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## Puzzle Test Questions for IBPS PO PRE, SBI PO PRE, SBI CLERK MAINS \& IBPS CLERK MAINS

## Set No 34

Direction: Read the given information carefully and answer the questions given beside:
Eight runners - Aditya, Chunnu, Golu, Mamu, Anuj, Ankit, Amit and Bholu from different cities - Ranchi, Agra, Jaipur, Mumbai, Pune, Kota, Delhi and Goa not necessarily in the same order participated in a race. The ranks of these players were different from 1-8 not necessarily in the same order.

The sum of the ranks of runners Mamu and Ankit together is equal to the rank of the runner from Kota. The rank of the runner from Mumbai and Golu together was equal to rank of Anuj.
Chunnu's rank was twice the rank of Golu.
The runner from Ranchi was 3 ranks lower than the runner from Mumbai.
Anuj's rank was thrice the rank of Ankit.
Aditya's rank was more than the rank of Golu.
Bholu was from Goa and the runner from Kota did not have 3rd rank.
The rank of the runner from Jaipur was twice the rank of the runner from Delhi.
The rank of the runners from Agra and Delhi together was equal to the rank of the runners from Goa and Pune.

1. What is the rank of the runner from Pune?
A. 1st
B. 3rd
C. 4th
D. 6th
E. None of these
2. How many persons finished after the runner from Pune?
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. None of these
3. Who among the following was from Kota?
A. Anuj
B. Ankit
C. Amit
D. Chunnu
E. None of these
4. Who among the following scored first rank?
A. Bholu
B. Aditya
C. Ankit
D. Mamu
E. None of these
5. What is the difference of the ranks of the runner from Jaipur and Bholu?
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 5
E. None of these

## Correct Answers:

| $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| D | B | C | A | E |

## Common explanation:

## Reference:

Anuj's rank was thrice the rank of Ankit.

## Inference:

Here, we have two possible scenarios in which can use the above hint accordingly

## Case 1:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Ankit |  |
| 2 |  |  |
| 3 | Anuj |  |
| 4 |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |

Case 2:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  |  |
| 2 | Ankit |  |
| 3 |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |
| 6 | Anuj |  |
| 7 |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |

## Reference:

The rank of the runner from Mumbai and Golu together was equal to rank of Anuj.
The runner from Ranchi was 3 ranks lower than the runner from Mumbai.

## Inference:

At this point we can use the above hint easily in our case 1 but there are three possible scenarios in which we can use the above hints accordingly.

Case 1:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Ankit | Mumbai |
| 2 | Golu |  |
| 3 | Anuj |  |
| 4 |  | Ranchi |
| 5 |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |

Case 2:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Golu |  |
| 2 | Ankit |  |
| 3 |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |
| 5 |  | Mumbai |
| 6 | Anuj |  |
| 7 |  |  |
| 8 |  | Ranchi |

Case 2-A:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  | Mumbai |
| 2 | Ankit |  |
| 3 |  |  |
| 4 |  | Ranchi |
| 5 | Golu |  |
| 6 | Anuj |  |
| 7 |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |

Case 2-B:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  |  |
| 2 | Ankit | Mumbai |
| 3 |  |  |
| 4 | Golu |  |
| 5 |  | Ranchi |
| 6 | Anuj |  |
| 7 |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |

## Reference:

Chunnu's rank was twice the rank of Golu.
Aditya's rank was more than the rank of Golu.

## Inference:

Using the above hint we can say that our Case 1 and Case 2 fails because we cannot Aditya in these cases without contradicting the hint that Aditya's rank was more that the rank of Golu.

Case 2-A fails because we cannot place Chunnu in this case without contradicting the hint that Chunnu's rank was twice the rank of Golu.

Now, only case 2-B remains and here we can use the above hints in case 2-B in two different ways as shown below:

## Case 2-B:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Aditya |  |
| 2 | Ankit | Mumbai |
| 3 |  |  |
| 4 | Golu |  |
| 5 |  | Ranchi |
| 6 | Anuj |  |
| 7 |  |  |
| 8 | Chunnu |  |

## Case 2-C:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  |  |
| 2 | Ankit | Mumbai |
| 3 | Aditya |  |
| 4 | Golu |  |
| 5 |  | Ranchi |
| 6 | Anuj |  |
| 7 |  |  |
| 8 | Chunnu |  |

## Reference:

The sum of the ranks of runners Mamu and Ankit together is equal to the rank of the runner from Kota. Bholu was from Goa and the runner from Kota did not have $3^{\text {rd }}$ rank.

## Inference:

After using the above information both of our cases can be redrawn as:

Case 2-B:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Aditya |  |
| 2 | Ankit | Mumbai |
| 3 | Bholu | Goa |
| 4 | Golu |  |
| 5 | Mamu | Ranchi |
| 6 | Anuj |  |
| 7 |  | Kota |
| 8 | Chunnu |  |

Case 2-C:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Bholu | Goa |
| 2 | Ankit | Mumbai |
| 3 | Aditya |  |
| 4 | Golu |  |
| 5 | Mamu | Ranchi |
| 6 | Anuj |  |
| 7 |  | Kota |
| 8 | Chunnu |  |

Reference:
The rank of the runner from Jaipur was twice the rank of the runner from Delhi.

## Inference:

Here, we have four possible combinations in which the runner from Jaipur can achieve twice the rank of the runner from Delhi.

Combination 1: Runner from Delhi = 1 Runner from Jaipur = 2
Combination 2: Runner from Delhi = 2 Runner from Jaipur = 4
Combination 3: Runner from Delhi $=3$ Runner from Jaipur $=6$
Combination 4: Runner from Delhi $=4$ Runner from Jaipur $=8$
At this point, we can use combination 4 in our case $2-B$, and combination 3 and 4 in our case $2-C$. As shown below:

Case 2-B:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Aditya |  |
| 2 | Ankit | Mumbai |
| 3 | Bholu | Goa |
| 4 | Golu | Delhi |
| 5 | Mamu | Ranchi |
| 6 | Anuj |  |
| 7 |  | Kota |
| 8 | Chunnu | Jaipur |

Case 2-C:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Bholu | Goa |
| 2 | Ankit | Mumbai |
| 3 | Aditya | Delhi |
| 4 | Golu |  |
| 5 | Mamu | Ranchi |
| 6 | Anuj | Jaipur |
| 7 |  | Kota |
| 8 | Chunnu |  |

## Case 2-D:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Bholu | Goa |
| 2 | Ankit | Mumbai |
| 3 | Aditya |  |
| 4 | Golu | Delhi |
| 5 | Mamu | Ranchi |
| 6 | Anuj |  |
| 7 |  | Kota |
| 8 | Chunnu | Jaipur |

## Reference:

The rank of the runner from Agra and Delhi together was equal to the rank of the runners from Goa and Pune.
Inference:
Here, we cannot fix the position of Delhi and Agra in our case 2-B and case 2-C according to the given hints. So, we can say that these cases are invalid.

And after that we can fix the position of Delhi and Agra in our case 2-D and can place Amit at $7^{\text {th }}$ position.

## Case 2-D:

| Rank | Runner | City |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Bholu | Goa |
| 2 | Ankit | Mumbai |
| 3 | Aditya | Agra |
| 4 | Golu | Delhi |
| 5 | Mamu | Ranchi |
| 6 | Anuj | Pune |
| 7 | Amit | Kota |
| 8 | Chunnu | Jaipur |

## Answers :

1. Following the final solution we can say that the rank of the runner from Pune was 6th. Hence, the correct answer is option D.
2. Following the final solution we can say that 2 persons finished after the runner from Pune. Hence, the correct answer is option B.
3. Following the final solution we can say that Amit was from Kota. Hence, the correct answer is option C.
4. Following the final solution we can say that Bholu scored first rank. Hence, the correct answer is option A.
5. Following the final solution we can say that the ranks of the runner from Jaipur and Bholu were 8th and 1st respectively.

Required difference $=8$ - 1 = 7
Hence, the correct answer is option E.
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