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

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| 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 ( $\mathrm{P}+\mathrm{OS}$ ) |
| 9 TALLIED | Opportunist finally joined as agreed (7) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { opportunis(T) + } \\ & \text { ALLIED } \end{aligned}$ |
| 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) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { STAY + (GO inside } \\ & \text { INN }) \end{aligned}$ |
| 19 JUJU | Charm - it's not needed in Japanese martial art (4) | JUJITSU minus ITS |
| $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { 21 PRESSURE } \\ \text { POINT } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 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) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (GIST + R) inside } \\ & \text { REAR } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 28 SPENT | Weary stock holder sat in middle of street (5) | PEN inside ST |


| Down | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 RITE | Foremost part of religious item to a great extent? (4) | (R)eligious + (ITE)m |
| $2$ <br> COLLABORATE | Company and political group, entering at the last minute, work together (11) | CO + (LABOR inside LATE) |
| 3 PLINTH | Phone about soft material in architectural support (6) | PH outside LINT |
| 4 DODDERING | Feeble stranger involved in minor accident (9) | ODDER inside DING |
| 5 PATNA | Occupants of camp at natural place in northern India (5) | camP AT NAtural |
| 6 SUSPENSE | Writers, in short, primarily use a feature of all good thrillers (8) | PENS inside [(S)hort <br> + USE] |
| 7 TEE | A golfer hits from here and there alternately (3) | (T)h(E)r(E) |
| 8 RESPECTFUL | Papa, trapped by curse, felt strangely humble (10) | P inside anagram of CURSE FELT |
| $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & \text { INEQUITABLE } \end{aligned}$ | Trendy and quite disturbed expert is prejudiced (11) | IN + anagram of QUITE + ABLE |
| 13 GLASS <br> PAPER | Doctor, holding female parrot, right, could be smoother? $(5,5)$ | GP outside LASS + $\mathrm{APE}+\mathrm{R}$ |
| 16 SANDPIPER | Bird and related disease featured in series (9) | (AND + PIP) inside SER |
| 17 TINSNIPS | Tool that cuts metal isn't adapted to turn around (8) | Anagram of ISNT + (SPIN reversed) |
| 20 DIXIES | Stamps found on the outside of nine big pots (6) | DIES outside IX |
| 22 RULER | One responsible for stock losses - no saint or leader (5) | RUSTLER minus ST |
| 23 PELT | Coat with batter (4) | Double Definition |
| 25 RUG | Hair replacement medicines with no restrictions? (3) | d)RUG(s |
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