

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 7/11/2020) Solution

¹ B	A	² S	I	³ C	E	⁴ N	G	⁵ L	I	⁶ S	H			
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BASIC ENGLISH	One in class being confused by hard and simplified language (5,7)	(I inside anagram of CLASS BEING) + H
9 DREAM	Head of daily paper's ambition (5)	(D)aily + REAM
10 MANHATTAN	Fellow that mixed an intoxicating drink (9)	MAN + anagram of THAT + AN
11 EDDIED	Leading story writer, broke, moved round (6)	ED + DIED
12 ALL THE GO	Awfully fashionable tenor in hall shattered self-confidence (3,3,2)	T inside anagram of HALL + EGO
13 SALLOW	Everyone entering plant could be unhealthy (6)	ALL inside SOW
15 BRAWLING	Revision to law used in transport is in dispute (8)	Anagram of LAW inside BRING
18 TRACTION	Try briefly to put into effect extensive treatment (8)	(TR)y + ACTION
19 BASHED	Remains in bed suffering from a violent attack (6)	ASH inside BED
21 INFECTOR	Fine ordered by court or carrier, perhaps (8)	Anagram of FINE + CT + OR
23 CHISEL	A tool used to cut thatch is elongated to some extent (6)	thatCH IS ELongated
26 TOOK ISSUE	Disagreed with opposition leader with endorsement in paper (4,5)	[(O)pposition + OK] inside TISSUE
27 ROOMY	Jumper belonging to me is large (5)	ROO + MY
28 CONSOLIDATED	United's game player carrying ID at start of decider (12)	[CONSOLE outside (ID + AT)] + (D)ecider

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 BAD NEWS	Broadcast's beginning and end was awfully upsetting stuff (3,4)	(B)roadcast + anagram of END WAS
2 SPEED	Drugs quietly consumed by top-ranked athlete (5)	P inside SEED
3 CAMPED OUT	Made up cot in the wild? (6,3)	Anagram of MADE UP COT
4 NAME	Nominate group of African Americans (4)	africaN AMERicans
5 LANDLORD	A block letter, maybe? (8)	Cryptic Definition
6 SMART	Hi-tech transport heading in the wrong direction (5)	TRAMS reversed
7 STEEPISH	Soak is hot and quite abrupt (8)	STEEP + IS + H
8 ON SONG	Child in connected parts of Hong Kong is performing well (2,4)	SON inside ONG
14 LEAPFROG	Get over a golfer badly handling pressure (8)	Anagram of A GOLFER outside P
16 WEATHERED	People in general, at this place, died in an exposed state (9)	WE + AT + HERE + D
17 COLOSSUS	Giant loss accepted by company linked with superpower (8)	LOSS inside (CO + US)
18 TAINTS	Black marks are not spotted in test oddly (6)	AINT inside (T)e(S)t
20 DELAYED	Deposit stated in legal document may be checked (7)	LAY inside DEED
22 CHINO	Covered section of couch in ordinary twilled cotton fabric (5)	couCH IN Ordinary
24 SHOOT	Film society's opening with something really funny (5)	(S)ociety + HOOT
25 HEAL	Outspoken person who's not nice to treat (4)	Sounds like HEEL