

Mad Dog Cryptics #5 – Solutions

ACROSS

1. Double definition – SECONDS is both briefly and some more food
5. Double definition with wordplay – DESPOTS is both tyrants and remove stains (de-spots)
9. Hidden words – ELBOW (joint) is hidden (stored in) steEL BOWI
10. Charades – ABASEMENT (humiliation) is built with A and BASEMENT (low level)
11. Anagrams – POIGNANCE (pathos) is an anagram (fluttering) of PIGEON CAN
14. Charades – AWAKE (conscious) is made up A and WAKE (vigil)
15. Container and Reversal – DEGENERATE (decadent) is built by an anagram (corrupt) of RENEGADE and TE (“outskirts” of THE)
18. First letters – ALAS (sadly) is the first letters (commencement) of Alumni Leave After Seeing
20. Double definition – FAST is both quickly and stop eating
22. Double definition with word play – DISTRESSED (bothered) is also DIS-TRESSED (being bald)
26. Homophone – MOURN (grieve) sounds like (the sound of) MORN (daybreak)
27. Anagrams – INVESTORS (angels) is an anagram (defiled) of OVERT SINS
30. Double definition with wordplay – REPEATING is both over and over and a rep (salesman) eating
31. Anagrams – SIENA (Tuscan city) is an anagram (blend) of ANISE
32. Anagrams – LARGELY (mostly) is an anagram (bad) of ALLERGY
33. Charades – EXISTED (was) is ESTED (RESTED (relaxed) without the R (started late)) around XI (11)

Down

1. Anagrams – STEEPED (immersed) is an anagram (swirl) of DEEPEST
2. Charades – CABLING (transmitting) is built from CA (California) and BLING (jewelry)
3. Container – NO-WIN (hopeless) is in the center (essence) of kNOWINg
4. Charades – SPAWN (issue) is built with S (small) and PAWN (trade-in)
5. Double definition with wordplay – DRAPE is both curtain and DR. APE (simian physician)
6. Charades – SEESAW (yo-yo) is made up of SEE (witness) and SAW (WAS back (reversed))
7. Charades – OVERALL (completely) is built with OVER (on top of) and ALL (everything)
8. Letter bank – SETTEES (sofas) is built with the letters (pieces) of SET
12. Charades – AMEND (revise) is AMEN (the last word) and D (down)
13. Anagrams – COARSEN (harden) is an anagram (using surgery) of CORNEAS
16. &Lit! – ERA is a RANGE of DATES
17. Homophone – EERIE (strange) is a homophone (noises) of ERIE (Pennsylvania city)
19. Cryptic alphabet and reversal – ALE (beer) built of E (east) and LA and then reversed (back)
20. Charades – FEMORAL (of the thigh) is built with FE(iron) and and MORAL (point (of the story))
21. Double definition – STUMPER is both a campaigning politician and an enigma
23. Charades and Cryptic alphabet – SLOWEST (last to arrive) is S (second) and LOWEST (at least)
24. Containers – DASTARD (despicable person) is STAR (sun) inserted in DAD (father)
25. Anagrams – IN CASE (if) is an anagram of (is treated) of ACNE IS
27. Beheading – ICILY (without emotion) is SICILY (island) with the first letter removed (topless)
28. Double definition – VOGUE is both fashion and a fashion magazine
29. Last letters – SUSHI (rolls) is the last letters of cookS emU wingS witH ahl

