

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 18/5/2024) Solution

<sup>1</sup> R	E	<sup>2</sup> C	A	<sup>3</sup> P		<sup>4</sup> D	E	<sup>5</sup> P	O	<sup>6</sup> S	I	<sup>7</sup> T	O	<sup>8</sup> R
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<sup>13</sup> G		B		H		R				N		N		C
<sup>14</sup> L	O	O	P			<sup>15</sup> I	N	<sup>16</sup> S	I	S	T	E	N	T
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<sup>24</sup> P	A	<sup>25</sup> R	T	I	A	L		<sup>26</sup> P	L	I	A	B	L	E
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<sup>27</sup> R	E	G	I	S	T	R	A	R		<sup>28</sup> S	P	E	N	T

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 RECAP	Top performer in public relations returned review (5)	(ACE inside PR) reversed
4 DEPOSITOR	Editor mistaken about pressure applied to overseas investment banker (9)	Anagram of EDITOR outside (P + OS)
9 TALLIED	Opportunist finally joined as agreed (7)	opportunis(T) + ALLIED
10 TASTERS	People who sample spuds cut with spades (7)	TATERS outside S
11 AT THE SAME TIME	Still distributed steam heat with discharge flowing back (2,3,4,4)	Anagram of STEAM HEAT + (EMIT reversed)
14 LOOP	Ring fund in recession (4)	POOL reversed
15 INSISTENT	One of the family, bound by plan, is persevering (9)	SIS inside INTENT
18 STAYING ON	Guy with leave, accommodated by inn, is going nowhere (7,2)	STAY + (GO inside INN)
19 JUJU	Charm - it's not needed in Japanese martial art (4)	JUJITSU minus ITS
21 PRESSURE POINT	Control of bleeding upset prisoner undergoing treatment (8,5)	Anagram of UPSET PRISONER
24 PARTIAL	Unfinished creative work, one pocketed by friend (7)	(ART + I) inside PAL
26 PLIABLE	Piano, open, is easily moved around (7)	P + LIABLE
27 REGISTRAR	Doctor's substance, right, ingested by parent? (9)	(GIST + R) inside REAR
28 SPENT	Weary stock holder sat in middle of street (5)	PEN inside ST

