

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 24/8/2019) Solution

	¹ C	² R	³ E	⁴ D	⁵ I	⁶ T		⁷ C	⁸ R	⁹ A	¹⁰ M	¹¹ P	¹² O	¹³ N	
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CREDIT	Head of CIMIC tried changing reputation (6)	(C)IMIC + anagram of TRIED
5 CRAMPON	Start to climb slope using mountain climbing gear (7)	(C)limb + RAMP + ON
10 INCEPTION	Awkward one on about carbon's rise (9)	(INEPT + I + ON) outside C
11 SCREW	Shipping company going after small propeller (5)	CREW after S
12 GEMINI	Stone that's precious in one's house (6)	GEM + IN + I
13 SEMITONE	Clocks rewound by one half step (8)	TIMES reversed + ONE
15 TIED	Bound to be formally dressed? (4)	Double Definition
16 STRIKE RATE	Cricket figure, one opener from Kenya, featured in rare Test broadcast (6,4)	[I + (K)enya] inside anagram of RARE TEST
18 FIDDLEHEAD	Crook had defiled an ornamental carving on a ship's bow (10)	Anagram of HAD DEFILED
19 CORD	Fish biting right line (4)	COD outside R
22 ASTONISH	Bowl over as significant cricket score is reachable in the middle (8)	AS + TON + IS + reac(H)able
23 HEDGER	One who works in the garden with hard trimming tool (6)	H + EDGER
25 CLOUT	Caught yobbo with punch (5)	C + LOUT
26 AFORESAID	A forest cut down with help as referred to previously (9)	A + (FORES)t + AID
27 ESSENCE	Scenes recreated with energy and spirit (7)	Anagram of SCENES + E
28 THROAT	Pitch mostly at area of neck (6)	(THRO)w + AT

