

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 19/10/2024) Solution

<sup>1</sup> A	P	<sup>2</sup> R	I	<sup>3</sup> C	O	<sup>4</sup> T	J	<sup>5</sup> A	M		<sup>6</sup> I	<sup>7</sup> C	E	<sup>8</sup> D
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<sup>9</sup> T	A	P	E	R		<sup>10</sup> C	O	L	O	<sup>11</sup> S	T	R	U	M
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<sup>12</sup> S	P	A	C	E	D	O	U	T		<sup>13</sup> M	A	T	E	S
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		<sup>14</sup> T	O	P	S		<sup>15</sup> S	E	N	T	E	N	C	E
<sup>16</sup> C				O		<sup>17</sup> V		A		R				R
<sup>18</sup> A	L	<sup>19</sup> L	E	N	K	E	Y		<sup>20</sup> H	A	R	<sup>21</sup> P		
S		E		D		N		<sup>22</sup> S		N		R		<sup>23</sup> A
<sup>24</sup> S	P	A	R	E		<sup>25</sup> T	R	E	A	T	M	E	N	T
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<sup>26</sup> T	R	I	A	T	H	L	O	N		<sup>27</sup> G	R	I	P	E
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<sup>28</sup> E	G	G	S		<sup>29</sup> E	N	D	E	A	R	M	E	N	T

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 APRICOT JAM	A pot filled with large quantity of rice, pickle and preserve (7,3)	(A + POT) outside (RIC)e + JAM
6 ICED	Slices of nice dessert kept cool (4)	nICE Dessert
9 TAPER	Give a point to recording artist (5)	Double Definition
10 COLOSTRUM	Company failed to secure strange milky secretion containing antibodies (9)	CO + LOST + RUM
12 SPACED OUT	Excellent detective in jet on a trip (6,3)	(ACE + D) inside SPOUT
13 MATES	Defeats king and companions (5)	Double Definition
14 TOPS	Excellent location for retirement (4)	SPOT reversed
15 SENTENCE	Life for one sent off, away from crime (8)	SENT + (OFFENCE minus OFF)
18 ALLEN KEY	Small wrench made from aluminium, keenly crafted (5,3)	AL + anagram of KEENLY
20 HARP	Musical instrument's unlimited notes? (4)	s)HARP(s)
24 SPARE	Inclusions offered by ISP aren't free (5)	iSP AREnt
25 TREATMENT	A term contrived in M*A*S*H unit for "medical care"? (9)	Anagram of A TERM inside TENT
26 TRIATHLON	Race trial involving most of the batting side (9)	TRIAL outside (TH)e + ON
27 GRIPE	Purchase side of Kobe beef (5)	GRIP + kob(E)
28 EGGS	Laid items, say, globulous at the ends (4)	EG + (G)lobulou(S)
29 ENDEARMENT	Close attention paid by men ahead of team leader's sweet talk (10)	END + EAR + MEN + (T)eam

