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Consider the following statements : I. In the finals of the 45th Chess Olympiad held in 2024, Gukesh Dommaraju became the world's youngest winner after defeating the Russian player Jan Nepomniachtchi II. Abhimanyu Mishra, an American chess player, holds the record of becoming world's youngest ever Grandmaster. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) I only (b) II only (c) Both I and II (d) Neither I nor II
Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

I only. The 45th Chess Olympiad (Budapest 2024) is a team event. Gukesh did not become 'world's youngest winner' by beating Nepomniachtchi in that final. Nepomniachtchi is the Candidates/world-championship opponent in a different file.

(b) Official key

II only. **Abhimanyu Mishra** (USA) became the youngest GM, 2021.

(c)

Both. I fails.

(d)

Neither. II holds.

Summary

Official key is (b) II only. **Abhimanyu Mishra** is the youngest grandmaster. Gukesh's 2024 story is the Candidates/world-championship file, not a Chess Olympiad final against Nepomniachtchi. (a) is the Gukesh trap; (c) both.

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Abhimanyu Mishra

Youngest GM, 2021, breaking Karjakin's record.

Gukesh Dommaraju

Youngest undisputed world champion, 2024, vs Ding Liren - not vs Nepomniachtchi in an Olympiad final.

45th Chess Olympiad, Budapest 2024

India won gold in Open and Women's. A team Olympiad.

Candidates Tournament 2024

Gukesh won; Nepomniachtchi was in that field. Why I is mixed up.

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