

## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 2/12/2023) Solution

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<sup>26</sup> O	U	S	T	E	D			<sup>27</sup> S	T	I	C	K	L	E	R

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DISTRESS	Is time in outfit agony? (8)	(IS + T) inside DRESS
5 SEATED	Occupants of house ate dinner sitting down (6)	houSE ATE D inner
10 CONCERN	Business, once in credit, now losing almost all (7)	(ONCE inside CR) + N(ow)
11 EPIGRAM	Old chestnut tree ultimately needed by two farm animals (7)	tre(E) + PIG + RAM
12 PLAN A	Computer system, plugged into PA, could be the best option (4,1)	LAN inside PA
13 IMITATION	Counterfeit's shortcoming initially lacking? (9)	(I)IMITATION
14 DIRECT DEBITS	Backed foundation - it is behind alteration of credit payment arrangements (6,6)	(BED reversed + ITS) after anagram of CREDIT
18 ANCIENT GREEK	Alexander the Great, say, one energetic, excited king (7,5)	AN + anagram of ENERGETIC + K
21 SPRINKLED	Soft piece of ice, covered in snow, vehicle sprayed with water (9)	(P + RINK) inside SLED
23 GRACE	Favour start of gruelling competition (5)	(G)ruelling + RACE
24 THE ARTS	Creative expressions suit finishing time (3,4)	HEARTS after T
25 OUT OF IT	Head of organisation, wearing costume, is excluded from participation (3,2,2)	(O)rganisation inside OUTFIT
26 OUSTED	Religious book about American education is removed from office (6)	OT outside US + ED
27 STICKLER	Delight admitted by senior person who's a purist (8)	TICKLE inside SR

