

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 16/11/2024) Solution

¹ M	A	² K	E	³ T	R	⁴ A	C	⁵ K	S		⁶ P	⁷ A	S	⁸ S
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 MAKE TRACKS	Leave market without right storage units (4,6)	MA(r)KET + RACKS
6 PASS	Free ticket is nearly out-of-date (4)	PASS(e)
10 TUNER	Fish heard device that analyses and interprets waves (5)	Sounds like TUNA
11 SARGASSUM	Problem surrounding a form of grass and seaweed (9)	SUM outside (A + anagram of GRASS)
12 ARMOUR	Shield leader of rebellion involved in secret love-affair (6)	(R)ebellion inside AMOUR
13 CLEANSE	Purify one greater than medium in weird seance (7)	L(arge) inside anagram of SEANCE
15 OLDISH	Oil used oddly with food is not really fresh (6)	(O)i(L) + DISH
16 TIME SLOT	Items rescheduled before set's allocated interval (4,4)	Anagram of ITEMS + LOT
17 TOP-GRADE	Superior dental scan used in business (3-5)	(OPG) inside TRADE
20 CONDOM	Rubber, on occasion, listed in centimetres (6)	(ON + DO) inside CM
23 SARACEN	Old Arab race found buried in sand mostly (7)	RACE inside (SAN)d
24 ICEBOX	Cooler that is filled with cold punch (6)	IE outside C + BOX
26 ABATEMENT	Team implicated in a fraudulent mitigation (9)	Anagram of TEAM inside (A + BENT)
27 RODEO	Lad kicked out of El Dorado organised cowboy show (5)	Anagram of EL DORADO minus LAD
28 TA-TA	Farewell members of regiment at attention (2-2)	regimenT AT Ateention
29 UNDER SIEGE	Head of union, seeing red, wrongly is opposed by everyone (5,5)	(U)nion + anagram of SEEING RED

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 MUTE	Silent vehicle parked underneath motorway (4)	UTE after M
2 KINDRED	Class embarrassed a group of relatives (7)	KIND + RED
3 TERROR-STRICKEN	Kid, following mistakes found in number, is very frightened (6-8)	(TRICK after ERROR) inside TEN
4 ASSURE	Guarantee, for instance, user messed up (6)	AS + anagram of USER
5 KARACHI	King rebuilt arch, one south of a Pakistani city (7)	K + [(anagram of ARCH + I) after A]
7 ARSENAL	Are unfinished roads fixed up for ammunition dump? (7)	AR(e) + (LANES reversed)
8 SUMMERTIME	Adder found next to shed, back in a warm spell (10)	SUMMER + (EMIT reversed)
9 PATE DE FOIE GRAS	Fat geese dip or a cooked appetiser, perhaps? (4,2,4,4)	Anagram of FAT GEESE DIP OR A
14 CONTESTANT	Candidate from broadcast sat inside quietly happy (10)	Anagram of SAT inside CONTENT
16 TIE	Secure bank closing down early (3)	TIE(r)
18 PARFAIT	Usual ingredient primarily found in rich, frozen dessert (7)	PAR + (I)ngredient inside FAT
19 DUNGEON	Waste a long time in prison (7)	DUNG + EON
21 DO-OR-DIE	Desperate detective that is stationed behind access point (2-2-3)	(D + IE) after DOOR
22 TIPTOE	Walk carefully through dump to gate at the back (6)	TIP + TO + gat(E)
25 DOZE	Take a nap a bit before twelve? (4)	(DOZE)n