

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 11/5/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 MOTHER LODE	Main vein remaining close to normal during procedure (6,4)	[OTHER + norma(L)] inside MODE
7 GLAD	Happy place in a forest that's clear mostly (4)	(GLAD)e
10 HELLENIC	Hot spot excited nice Greek (8)	HELL + anagram of NICE
11 UGANDA	Land dug and aerated to some extent (6)	dUG AND Aerated
12 USEFUL	American developed fuel of great importance (6)	US + anagram of FUEL
13 SEAMLESS	Marine left in dining area with no apparent interruptions (8)	SEA + (L inside MESS)
14 GEAR	Parts connected to engage a rotating mechanism (4)	engaGE A Rotating
15 WHOLEGRAIN	Who left, for example, source of water with seeds? (10)	WHO + L + EG + RAIN
18 ARNHEM LAND	Opening of new hospital inside reappointed alderman's indigenous region (6,4)	[(N)ew + H] inside anagram of ALDERMAN
21 VETO	Rule out letters written in native tongue (4)	nativeVE TOngue
22 TRAIN SET	Wet weather, interrupting test, set back small railway system (5,3)	RAIN inside (TEST reversed)
24 SERVER	Computer unit part with resistance installed (6)	SEVER outside R
25 SCAMPI	Devil one seafood dish (6)	SCAMP + I
26 BOILOVER	Young man largely dealt with one partner's surprising result (8)	(BO)y + I + LOVER
27 SHED	The woman had a place to keep things outside (4)	Double Definition
28 FREIGHTERS	Soldiers taking on merchant ships (10)	FIGHTERS outside RE

