

AFR Cryptic (Xmas 2024) Solution

	¹ A	² C	³ A	⁴ R	⁴ I	⁴ D		⁵ A	⁶ C	⁶ C	⁷ E	⁷ P	⁷ T		
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¹⁰	E	Q	U	I	T	Y		¹¹ B	¹¹ R	¹¹ I	¹¹ A	¹¹ N	¹¹ E	¹¹ N	¹¹ O
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¹³	P	O	R	E		¹⁴ I	¹⁴ N	¹⁴ F	¹⁴ A	¹⁴ L	¹⁴ L	¹⁵ I	¹⁵ B	¹⁵ L	¹⁵ E
	A		E		¹⁶ A		D		T		E		R		W
¹⁷	R	E	D	I	S	C	O	V	E	R		¹⁸ D	¹⁸ A	¹⁸ D	¹⁸ O
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 ACARID	Cutting pierced by a mite (6)	ACRID outside A
5 ACCEPT	Receive copies wrapped in tape loosely (6)	CC inside anagram of TAPE
8 FUNDAMENTALISM	Support a leader of theology after people misinterpreted Islam's strict religious beliefs (14)	FUND + A +[(T)heology after MEN)] + anagram of ISLAM
10 EQUITY	Justice is quite confused by attorney's conclusion (6)	Anagram of QUITE + attorne(Y)
11 BRIAN ENO	One in bar distracted musician influential in experimental music (5,3)	Anagram of ONE IN BAR
13 PORE	Opening is not very good according to audience (4)	Sounds like POOR
14 INFALLIBLE	Popular old story about misfortune returning is sure to succeed (10)	IN + [FABLE outside (ILL reversed)]
17 REDISCOVER	Once again find wine is finished after start of course (10)	RED + IS + [OVER after (C)ourse]
18 DADO	Decorated part of a wall constructed, in the end, with difficulty (4)	constructe(D) + ADO
20 ORDAINED	Radio broadcast retraction of study as required (8)	Anagram of RADIO + (DEN reversed)
22 PRESET	Research in particular should be arranged in advance (6)	RES inside PET
24 POLITICAL PARTY	Albanese's mob stuffing art policy - it upset group in parliament (9,5)	ALP inside anagram of ART POLICY IT
25 PIDGIN	Sort of lipreading not catering for "real" language (6)	Anagram of LIPREADING minus REAL
26 TILLER	One who works the land steering contraption (6)	Double Definition

