## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 16/3/2024) Solution

| ${ }^{1} \mathrm{G}$ | 0 | ${ }^{2} \mathrm{~T}$ |  | ${ }^{3} \mathrm{H}$ | E | ${ }^{4} \mathrm{~A}$ | D |  | ${ }^{5} \mathrm{~T}$ |  | 0 | ${ }^{7} \mathrm{~N}$ | G | S |
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| B |  | R |  | D |  | 1 |  | R |  | H |  | D |  | A |
| ${ }^{12} \mathrm{~A}$, | T | M | 0 | S | P | H | E | R | E |  | ${ }^{13} \mathrm{G}$ | 0 | 0 | N |
| L |  | A |  | T |  | 1 |  | A |  | ${ }^{14} \mathrm{~F}$ |  | N |  | E |
|  | ${ }^{15}$ | L | U | R |  | ${ }^{16} \mathrm{~S}$ | T | 1 | L | L | N | E | S | S |
| ${ }^{17} \mathrm{~F}$ |  |  |  | 0 |  | T |  | D |  | E |  |  |  | E |
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| ${ }^{23} \mathrm{~T}$ | Y | P | 0 |  | ${ }^{24}$ | 1 | R | E | W | A | R | D | E | N |
| H |  | R |  | ${ }^{25}$ |  | N |  | L |  | R |  | B |  | T |
| ${ }^{26} \mathrm{E}$ | M | 0 | L | U | M | E | N | T |  | ${ }^{27} \mathrm{~K}$ | N | A | V | E |
| R |  | 0 |  | S |  | S |  | E |  | E |  | T |  | N |
| ${ }^{28}$ S | E | T | T | E | R |  | ${ }^{2} \mathrm{~W}$ | R | E | T | C | H | E | D |


| Across | Clue | Explanation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 GOT AHEAD | Advanced dotage has greatly developed (3,5) | Anagram of (DOTAGE <br> HA)s |
| 5 THONGS | Lots of people without right footwear (6) | THRONGS minus R |
| 10 OMEGA | The conclusion is nothing great (5) | O + MEGA |
| 11 TAILGATED | Closely followed a car agitated about keeping left (9) | Anagram of <br> AGITATED outside L |
| 12 <br> ATMOSPHERE | Character redirected spam to this place (10) | Anagram of SPAM TO <br> + HERE |
| 13 GO ON | Last man hired by a gangster (2,2) | Double Definition (of <br> sorts) |
| 15 SLUR | Discredit reversal of rules excluding ecstasy (4) | RULES reversed minus <br> E |
| 16 STILLNESS | Stumped by disease's lack of activity (9) | ST + ILLNESS |
| 18 ESTONIANS | English schoolboys boarded by south European people <br> (9) | S inside ETONIANS |
| 20 ARMY | Military unit misplaced chap leaving pharmacy (4) | PHARMACY minus <br> anagram of CHAP |
| 23 TYPO | Mistake acknowledged by section of security police (4) | securiTY POlice |
| 24 FIRE | Emergency worker, one offered money in Chinese <br> capital (4,6) | (I + REWARD) inside <br> FEN |
| WARDEN <br> EMOLUMENT | University people, staying in motel, distributed profit <br> arising from employment (9) | (U + MEN) inside <br> anagram of MOTEL |
| 27 KNAVE | Characters from furniture van kindly put back jack (5) | furniturE VAN Kindly |
| 28 SETTER | Times invested in visionary crossword creator? (6) | (T+T) inside SEER |
| 29 WRETCHED | Despicable end of show was sick (8) | sho(W) + RETCHED |


| Down | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 GLOBAL | International court action handled by American girl (6) | LOB inside GAL |
| 2 THERMAL | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Dynamic lifter that is not included in mixture of earth } \\ \text { and lime (7) }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Anagram of (EARTH } \\ \text { + LIME) minus IE }\end{array}$ |
| 3 HEADSTRONG | The Dragons facing upheaval may be foolhardy (10) | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Anagram of THE } \\ \text { DRAGONS }\end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{l}4 \\ \text { ANTIHISTAMINES }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { She maintains it altered drugs taken to combat an } \\ \text { allergic reaction (14) }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Anagram of SHE } \\ \text { MAINTAINS IT }\end{array}$ |
| 6 HIGH | Friendly welcome uttered on drugs (4) | Sounds like HI |\(\left.\left|\begin{array}{l}T inside NOD + <br>

ONE\end{array}\right| $$
\begin{array}{l}\text { Time taken up by affirmative action one generally } \\
\text { frowned upon (3,4) }\end{array}
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