THE 25 HORSES PROBLEM

- The horses are divided into 5 groups of 5 horses each.
- Group-wise the horses are made to run.(<u>MATCH - 1 to 5</u>)
- The top three horses of each race have to be selected.
- The horses that had arrived at the first place of each match (match - 1 to 5) have to be contested against each other.(<u>MATCH - 6</u>)
- The horse that arrives at the first place of this match (match - 6) is declared **'fastest'**.
- In the next match the second and third places of MATCH - 6, the second and third places against the 'fastest' horse of match –(one of the matches) 1 to 5, and the second place against the second fastest horse (of match 6) during the first set of matches have to be contested against each other.(<u>MATCH - 7</u>)
- The first and second places of the match- 7 is the declared **'second fastest'** and **'third fastest'** respectively.

Ans: 7-MATCHES

Explanation:
- The horses are divided into 5 groups: A, B, C, D, E
- After the matches 1 to 5 the horses are named A_1, A_2, A_3 ……; B_1, B_2, B_3 ……; C_1, C_2 ……D_1, D_2……E_1, E_2……etc respectively according to the positions they secured in the race
- All the horses that had arrived at the first place of each match (match - 1 to 5) have to be contested against each other in match 6 i.e. A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1, E_1 contested against each other in match-6.
- In the next match the second and third places of MATCH - 6, the second and third places against the 'fastest' horse of match –(one of the matches) 1 to 5, and the second place against the second fastest horse (of match 6) during the first set of matches have to be contested against each other.(<u>MATCH - 7</u>).
  i.e.:
  Let us assume that the winners of match-6 are B_1, C_1 and D_1 in the first, second and third positions respectively, then B_1 is termed the **'fastest'**
  In match-7:
  B_2, B_3, C_1, C_2, D_1 shall contest against each other. The first position and second position of this race is termed the **'second fastest'** and the **'third fastest'** respectively.

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