

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 25/5/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 FORMAT	Arrangement beneficial to friend isn't quite complete (6)	FOR + (MAT)e
5 PICK	Player of strings is a ground-breaker (4)	Double Definition
9 OUTED	Versatile vehicle used in middle of flooding may be exposed (5)	UTE inside flo(OD)ing
10 CATARACTS	Vehicle turns around at waterfalls (9)	(CAR + ACTS) outside AT
13 TREATED	Extremes of temperature in walk must be managed (7)	(T)emperatur(E) inside TREAD
14 SYRINGA	Mock orange, say, replanted around enclosure (7)	Anagram of SAY outside RING
15 MITE	A very small person in power given voice (4)	Sounds like MIGHT
16 IMMOBILISE	Freeze one ruptured embolism injected with iodine (10)	I + anagram of EMBOLISM outside I
19 HEAVY-LADEN	Burdened lady transformed in heaven (5-5)	Anagram of LADY inside HEAVEN
20 PEAT	Vegetable matter is soft to chew (4)	P + EAT
23 AMASSED	Racked up 5 following a difficult billiards shot (7)	D after (A + MASSE)
25 SAUSAGE	Practice required after saw reduced butcher's output (7)	USAGE after SA(w)
26 DETERMINE	Discover explosive at end of check (9)	MINE after DETER
28 MOLAR	Damage on outside of old, decayed tooth? (5)	MAR outside OL(d)
29 EARS	Auditors are replaced by computers finally (4)	Anagram of ARE + computer(S)
30 LOSING	Shutting down clubs not making money (6)	CLOSING minus C

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 ODDITY	They'd do it all wrong without input from the misfit (6)	Anagram of THEYD DO IT minus THE
3 MACADAMIA	Nut married the first man imprisoned by a US spy network (9)	M + [ADAM inside (A + CIA)]
4 TITUS	Religious book titles - used - both 50% off (5)	TIT(les) + US(ed)
5 PORTRAIT	Photograph train nearly inside transit terminal (8)	TRAI(n) inside PORT
6 KIT	Common types of skirt and kilt in outfit (3)	The letters shared by SKIRT and KILT
7 BOTTOM	Foundation is time and time again featured in expansion (6)	(T + T) inside BOOM
8 STREETS APART	Repeats broadcast in institute may be very different (7,5)	Anagram of REPEATS inside START
11 CONSIDERABLE	Large line drawn around area where batters may score runs (12)	CABLE outside (ONside + R)
12 STALE	Ending of this story is lacking originality (5)	thi(S) + TALE
17 OVERSEERS	Supervisors love writing about clerks at the centre (9)	O + [VERSES outside cl(ER)ks]
18 EYESORES	Climbing types of Japanese rose, yellowing, may be ugly looking things (8)	japanesE ROSE YELLOWing reversed
19 HEARD	Picked up drug inside complex (5)	E inside HARD
21 THEORY	Speculation male outlined initially in essay (6)	[HE + (O)outlined] inside TRY
22 SUMMON	Call child occupied by distracted mum (6)	SON outside anagram of MUM
24 DRILL	Instruction tool that gets a bit used (5)	Double Definition
27 EWE	Sheep and stock farmed in New England (3)	nEW England