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Puzzle 1

A, B, C, D, E, F and G are seven persons who travel to office everyday by a particular train which stops at five stations-I, II, III, IV and V respectively after it leaves base station. Three among them get in the train at the base station. D gets down at the next station at which F gets down. B does not get down either with A or E. G alone gets in at station III and gets down with C after one station. A travels between only two stations and gets down at station V. None of them gets in at station II. C gets in with F but does not get in with either B or D. E gets in with two others and gets down alone after D, B and D work in the same office and they get down together at station III. None of them gets down at station I.

- At which station does E get down ?
 - II
 - III
 - IV
 - Data inadequate
 - None of these
- At which station do C and F get in ?
 - I
 - II
 - III
 - Data inadequate
 - None of these
- At which of the following stations do B and D get in?
 - I
 - Base station
 - III
 - Data inadequate
 - None of these

- After how many stations does E get down?
 - One
 - Two
 - Three
 - Four
 - Five
- E gets down after how many stations at which F gets down?
 - Next station
 - Two
 - Three
 - Four
 - None of these

Puzzle 2

Seven students Ashwin, Devika, Baljit, Chandrakant, Urmila, Nagesh and Pranjali have taken admissions for MBA with specialization in HR or Finance or Marketing. Each one has got admission in different institutes M, J, K, L, R, T, F not necessarily in the same order. At least two have opted for each of the specializations. Devika has opted for Marketing but not in Institute J or T. Chandrakant has taken admission for HR in Institute K. The one who studies in Institute F does not study Finance. Nagesh studies the same specialization as that of Devika in Institute R. Ashwin does not study in Institute L or T. Baljit studies HR in Institute J. Pranjali studies in Institute F and does not study marketing.

- Which of the following combinations of institute and specialization is true for Urmila ?
 - L - Finance
 - L - Marketing
 - T- Marketing
 - T - Finance
 - None of these

2. Devika studies in which institute ?

- (a) L
- (b) T
- (c) F
- (d) M
- (e) None of these

3. Which of the following groups represents the students studying HR ?

- (a) Baljit and Chandrakant
- (b) Baljit, Chandrakant and Pranjali
- (c) Ashwin, Baljit and Chandrakant
- (d) Urmila and Chandrakant
- (e) None of these

4. Which of the following combinations of institute, student and specialization is correct ?

- (a) R - N - HR
- (b) T - N - Marketing
- (c) L - B - HR
- (d) M - D - Marketing
- (e) None of these

5. What is the specialization of Ashwin ?

- (a) Marketing
- (b) HR
- (c) Finance

(d) Marketing or HR

(e) Finance or Marketing

Puzzle 3

7 people live in a seven storey building (numbered as ground floor= 1st floor, 1st floor =2nd floor and so on) . They are watching seven different Movies at the same time - Sultan, Golmaal, Padmavaat, Bajirao Mastani, Haidar, Arakshan, Feluda. S lives immediately above the person who watches Golmaal. There are two persons between B and the person who is watching Feluda. Q is watching Arakshan and lives between P and C. P lives two floors below S and neither watches Sultan nor Haidar. D lives on the topmost floor but neither watches Sultan nor Bajirao Mastani. The person who watches Bajirao does not live on any even numbered floor. Only R lives immediately after Feluda.

1. Who watches Haidar?

- (A) D
- (B) S
- (C) P
- (D) R

2. How many people there are between Q and B?

- (A) 2
- (B) None
- (C) 1
- (D) 3

3. Odd one out-

- (A) D - Sultan
- (B) B - Padmavaat
- (C) C - Feluda
- (D) Q - Feluda

4. Which one is true?

- (A) P watches Haidar
- (B) there are two persons between D and P
- (C) Q is immediately above P
- (D) None is true

5. P lives on-
 (A) second floor
 (B) 3rd floor
 (C) 5th floor
 (D) 4th floor

Puzzle 4

6 people are seating on a circular table- A, B, C, D, E, F. They are wearing t-shirts of 6 different colors- Red, Yellow, Blue, Black, Pink, Violet. The person who is wearing pink t-shirt, is not the neighbour of D and seating opposite to a person who is the neighbour of E who neither likes Blue nor Violet. C is seating second to the right of the person who is wearing Red t-shirt. Neither Blue nor Black t-shirts are the neighbours of A. There are two persons between E and F. The later is wearing Yellow t-shirt and seating on the immediate left of C.

1. Which one is true?
 (A) B is wearing Blue t-shirt
 (B) A is wearing Pink t-shirt
 (C) D is on the immediate right of A
 (D) All are true
2. Who is in between B and F?
 (A) A
 (B) None
 (C) C
 (D) D
3. Odd one out-
 (A) D likes Blue
 (B) B likes Pink
 (C) C likes Yellow
 (D) F likes Red
4. Who is on the immediate left of A?
 (A) D
 (B) B
 (C) E
 (D) F

5. How many people are there in between A and B clockwise ?
 (A) 3
 (B) 4
 (C) None
 (D) 2

Puzzle 5

8 boxes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H were kept in 8 rows : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. They were in 8 different colors- Green, Pink, White, Black, Blue, Chocolate, Yellow, Red and in 5 different shapes- Square, Rectangle, Triangle, Oval, Round. Box B is placed immediately above Blue coloured box. D's colour is neither Black nor Green, but placed on an odd numbered row. There are 4 boxes in between A and Pink coloured box. Two round shaped boxes are placed on an even numbered row. F is in square shape with Red coloured box. H's shape is neither oval nor Rectangular. Yellow coloured box is placed immediately below oval shaped box. There are 4 boxes in between D and B. G is on the even numbered row but neither row no 4 nor 2. E is kept below H. There are two boxes in between Green and C. A's shape is neither in Triangular shape nor in Round shape. There are two boxes in between Black coloured and Triangular shaped boxes. G is in Yellow colour. There are only two boxes below H which is Pink in color. C is in Rectangular shape but neither black nor white in colour.

1. Which box is yellow in colour?
 (A) G
 (B) H
 (C) C
 (D) D
2. Which boxes' shapes are round?
 (A) G n H
 (B) H n B
 (C) G n B
 (D) Only G

3. Which boxes' shapes are triangular?

- (A) E n H
- (B) F n E
- (C) H n F
- (D) None of these

4. In which row Box H is kept?

- (A) row 8
- (B) row 5
- (C) row 4
- (D) None of these

5. D's shape is-

- (A) Rectangular
- (B) Triangular
- (C) Oval
- (D) Round

6. Odd one out-

- (A) F -Triangle
- (B) H- Round
- (C) B - Triangle
- (D) E - Triangle

7. Which one is true of the following?

- (A) A - Red - Square
- (B) C - Rectangle - Chocolate
- (C) H - Pink - Triangle
- (D) All are true

Puzzle 6

8 people seating in two rows. A, B, C, D are in one row and P, Q, R, S are in another row. They are facing each other. S is not facing D, but seating at one one of the extreme ends. D is facing the neighbour of P. There is one person between A and B. B is not seating at the end. There is one person seating between R and S. Q is facing B.

1. Which is the true statement from the following?

- (A) P is seating between R and S.
- (B) Q is seating opposite to A.
- (C) P is at the extreme end.
- (D) None is true.

2. Who is facing S?

- (A) B
- (B) C
- (C) A
- (D) DC

3. Who is facing D?

- (A) Q
- (B) R
- (C) P
- (D) S

4. Who are at the extreme end?

- (A) A, D
- (B) P, C
- (C) A, C
- (D) Cannot be determined.

Puzzle 7

7 countries Germany, Japan, South Korea, Australia, Italy, Canada, Russia, signed MoU with seven different States Punjab, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Goa in 7 different months April, January, February, March, September, December, June. Italy neither signed MoU with Tamil Nadu nor Rajasthan. Australia neither signed with Tamil Nadu nor West Bengal. Japan neither signed with West Bengal nor Tamil Nadu. South Korea signed before Japan but after Germany. MoU signed with Maharashtra neither in February nor in April. MoU signed with Rajasthan neither in February nor in December. The MoU signed with Bihar was in June. Canada signed MoU with Punjab in March. Italy signed MoU neither in June nor in September. MoU signed with West Bengal was in September, but neither by Germany nor by South Korea. Neither Rajasthan nor Italy was signed in April. Neither Australia nor Japan signed MoU in January.

1. Canada has signed for which state?

- (A) Tamil nadu
- (B) Goa
- (C) West bengal
- (D) None of these.

2. Russia signed MoU in-

- (A) January
- (B) March
- (C) December
- (D) None of these

3. Rajasthan signed MoU in-

- (A) February
- (B) January
- (C) March
- (D) None of these

4. Odd one out-

- (A) Goa- Canada
- (B) Punjab - South Korea
- (C) Tamil nadu - Australia
- (D) West bengal- Russia

5. Which one is true?

- (A) June - Bihar
- (B) March - Canada
- (C) February- Goa
- (D) All are true

Puzzle 8

8 people G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N seating around a circular table, three of them are facing outside. They are from 8 different professions- Police, Professor, Teacher, Doctor, Leader, Pilot, Social Activist, Banker. The leader is on the immediate left of L. There are two people between G and N. The police is on the second right of N who is a neighbour of the professor and the teacher. G is a leader. The person between L and I is a banker. J is seating to the third right of L. H is seating on the third left of I. The immediate neighbours of I are facing in the same direction. G is facing outside and M is seating to the second left of him. The teacher and the pilot are the neighbours. Neither K is a police nor N is a doctor.

1. Who is a pilot?

- (A) I
- (B) G
- (C) N
- (D) None of these

2. Odd one out-

- (A) N
- (B) H
- (C) I
- (D) G

3. Who of the following is facing outside?

- (A) I
- (B) M
- (C) K
- (D) None of these

4. Find out the true statement-

- (A) N - Doctor
- (B) H - Professor
- (C) K - Pilot
- (D) J - Teacher

5. Who is the leader?

- (A) I
- (B) G
- (C) L
- (D) N

Puzzle 9

6 movies - Sultan, Thor, Toilet, Coco, Raees, Justice League were screened at different times - 1pm, 5pm, 8pm on 4 different screens -1, 2, 3, 4 in a multiplex. 2 movies were screened at the same time but on different screen. Justice League and Sultan were screened on the same screen. Toilet and Thor were screened also on the same screen. Neither Toilet nor Sultan was screened at 8pm. Sultan was screened after Raees. Neither Thor was screened at 5pm nor on screen 2. Coco was screened at 1pm. Neither screen 4 nor 3 was opened at 1pm. Sultan was screened on screen 4. Neither Coco nor Thor was screened on screen 1.

1. Which movie was screened on screen 3?

- (A) Raees

- (B) Coco
- (C) Sultan
- (D) None of these

2. Which movie was screened at 5pm?

- (A) Toilet
- (B) Raees
- (C) Sultan
- (D) A and C

3. Toilet was screened on-

- (A) Screen 1
- (B) Screen 3
- (C) Screen 2
- (D) Screen 4

4. Justice League was screened at -

- (A) 5pm
- (B) 8pm
- (C) 1pm
- (D) Cannot be determined

5. Thor was screened on -

- (A) Sreen 3
- (B) Screen 2
- (C) Screen 4
- (D) Screen 1

6. Pick the true statement-

- (A) Toilet - screen 4
- (B) Sultan - Screen 3
- (C) Justice League - Screen 4
- (D) Raees - Screen 2

Puzzle 10

6 people Das, Maumita, Ajay, Shashank, Pallavi, Harshada work in various banks PNB, SBI, UCO, UBI, Canara, Syndicate and Live in various Cities Kolkata, Puri, Mohali, Raipur, Bengaluru, Mumbai. They Have different birthdates - 1, 8, 10, 16, 24, 30. The person whose birthdate is 10th lives in Puri. Neither Ajay nor Pallavi lives in Puri. Harshada works in Syndicate bank, but he is neither from Puri nor Bengaluru. Shashank neither works in UCO nor lives in Puri. The person whose birthdate is 16th lives in Raipur. The person who lives in Mohali neither works in Syndicate bank nor Canara bank. Pallavi's birthdate is 30th. The person who works in PNB is neither Shashank nor Pallavi. Ajay neither lives in Raipur nor Bengaluru. Das's birthdate is neither 16th nor 10th. The person who lives in Kolkata, birthdate is neither 1st nor 8th, but works in PNB. Harshada's birthdate is neither 16th nor 8th. Ajay neither works in PNB nor UBI. The person who works in Canara bank neither lives in Raipur nor Puri. Maumita works in SBI.

1. Who works in UCO?
 - (A) Ajay
 - (B) Pallavi
 - (C) Das
 - (D) None

2. Whose birthdate is 1st?
 - (A) Das
 - (B) Ajay
 - (C) Harshada
 - (D) None

3. Which one is true?
 - (A) Harshada lives in Raipur.
 - (B) Das's birthdate is 24th.
 - (C) Shashank works in UCO.
 - (D) None

4. Ajay's birthdate is-
 - (A) 1st
 - (B) 10th
 - (C) 24th
 - (D) None

5. Who works in Canara bank?
 - (A) Das
 - (B) Ajay
 - (C) None of these
 - (D) Shashank

6. Harshada lives in -
 - (A) Mohali
 - (B) Mumbai
 - (C) Raipur
 - (D) Kolkata

7. The person who lives in Bengaluru, birthdate is-
 - (A) 1st
 - (B) 16th
 - (C) 30th
 - (D) 10th

Bonus Puzzle

10 people - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, P, Q like 7 different colours Red, Black, Blue, White, Yellow, Brown, Green-Green and play 10 different games - Table Tennis, Tennis, Football, Cricket, Golf, Wrestling, Badminton, Hockey, Rugby, Athletic. The person who plays Table Tennis neither likes Blue nor Green colour. Q neither plays Hockey nor Badminton. P neither likes Green nor Red colour. C neither likes Green nor Blue color. F neither plays Badminton or Wrestling. E neither likes white or green colour. D and H like same colour but

neither green nor Red. H neither plays Badminton nor Tennis and the later does not like Green. B neither likes white nor Red. G plays football and alone likes Yellow. A neither likes Green nor Brown. B and F like same color which are neither Brown nor Blue. Red colour is liked by the persons who play Hockey and Golf. C plays Athletic but neither likes black nor white. The person who plays Rugby likes black with the person who plays Badminton. E neither plays Hockey nor Golf. The person who plays Cricket neither likes Blue nor White.

1. Who plays Table Tennis?

- (A) Q
- (B) P
- (C) E
- (D) Cannot be determined

2. Who like red colour?

- (A) A and Q
- (B) C and G
- (C) D and H
- (D) B and F

3. Which one is true?

- (A) D - Badminton - Black
- (B) G - Football - Yellow
- (C) A - Hockey - Red
- (D) All are true

4. Who likes white color?

- (A) Q
- (B) B
- (C) P
- (D) H

5. Odd one out-

- (A) D - Tennis - Green

(B) E - Cricket - Yellow

(C) G - Rugby - Black

(D) H - Table tennis - Red

6. Who plays Wrestling?

- (A) D
- (B) B
- (C) H
- (D) Q

7. Black is liked by-

- (A) D and H
- (B) Who play Badminton and Rugby
- (C) None of these
- (D) both (A) and (B)

Solutions

Puzzle 1

1. Option: C
2. Option: D
3. Option: D
4. Option: C
5. Option: B

Person	Boarding station	Leaving station
A	IV	V
B	Base or I	III
C	Base or I	V
D	Base or I	III
E	Base	IV
F	Base or I	II
G	Base or I	V

Puzzle 2

1. Option: D
2. Option: A
3. Option: B
4. Option: E
5. Option: C

Students	Institute	Specialization
Ashwin	M	Finance
Devika	L	Marketing
Baljit	J	HR
Chandrakant	K	HR
Urmila	T	Finance
Nagesh	R	Marketing
Pranjali	F	HR

Puzzle 3

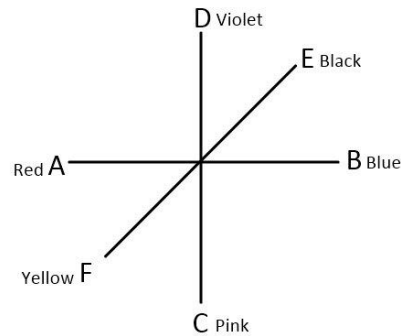
1. Option: A
2. Option: C
3. Option: C
4. Option: B
5. Option: D

7 People	Movies	Flat floor
B	Golmaal	5
C	Feluda	2

D	Haidar	7
P	Padmavat	4
Q	Arakshan	3
R	Bajirao	1
S	Sultan	6

Puzzle 4

1. Option: A
2. Option: C
3. Option: A
4. Option: A
5. Option: D



Puzzle 5

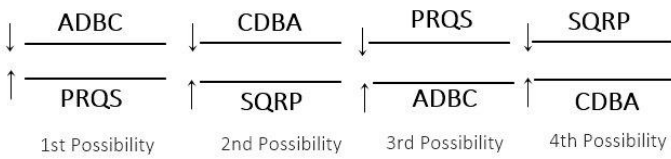
1. Option: A
2. Option: C
3. Option: A
4. Option: D
5. Option: C
6. Option: D
7. Option: D

Boxes	Shapes	Colors	Rows
A	Square	Red	8
B	Round	Green	2
C	Rectangle	Chocolate	5
D	Oval	White	7
E	Triangle	Blue	1
F	Square	Black	4

G	Round	Yellow	6
H	Triangle	Pink	3

Puzzle 6

1. Option: C
2. Option: B
3. Option: B
4. Option: C



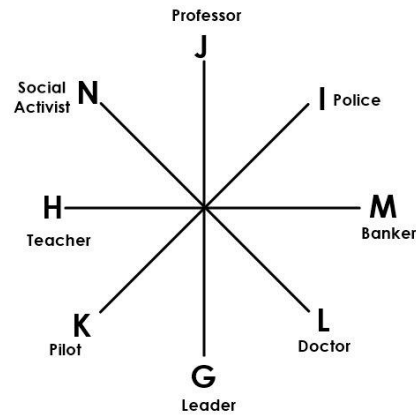
Puzzle 7

1. Option: D
2. Option: D
3. Option: B
4. Option: D
5. Option: D

Month	State	Country
September	West Bengal	Russia
January	Rajasthan	Germany
March	Punjab	Canada
June	Bihar	Australia
December	Maharashtra	Japan
April	Tamil Nadu	South Korea
February	Goa	Italy

Puzzle 8

1. Option: D
2. Option: B
3. Option: A
4. Option: C
5. Option: B



Puzzle 9

1. Option: D
2. Option: D
3. Option: B
4. Option: B
5. Option: A
6. Option: C

Movies	Multiplex Screen	Timing
Justice League	4	8pm
Toilet	3	5pm
Sultan	4	5pm
Coco	2	1pm
Thor	3	8pm
Raees	1	1pm

Puzzle 10

1. Option: A
2. Option: C
3. Option: B
4. Option: D
5. Option: C
6. Option: B
7. Option: C

Name	Bank	City	Birth Date
Das	PNB	Kolkata	24th
Maumita	SBI	Puri	10th
Ajay	UCO	Mohali	8th
Shashank	UBI	Raipur	16th
Pallavi	Canara	Bengaluru	30th

Harshada	Syndicate	Mumbai	1st
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Bonus Puzzle

1. Option: B
2. Option: A
3. Option: D
4. Option: C
5. Option: C
6. Option: B
7. Option: D

Person	Sports	T Shirt
A	Hockey	Red
B	Wrestling	Green
C	Athletics	Brown
D	Badminton	Black
E	Tennis	Blue
F	Cricket	Green
G	Football	Yellow
H	Rugby	Black
P	Table Tennis	White
Q	Golf	Red