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Puzzle Test Questions for IBPS PO Mains, SBI PO Mains & RBI Grade B Exams.

Set No 42

Direction: Read the given information carefully and answer the questions given beside:

Seven persons - A, B, C, D, E, F and G participated in a 200 m race. Each of them represented a different nation, namely - China, India, USA, South Africa, Russia, Japan and Indonesia and completed their race in different timings, 25 sec, 27 sec, 28 sec, 31 sec, 32 sec, 34 sec and 35 sec but not necessarily in the same order.

C represents China. Indonesia is represented by A. D neither represents USA nor Russia. B reached the finishing point of race in 25 sec. F stood at 2nd position in the race. G neither represents India nor Japan, but finishes the race in 34 sec. The time taken by E to reach the finishing point was more than that taken by D, but less than that taken by C. The one who represents South Africa takes less time to finish the race than that taken by the one representing Indonesia. Russia could not secure any of 1st, 2nd or 3rd positions. The one that stood at 3rd position in the race represented neither India nor South Africa. F either represents India or U.S.A. The one representing South Africa stood at 2nd last position. The player representing India did not win the race.

1. Who secured 3rd position in the race?

- A. Japan B. China C. Russia D. USA E. None of these

2. Which of the following combination is correct?

- A. USA-27sec B. Russia-B C. India-32sec D. E-31sec E. None of these

3. Which country won the race?

- A. USA B. China C. Russia D. Japan E. None of these

4. Which position was secured by India in the race?

- A. 2nd B. 3rd C. 4th D. 5th E. None of these

5. The one who represented Russia secured which position?

- A. 4th B. 5th C. 6th D. 7th E. None of these

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
A	D	A	A	A

Common explanation:**Reference:**

C represents China. Indonesia is represented by A. D neither represents USA nor Russia. B reached the finishing point of race in 25 sec.

Inference:

A	Indonesia		
B		25sec	
C	China		
D			USA-x; Russia-x
E			
F			
G			

Reference:

F stood at 2nd position in the race. G neither represents India nor Japan, but finishes the race in 34 sec.

Inference:

We know that the one who is standing at 2nd position had finished the race in 27sec (just after the one, who finishes in least time).

A	Indonesia		
B		25sec	
C	China		
D			USA-x; Russia-x
E			
F		27sec	
G		34sec	India-x; Japan-x

Reference:

The time taken by E to reach the finishing point was more than that taken by D, but less than that taken by C.

Inference: Time taken by C>E>D.

A	Indonesia		
B		25sec	
C	China		C>E>D
D			USA-x; Russia-x; C>E>D
E			
F		27sec	C>E>D
G		34sec	India-x; Japan-x

Reference:

Russia could not secure any of 1st, 2nd or 3rd positions.

Inference:

If Russia could not secure 1st, 2nd or 3rd position i.e, it did not finish its race in 25sec, 27sec, or 28 sec, which means: Russia took at least more than 28sec to finish the race.

Reference:

C does not stand at the last position in the race.

Inference:

We know both D and E has taken less time than C and as, C is not the last one to finish, D and E will also not be the last one. Hence last will be A (only left option). The one falling at last position will finish the race in 35 sec - the max time taken to finish the race among all.

Only three options are left- 28sec, 31 sec, and 32sec. Arranging these, in accordance with the order- C>E>D: We get - 32>31>28.

A	Indonesia	35sec	
B		25sec	
C	China	32sec	C>E>D
D		28sec	USA-x; Russia-x; C>E>D
E		31sec	
F		27sec	C>E>D
G		34sec	India-x; Japan-x

Reference:

The one that stood at 3rd position in the race represented neither India nor South Africa.

Inference:

According to the timings given in question, 3rd position will be of the one, who completed the race in 28 sec. D which takes 28sec will represent Japan. Because it does not represent USA, Russia, India or S.A.

A	Indonesia	35sec	
B		25sec	
C	China	32sec	C>E>D
D	Japan	28sec	USA-x; Russia-x; C>E>D; India-x; S.A-x
E		31sec	
F		27sec	C>E>D
G		34sec	India-x; Japan-x

Reference:

F either represents India or U.S.A. The one representing South Africa stood at 2nd last position.

Inference:

South African racer will finish the race in 34 sec. And for F their comes two possible cases:

Case 1:

A	Indonesia	35sec	
B		25sec	
C	China	32sec	C>E>D
D	Japan	28sec	USA-x; Russia-x; C>E>D; India-x; S.A-x
E		31sec	
F	India	27sec	C>E>D
G	S.A	34sec	India-x; Japan-x

Case 2:

A	Indonesia	35sec	
B		25sec	
C	China	32sec	C>E>D
D	Japan	28sec	USA-x; Russia-x; C>E>D; India-x; S.A-x
E		31sec	
F	U.S.A	27sec	C>E>D
G	S.A	34sec	India-x; Japan-x

Reference:

The player representing India did not won the race.

Inference:

We already know that Russia did not secure any of the 1st 2nd or 3rd position. So, Russia will be represented by E in both the cases. Hence we can complete the table in both the cases. If India does not win the race, means it had not completed the race in 25 sec (the min time).

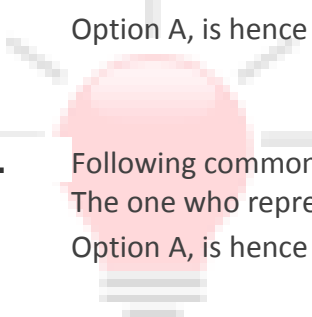
Therefore, case 2 gets eliminated and case 1 is the final answer.

Final arrangement:

A	Indonesia	35sec
B	USA	25sec
C	China	32sec
D	Japan	28sec
E	Russia	31sec
F	India	27sec
G	S.A	34sec

Answers :

1. Following common explanation, we get Japan secured 3rd position in the race. Option A, is hence the correct answer.
2. Following common explanation, we get The following combination is correct: E – 31 seconds Option D, is hence the correct answer.
3. Following common explanation, we get USA won the race. Option A, is hence the correct answer.
4. Following common explanation, we get India secured second position in the race. Option A, is hence the correct answer.
5. Following common explanation, we get The one who represented Russia secured fourth position. Option A, is hence the correct answer.



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