TRITE	Tense religious practice is uninspired (5)	T + RITE
28 SEEM	Appear to notice male (4)	SEE + M
29 ITINERANTS	Intranet is reconfigured for those actively roaming (10)	Anagram of INTRANET IS

