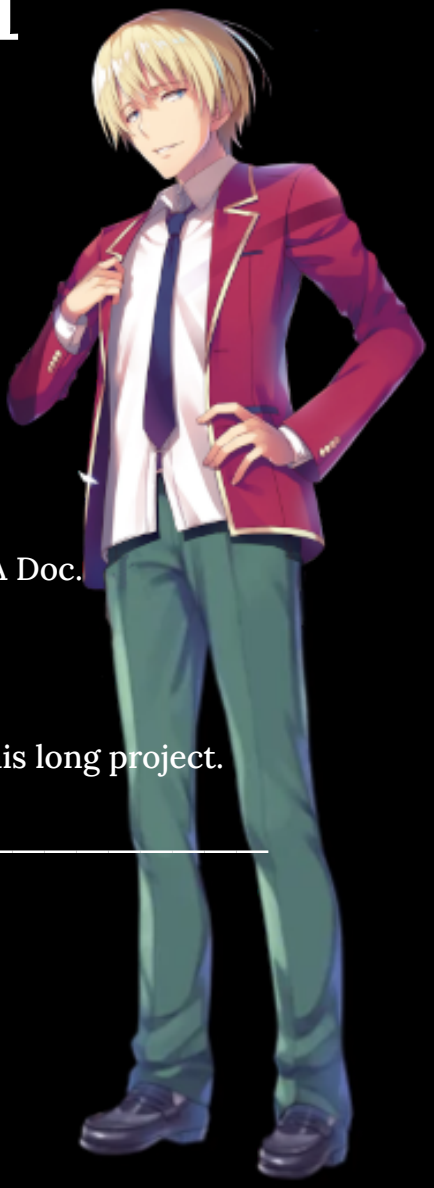
NAGUMO MIYABI

- The Emperor of ANHS
- The Meritocratic Dictator
- The False Messiah



A showcase of all of his feats, statements and narrative implications.

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Nagumo's Personality, Goals and Ideology

Miyabi Nagumo was born a gifted child, having always been better than everyone around him with little notice, having the ability to learn much faster than others despite never putting in particular effort and time, and being absurdly charismatic, naturally gathering big circles of individuals around him for all the possible reasons.

Nagumo had started observing that people around him began trying to take advantage of him for his qualities, and so it was during his childhood that Nagumo had begun to see things for the bigger picture and use his talents to control people and understand the human psyche. He became a social butterfly whose goal was to be ahead of everyone in terms of talents.

Nagumo destroyed any challenge he ever faced, never dealing with any sort of difficulty or roadblock in his "dazzling path". No one dared to oppose him, and no circumstances were set against him. However, despite being a man who never knew defeat, Nagumo always questioned his built status. He decided to ignore his feeling of unease as long as he never met someone who could oppose him. That all changed when he entered ANHS. Nagumo's competitiveness developed when he finally had seen some who he deemed to be truly on his level.

Nagumo's feeling of unease when it comes to his ability has its origins in his own superiority over the foes he had in his past. He questions if he is truly someone remarkable among the crowds or just a "naked emperor" who never had a powerful opponent. Nagumo's true motivation is to find the answer to that question by facing the most brilliant people he comes to meet in the most competitive environment a student can find in Japan.

Miyabi Nagumo developed a mindset fitting of his goal and pride, which is centered towards genuine "individualistic" meritocracy. He dreams of a society in which people get success not due to their in-built status, but because of their own personal abilities, REGARDLESS of their methods and convictions.

Ever since entering ANHS and understanding the system, Nagumo grasped it was the perfect opportunity to build an environment to envision his ideal society. Under his meritocratic stance which he was to prove as absolute through his own personal abilities, Nagumo spread an entire current in his year backed by his proven achievements to influence friends and foes alike. Nagumo understood how to abuse the ANHS system and how he can get his hands on influencing it himself, in ways no other people have done before.
Nagumo never went against his words or lied to himself and this principle was cemented when he became the most powerful figure in the ANHS, as he promised to his classmates he would. However, parallel to his past, he knows that he is not invincible and his ability has limits, looking for any means necessary to prove their existence. The one standing in between him and both his aspirations as well as his ideological fulfillment was only a single man, Horikita Manabu.

Year 1

(Before Y1) - During his first year, Nagumo gathered enough respect and support for his Meritocratic Cause to compete and stand up against Manabu Horikita (who already held the President title at that point, him also being one of the earliest) for the title of Student Council President, which was unheard of in ANHS history, considering he was only a junior.
(Influence Building)

(Before Y1) - Nagumo easily defeated every opponent in his year ranging from leaders to vigilantes, so much so that he was left greatly unsatisfied by his competition. He beat the likes of Kiriyama many times through the year's special exams, such as the Island exams and final exams of his year, establishing full dominance. Later, when all classes submitted to him, Nagumo had stopped scores against the other years since it amounted to nothing in the long run.
Nagumo never puts effort in anything pointless, not even acting as the leader of the class during regular exams. As stated before, what defines his character is that he is a man who never truly lost against anyone in his lifetime. Nagumo carried his class to such an extent that winning became irrelevant for them. His

classmates never even once faced hardships or doubted Nagumo's ability, because he is all a man of his "own" word. (Strategy)

Y1V4.5

(Y1V4.5) - With the beginning of the 2nd year, Nagumo is given the opportunity to expand his dominance across the other years beyond his, and to assure total domination, beyond what the likes of Manabu Horikita ever achieved. The 1st year represented the soft underbelly he will use as a stepping stone for this task. Nagumo's manipulation of Ichinose started very early into her school life. As Nagumo's secretary they're seen together fairly often, with Ichinose personally holding him in higher regard than SCP Horikita and swaying her to be a supporter for his "ideal" of the school and an admirer of his methods of leadership. Ichinose was acting as one of Nagumo's faction members inside the SC, being deceived from the truth that his intentions would be completely against her ideals and wishes.
Seeing the danger, Manabu Horikita was particularly concerned with letting in the 2 first years who applied, Ichinose and Katsuragi in the council due to their particular talent being something which can be abused by Nagumo in his conclusion. Hence why he rejected them. Nagumo however found a way to exploit and gain an advantage from this. (See Nagumo's manipulation of Ichinose in Y1V9)

(Y1V4.5-Y2V4) - During his introduction, it has been said that Nagumo is comparable in ability to Horikita Manabu. It has been later mentioned by people like Ayanokoji and Kiryuin, people who had great insight on both and had studied them from afar, that Manabu and Nagumo are really equals in both ability and achievements.
Manabu's and Nagumo's intelligence are at a level of geniuses met across generations, they are considered to be one of the best students in ANHS of all time. Considering how ANHS is the best high school institute in the entirety of Japan and has been so for the last 30 years, with it being financed by the government directly, sending its invitations through a set of selections aiming for the best people in the country in the role of nurturing in a specific criteria, and with Nagumo and Manabu being part of the "excellent individuals" criteria that the ANHS seeks to form its elites with which is very different than the one of normal student in both selection and aim, this suggests that Manabu and Nagumo are generally to be considered one of the most outstanding and

intelligent young personalities in the entirety of Japan excluding the White Room in the last 30 years. With ANHS's sole purpose being focused on raising the future leaders of the country, the best students of all time of the school are expected to be at such a level, one which the story shows they deliver on.
(FSIQ)

Y1V5

(Y1V5) - When Ayanokoji and Kushida scouted the soccer club shortly before the Sports Festival, Nagumo inferred that their presence there was to gain information about the students of other 1st year classes, such as who is their best in each class and how good they are in comparison to theirs, despite Kushida's excuse. (Inductive)

Y1V6

(Y1V6) - During his Student Council Ceremony, his presidential introduction was one ideal for the different year masses in its aim to make an impact with his meritocratic current.
Initially appearing fully respectful and looking up to Elder Horikita for his achievements, recognizing him as one of the best who ever set foot in ANHS, Nagumo started introducing himself as a gentle and open minded leader, using open body language and expressions to deliberately maneuver the atmosphere of the ceremony throughout his speech and influence the crowd through various stages of interest and impact. The way Nagumo structured his speech was in a way he could make his most significant message as memorable to the crowd as possible.
In order to grab the attention of everyone, while switching from his calming aura to abruptly addressing the public directly, Nagumo listed off all the abrupt changes he is going to take as president in his era, stating his objectives and immediate actions to take place in a declaration of war against not only Manabu's past administration whom he discredited by making references at Manabu's futile attempts of limiting his power, but also the school itself for the sake of its own improvement at his hands.
Nagumo then promised to be a true "Revolution" meant to destroy what has been preserved by the conservative teachers and past SCPs which unrightfully

gave many disadvantages to students with high ability.
While presenting these ideals and motivation, he aimed to indirectly induce his targeted audience into endorsing an appreciation for his cause beyond what he was simply mentioning. His forceful manner of speaking negated any sort of possible feeling of appreciation for Manabu's cause right in front of the latter, which only helped spark a newfound liking for his movement.
At last, as a final test, Nagumo talked about his planned ideal procedure of throwing out the weaklings and the ones holding people back in the mud, but contrary to any horror or distaste, his entire year, including formerly recent enemies, started screaming out of joy for him.
The generated support from the ones familiar to his goals encourages the ones having a similar mindset to fully approve of his changes regardless of their place in the class battle, which would make his future changes in exams expected and more welcomed, but more importantly it left a bad image to the ones becoming disadvantaged in his system or anyone following Horikita. That psychological attack was incorporated in his speech which was deliberately structured in such a way to diminish and downplay any past foundation endorsed by Manabu Horikita to the extreme and make the general consensus of the masses deem him the inferior between him and Nagumo.
(Charisma, Persuasion)
(LS) (YD)

Y1V7.5

(Before Y1V7.5) - Nagumo's Pre-Y2 Control system.
In the span of 1 year at most, Nagumo managed to bring his entire year under his leadership using the dominance he had built over time by crushing every class and opposition he had up until that point, to such a point where the other classes saw no point in trying to form any formal resistance. Nagumo then destroyed any individual movement who posed a challenge to his power or was against his intent to rule the whole second year, either by exclusion or expulsion. Manabu revealed that there had been around 17 expulsions related to Nagumo's methods, and any pro-class competition movement had been dealt with fast. At that point, it allowed Nagumo to begin to unite his year by establishing a common cause - JUDGMENT SERVED BY ONE'S INDIVIDUAL MERIT, UNITY THROUGH MERIT, STRIVE FOR EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS THROUGH MERIT.

Miyabi began aiming for reforms against the old Class System which he deemed unfair and he promised salvation for the desperate individuals of the lower classes who lost all hope to think about coming back into the battle of class A.
By managing to force the weak to become his subjects by creating a false hope for some degree of future equality being a reward for obedience, while the strong also submitted either because of their own ambitions which would be awarded or because they had no choice, as they otherwise would just become Nagumo's targets for persecution. However, he did hand out privileges for loyalty even to former rivals, despite the abstraction. "If you believe in Nagumo, everyone will have an equal chance to success" became something ingrained into the minds of all.
This widespread cause to fight for goes against his ideal of personal meritocracy, as Nagumo firmly believes that the weak have no place between the strong. This serves as his ideology of merit and ability, entirely individual. Nagumo deceived everyone about his stance of universal meritocracy, as the only thing absolute for him is achieving his personal utopia and fulfilling his own freedom of reigning with an iron fist over those who are to obey.
Nagumo's control of information, promises and hope-inducing of his yearmates created an environment which makes it perfectly easy to abuse the S-System and transform the masses into a resource. The whole transformation was an abrupt and aggressive process which lasted only a few months, Nagumo caused factional conflicts and ruptures inside the classes in the beginning and essentially a two sided ideological civil war in his entire year ongoing through his reforms.
In the eyes of everyone, Nagumo ended up being an idol figure with absolute authority, whether he is loved or hated, anyone looks at him as their leader they respond to no one can go up against directly or in public, a situation forged by him.

Even after he just established his dictatorship, he couldn't be dethroned primarily due to 2 reasons.
- His dominance over everyone else is way too powerful. The gap between the other classes is too big, his class had a 700-900 Class Point lead over Kiriyama's B in the middle of the year, this is one of the main reasons why people have lost all hope to dethrone him, allowing the widespread sentiment against the system to be spread and indulged easily by supporters and rivals of Nagumo alike.
- He extorted millions of yen worth of money as an imposed tax. Together with his authority as president, Nagumo became the most prosperous student ANHS has ever had. Nagumo banks enormously large amounts of points, meaning not

only has he made himself impossible to dethrone even by external entities such as 3rd or 1st year, but he can as well decide “who lives and who dies” at all times by manipulating the economy of all in year classes, especially in the lower C or D.
Nagumo is aware of the mentality his masses will have when it comes to his control, despite the lack of detail and nobody ever trying to go against him. This is why he inferred that he is able to push his “modern slavery” abuse to unfair levels even when they are in agony. Nagumo estimates many harbor deep down hatred for him and reasons that dormant groups of underground resistance exist in between the ones formerly against him, despite Nagumo’s many efforts to appease them and their current futility, because it is human nature to group together when small and go against the one they deem their oppressor.
This system is an incomplete version of his Y2 dictatorship, which took everything to the next level.
Nagumo withheld almost all this information from Manabu Horikita and any other outsider, mostly blocking all the ways to communicate with the 2nd years about his deals. Nagumo did this by managing to coerce his assets into keeping quiet through the use of his pawns and direct contracts. Manabu states that most of the information he got was something he can't confirm or even properly grasp himself despite actively trying to keep tabs and general information about all the ANHS classes in every respective year. His only source of information about this was Kiriyama, the man of 2nd highest status in Nagumo’s year.
Elder Horikita understood that he didn't have the ability or resources to wage war on Nagumo’s whole corp, this is why he was so desperate to make Ayanokoji the Student Council Vice President in early times. Manabu was aware of where Nagumo's ideology and abilities would take the school.
The direct ideological opposition and actions of Nagumo made Manabu Horikita even willing to stain the prestige of the ANHS Student Council, which holds more power than teachers, just to stop Nagumo's takeoff at all costs by inviting a member of 1st Class D, considered a class of defectives and misfits. In Y1V7.5-Y1V10, he provided Ayanokoji with information about Nagumo and his moves, as well as giving him the opportunity to use the Vice President as a means to sabotage Nagumo's faction while trying to remain concealed from the public. (Information Control, Mass Manipulation, Strategy, Concealment, EQU) (YD)

(Y1V7.5) - Nagumo was able to trace Kiriyama Ikuto’s connection to Manabu Horikita as an informant. This is an extrapolation of his reasoning:
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P1: Kiriyama was continuously beaten up to the point where he lost the status of Class A beyond the point of making a comeback in the near future.
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P2: Kiriyama personally deems Class A status the only merit of graduating in ANHS, thus it is his main interest during his stay.
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C1: His only option left is to try to find any way possible to get back to the status of Class A.

P3: Kiriyama cannot get close to defeating me in the internal class battle by relying on his class, which I recently won and united all the classes together.
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P4: Just like Manabu Horikita, student council member Kiriyama is a traditionalist who looks up to the former and has every reason to support him given their goals and mutual dislike of my actions.

-> Given my promise of reforms targeting Horikita's work directly, together with my hostility towards him, this will guarantee him attempting to take some measures against me.

-> This means preventing my rise to the presidency to preserve the ideal he envisions. He only has few options for candidates limited only to the student council members, one of which is Kiriyama who is the most able and closest to his liking.

-> Manabu relies on Kiriyama to get information about affairs in the second year, and Kiriyama is most likely going to be a resistance against my vision."
(Inductive and Abductive Reasoning)
(YD)

(Y1V7.5) - Despite the rivalry, Nagumo has been trying to get Manabu in particular to have a different perception about his methods and personality for the longest time and it paid off in Y1V8 when Nagumo used this to his advantage.

Up until this point Nagumo had managed to profile Manabu Horikita's general thought process, mentality and ability to solve problems to a tremendously large extent. This will pay off immensely later, but earlier examples of this is Nagumo's understanding of Manabu's holding of status of the people he associated himself with, in particular Nagumo acknowledging Ayanokoji's abilities as very high and seeing him as a potential threat to his power because he understands that Elder Horikita sees something in him and holds him in higher regard than most people, that basis comes mainly from Nagumo being "entirely sure" that if Manabu thinks so then, then something definitely exists.
(Planning Prep, Concealment, EQU, EQP, Psychoanalysis)
(LS)

(Y1V7.5) - That was the main motive why Nagumo started aiming to break down the relationship between Manabu and Ayanokoji and find out what they are plotting and why exactly is Manabu so invested in him. Miyabi, therefore, tries to logically infer based on his limited information what is Ayanokoji's place in Manabu's vision:
"Kiyotaka Ayanokoji is an inconspicuous student in 1st Year Class D who most people have never even heard of until his performance in the Sports Festival
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There he showed amazing athletic ability, being able to hold out evenly against Manabu Horikita for almost the entire duration of their race, Manabu also waited for his baton to reach so they could start at the same time, meaning they are personally connected and have known each other before this event.
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Horikita Manabu, of all people, shows a degree of respect to Ayanokoji, indulging in wasting away from his own score just to be able to race him in the festival.
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Considering that man's appreciation stemming only from excellence and nothing less, this interest of his must be more than just a form of gratitude from a past favor. There's a genuine consideration of a similar skill cap between themselves in Manabu Horikita's perspective, as otherwise he would have never given Ayanokoji the time of the day.
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The origins of this relationship and how Manabu determined this student to be worthy of him athletically are impossible to determine, the only clear thing is that at the very least, he is insanely impressive in not only sports, but other ends, as this would be what gets Elder Horikita interested in him in the first

place.
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Ayanokoji Kiyotaka is hiding his abilities and concealing his involvement within the Class Battle. Considering his social status, he must be insanely skilled at this, to the point that under normal circumstances or when there's little to gain from it, he will not step out of his comfort zone and indulge in showcasing others what he is capable of.
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At that degree, Horikita must definitely think that Ayanokoji Kiyotaka is overall better than the likes of Ryuuen and Sakayanagi whom he showed less appreciation for.
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Perhaps a point where this Ayanokoji showcased some of his abilities known only to Manabu during his presidency was in one of the past special exams, like the 1st year's Island Exam, where his Class D won by a large margin.
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Ayanokoji Kiyotaka is potentially very dangerous, his alignment to Manabu Horikita could result in the latter trying to use him against me like he is trying with Kiriyama. The problem is that he is a much bigger threat than Kiriyama.
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A way to get a grasp of this Kiyotaka Ayanokoji is to put him in a position where he naturally reveals himself without detecting a trial, this means one can potentially determine his interests and confirm his involvement with Manabu, as well as his ability by testing him in different scenarios, this falls in line perfectly with what is to come.
Based on this profiling, Nagumo began his aggression towards Ayanokoji.
(Abductive Reasoning, EU)
(LGS)

(Y1V7.5) - Nagumo's psychoanalysis of Ayanokoji followed making an additional step.
Before the winter vacation ended, Nagumo used the opportunity of introduction to test how Ayanokoji handles social interactions in order to understand if there's anything he needs to take into consideration when engineering his later traps.
Putting on an act, he barges upon Kiyotaka's date, trying to get various reactions out of him. Nagumo progressively tests Ayanokoji's behavior when trying to overwhelm him with his social circle, then inviting him to hang out with his group in the middle of his date just to retort everything as a joke and

making a laughing stock out of Ayanokoji. At last, he grabs Kiyotaka's arm and drags him in front while gripping him tight, before dismissing everything as a harmless joke.
Confirming that Kiyotaka is not someone who budges easily, Nagumo then confirms his approach in the next encounter.
(Planning Prep, Psychoanalysis)

Y1V8

Mixed Training Camp (MTC)

(Y1V8) - The Mixed Training Camp was the first time Manabu and Nagumo ever had gotten to compete directly.
For Manabu Horikita, it meant to be on guard against any sort of strategy made by Nagumo. For Nagumo it was the start of a long term strategy to create an advanced multiple step trap system that later covers multiple objectives.
There's 2 important stages in this complex trap system - The Preparation in advance and the Execution of the strategy.

Through his achievements and past actions which he allowed Manabu to see, Nagumo never went against his promises and built his core reputation as a man of his word first and foremost, deliberately as a way to build momentum for his strike.
Despite their direct rival status, he made Manabu trust one single thing about him, his word, which made exploiting this by engineering the MTC exam possible, however he concluded that despite this, Manabu Horikita didn't trust him AT ALL outside of that sole fact, he even doubted that Manabu Horikita would take up his word completely even when he was in the clean.
Nagumo fooled the entire school administration about the MTC, despite looking like an ordinary exam at first glance, it was bound by its entire nature as a massive trap lying in a single rabbit hole above anything else, which made Nagumo's "Impossible to counter" strategy possible to execute. There were loopholes which technically made an escape route "possible" for regular people, but out of everyone, for Manabu who was the target, it was no escape either way. (Concealment, Planning)

(Y1V8) - The reason why MTC worked so well is because of its great disguise as

a regular exam in the eyes of everyone, but more importantly, Manabu can't infer at least early on the possibilities of the main trap itself. The MTC trap relies on making use of the established exam rules to close any way to escape and build the trap over.

Here are all the important details Nagumo forged in advance:

MTC is a group-based training exam which is showcased as a direct competition of all years mixed together, focusing on mental development, meditation and physical training and following a specific schedule. It is held for 8 days where members of one group will experience daily life of all kinds in that group. All the students have to be split up based on gender.

After holding meetings amongst ALL the school years, the split students will divide themselves up into six groups, in total 6 male and 6 female. The upper and lower limit for each class is predetermined based on the number of students of each gender in a class year. What is very important is that each group must have students from at least two or more classes as a prerequisite, meaning that one class cannot form an exclusive group of their own.

It is not allowed to withdraw from a group halfway through or change members. If a student is forced to retire due to either sickness or injury, then the group must deal with that gap.

After the 1st years have established their groups, they will rendezvous with the groups of 2nd years and 3rd years and establish the groups numbering around 30 to 45 people composed of 1st years up to 3rd years.

All the formed small groups must assign someone from their group a leader.

The outcome of the special exam will be decided on a comprehensive exam that will take place on the last day of outdoor school. The outcome will depend on the 'point averaged' from the exam results of every member in the six large groups.

The Leader of a small group, which is the part of a large group that falls at LAST place, whose total falls below the predetermined border for the small group, will be expelled. If that happens, they have to choose one extra person from their group to bear joint responsibility with the leader and be expelled alongside them.

In the case of expulsion, as a last resort, one can buy a "Cancellation of Expulsion" and extend a lifeline to a student using 20 million private points and 300 class points, alongside 100 points per person of the expellee's class will be deducted either outcome.

In the way that it is presented to every student, but most importantly to the main 3 people Nagumo uses to make the trap possible, Nagumo is specifically able to infer IN ADVANCE the thought process and construction of strategies in

order to reason exactly what each one of these people would do when they encounter specific information. What this means is that Nagumo ANTICIPATES not only EVERY OUTCOME of the exam before it even begins, but even their THOUGHT PROCESS, as he was laying foundations to very late stages of the strategy (such as the Ikari Momoko part of the strategy which requires every notable event up to that point to unfold perfectly) before the exam even started. But most importantly, the MTC itself, which SCP Nagumo submitted to the school WEEKS in advance after every detail of the plan was polished to perfection.
Every Anticipation noted with (A) was done by Nagumo weeks in advance. Everything else is something he adapted in his strategy during the exam.
(Planning, Abstract Thinking, Strategy, Anticipation, Deception)

(Y1V8) - An additional key element of MTC's preparation was constructing the exam in such a way where he can deceive the school administration as it passes on the guise of a productive teamwork based exam. Taking advantage of an Outdoor special exam of sorts happening yearly, Nagumo proposed its formulation under his guidance. MTC was the first time members of different classes were put on to work together for a shared goal, covering Nagumo's additional intent to focus less on class battles. Nagumo deliberately formulated the traps and loopholes it covered through its focus on teamwork and discipline. He opted for the explanations and contents of the final exam to be ambiguously presented, mainly elaborating on the shared routine of the groups in order for people to concentrate their foresight on the final exam as would happen in a regular scenario. This is done strategically to separate the people focusing on clearing the exam in one piece themselves to the people thinking beyond that like Manabu, who was the target.
Between the abstractions, the most important one was the hidden loophole which allowed people to get themselves out of the exam via injury or illness, which served as a getaway in case of trapping. Similarly, Nagumo worded its existence in a way to make a distinction between who can see through its use at first glance and who cannot, which mentioned only that "in case of a forced dropout due to poor health, the group would have to keep participating assuming "the group member is still there"".
This means that in the final exam of MTC which involved written tests, the affected group would be put at a disadvantage in performance and someone would have to fill in twice for the dropout's role in the relay.
What the rule says indirectly is that the dropout could NOT be nominated for expulsion, as the rule strictly refers to test participation.

The reason for this and not otherwise is to remain within safety regulations for MTC, as otherwise people from different classes can just beat each other up to expulsion. That would have been an easy way to abuse and expel tens of people in the exam, something which the school never wanted.
Manabu based his lines of safety for his class members in case an attack is made in MTC based on this to form a defensive strategy. The existence of this abstraction of this loophole will be an important detail in entrapping Tachibana, who wasn't able to see through this.
Through the class multiplying bonuses of doubling and tripling rewards for 3 and 4 class composite groups ensuring maximum gain the more diverse classes would split, this would ensure group diversity as a must. This acts as a reason why Tachibana Akane would be eager to group up in Ikari's group, which was not only made by Class 3B students, but also by 3C and 3D who were brought into the scheme.
Additionally, making MTC's grading focus on Physical Activity, Academics, Discipline and Zazen meditation ensured that other parties won't be having the opportunity to be making offensive strategies and potentially interfere with his own goals. The exam had a clear symbolism on Japanese Buddhist culture which was shown through not only MTC's contents but also the whole procedure of separation and limited interaction between men and women. This being a very well placed fabrication about the exam's true color for the school. Even Manabu Horikita perceived that the exam was meant to test a group's unity rather than exploiting one's weakness, which simply shows how well disguised MTC was.
(Planning, Fabrication, Misdirection, Abstract Thinking)

(Y1V8) - Prior to planning the MTC, at the same time as he started trying to influence Manabu's personal view about him, Nagumo made an open fake premise about his intentions to clash with Horikita and let it spread everywhere. He was constantly antagonizing Manabu a multitude of times and personally challenging him to pointless and stupid battles involving the classes.
Nagumo knew that because he was seemingly aiming to drag the masses of both years, Manabu would never accept such a request no matter what as his goal is to prevent a clash with immense collateral damage and Nagumo knows Manabu is aware he played a part in many expulsions. This allowed him to be aggressive and bold with the provocations as he was sure every time he was gonna be rejected.
This in turn made himself look to the third year like he is just a stubborn junior who doesn't know when to quit and needs to drag innocent people in his

conflicts. It allows him to influence everyone's thought process about the incoming MTC clash in 3 different ways.

- First is to influence Manabu Horikita and make him feel like the conflict is inevitable, making the foundation for his negotiation with Manabu much smoother.
- Cause heavy resentment of Nagumo by Manabu's class, since he brands himself as their enemy constantly.
- Deceive every outsider by creating an expectancy that with how many times Nagumo randomly called Horikita out, there can be nothing more than what they had seen to Nagumo's provocation in MTC, in fact it is obvious from a mile to anyone it will happen.

(Planning Prep, EQU, Mass and Logical Manipulation, Misdirection)

(Y1V8) - Nagumo's strategy starts shortly after the details of the exam were given prior to the destination, with him persuading the Class 3B leader Ishikura along with other members to join his cause against Manabu Horikita by letting themselves be coordinated by Nagumo. With the third year classes growing desperate to finally put an end to Manabu's dominance over them by overtaking him at the end, Nagumo recruited the masses of the other 3rd year classes C and D on his side to form take part in the sacrifice group formation and for the rest to focus their attention against Manabu Horikita during this exam. The latter is just a distraction, something which would force not only Manabu, but also the other elites from 3A from various groups like Fujimaki to focus on the exam and keep themselves focused on scoring high, which raises the high chances of Nagumo's success to an even higher degree. Miyabi, as well, pretended to dedicate time and effort during the early parts of the exam and the final test, but he would make an exception. (Persuasion, Misdirection)

(Y1V8) - At the in-year group formation, Nagumo seeked and was able to pair himself up with Kiriyama, whom he had already profiled to be connected to Manabu Horikita and an informant of every action Nagumo does. Due to the group formation almost always staying together throughout MTC, it makes it impossible for an individual to trail off for a period of time without the others knowing it. This in turn makes Kiriyama's every action watched to the point where he cannot risk seeking out to meet with Manabu Horikita due to his own safety being a gambit at large. Nagumo planned to prevent such a leakage before the exam solely for engineering his later acts involving forcing a loss on either Manabu and Kiyotaka to be possible, as without rendering Kiriyama useless, Manabu could have still had a way to combat the initial rabbit holes

even with Ayanokoji's lies. This confirms that Nagumo at the very least constructed the whole Ishikura Fabrication and anticipated all of its consequences around the same time as he foresaw the rest of MTC. (A)
(Planning, Foresight)

(Y1V8) - As an opening to his plan against Kiyotaka, Nagumo designed THREE SEPARATE Strategies for whatever outcome his RPS tactic ensures. The scenario is whether or not Kiyotaka Ayanokoji will end up in his large group, Manabu's or anyone else's, and whichever strategy he will use will all depend on the randomization of the rock-paper-scissors game. We only get to see one strategy fully executed, but it just goes to show that Nagumo had total control and consideration for all outcomes of MTC including the ability to adapt to each, with his planning stretching way beyond just the layers we have seen.
After the small group formation, in the first large meeting, noting every 1st year group formation and pinning down the individuals he is acquainted with, Nagumo suggests to everyone to begin the large group formation themselves and quicker than they were supposed to, excusing it as it being for the sake of efficiency which was convenient for everyone.
Nagumo comes out with a process of the first years choosing their 2nd and 3rd year groups in a 2 row draft based on an order chosen in a Rock-Paper-Scissors game. This way no bias between the groups choosing one another can be argued and the process of selecting groups in 2 rows GUARANTEES that Nagumo and Manabu will end up in different groups, as by the time the 2nd row of choosing comes, both of them will already be selected due to them being incredibly high value targets. This is the most important aspect of this tactic, as it gives an outside perspective of Nagumo being willing to potentially end up in Manabu's group, even if that is not the case.

This scheme serves as giving Manabu a direct cue about Nagumo's supposed impartiality when it comes to group selection and MORE importantly, it supposedly shows him that Nagumo absolutely couldn't have prepared for a scenario of choosing deliberate group formations as he opted for a method which made Manabu and Nagumo ending up in the same group "theoretically" possible, meaning that everything Nagumo would propose later would be done on his own whim, and more importantly Nagumo COULDN'T have planned anything prior to this exam. Which was the one thing Manabu and Ayanokoji were worried about.
This scheme is essential in altering the perspective of Manabu Horikita worrying about Nagumo's malice, as whatever Nagumo could devise anytime

later could only be done against groups from the men's side of the camp.

Nagumo introducing randomization through RPS in the group order and even acting highly skeptical about the 1st year's alignment makes people believe that Nagumo is just extremely wary that Manabu Horikita could have planned something himself seeing he had just stepped out of the presidency. It makes Nagumo and Manabu appeal equally cautious against one another and it was meant to act as an additional refutation to elder Horikita, Kiyotaka and others like Kiriyama's hypothesis that Nagumo had any sort of implication in setting MTC up.
The RPS came at the cost of randomizing 3 potential outcomes with different chances based on what Nagumo was looking further to accomplish in his favor but not a guarantee, one outcome he was looking to avoid was for Manabu to choose Kiyotaka into his group due to it complicating things. They are the following:

- Kiyotaka is in his large group: 1/6 (in reality ~1/2) chance. (Achieved outcome)
- Kiyotaka is in a separate group: 4/6 (in reality ~2/6) chance.
- Kiyotaka is in Manabu's group: 1/6 chance.

For all of these, he planned multiple separate variations of his MTC strategy depending on the group Kiyotaka ended up with. Based on the existing factors, we can assume the tactics used would be alterations of what he did in the LN timeline. The fabricated traps would still use his third year allies to get a certain outcome with specific timing, but what would be different is Nagumo's efforts to isolate Manabu from information breaches even within his own large group.

Given his construction of the group formation and ordering, Nagumo was able to construct a very accurate thought process of ALL the groups participating in MTC at the early stages, including their concerns, their perception and their mentality of approaching the events based on mere hints. By how Nagumo gave the rules and access to information about the exam, he was able to build a scenario where he is able to instantly profile the nature of the first year groups he will be dealing with.
Nagumo predicted that Ayanokoji, his target, will not find himself in a prime organized group of the higher classes, but a group of class composites. These are to be formed of the ones who were unable to group themselves with their own class dominant group, pretty much the lone wolves, they would have a harder time to organize themselves which makes it easier to spot.

The difference between these first year multi-class clusters and the groups dominated by one class is that the latter understand way better why it is important to be united in such an exam for all classes, for 2nd and 3rd years, they will be unconditionally looking to get the most united and organized groups.
This all comes down to the first of the many reasons why Nagumo chose to be part of a group full of undisciplined Class C and Class D students despite his individual brilliance. The groups he does not desire which ended up choosing first will go past him and select better equipped groups of the 2nd year featuring class A and B students which he deliberately ordered the formation of, and this is exactly what he wanted.
Nagumo reasoned that between the groups who didn't elect the leaders, there should be around 3-4 groups who are a class united group.
With this alone, the chances of him ending up with Ayanokoji's group went from 1 in 6 to 1 in 2-3. Together with his wide social network, at first sight of the first year's entrance when discerning all the 1st year group members he knows to determine which groups are class composite or not precisely, Nagumo is able to grasp exactly his chances of getting Ayanokoji in his group as 1/2 in case his group doesn't get to choose first.

The deceit planted acts as some of the most important misdirections done in MTC, done to disprove Horikita's premises and even shutting down any inference Kiyotaka could have made until the Ishikura Fabrication, which explains Kiyotaka beginning his moves of gathering information so late. (A)
(Planning, Strategy, Tactics, Misdirection, Fabrication, EU, EF, Abductive Reasoning)

(Y1V8) - After letting Manabu Horikita perceive with caution all possibilities in which Nagumo can deal damage to his class, the two titans meet at the big formation. It is there that Nagumo proposes a challenge to Manabu, something which exasperated 3A who couldn't bear with Nagumo's seemingly childish behavior as he always tries to persuade Manabu into a challenge "but never does anything".
It is that expectation which allows Nagumo to handle the first time they compete in an exam differently and challenge the entire class A, specifically Fujimaki in a direct provocation humiliatingly, the seniors having been looked down have been looked down upon and insulted by Nagumo to stir chaos and force Manabu to act in case he tries to avoid giving a response to this public set up. This was a small countermeasure which proved effective as some people

were approaching Nagumo ready to attack him, due to feeling humiliated, only to be stopped by Manabu.
Basically Nagumo gaslighted the third years and made them want to jump him in the middle of the exam in order to force Manabu to respond to Nagumo's calling at any costs. (A) Nagumo anticipated based on the resentment that Class 3A holds against him, their prides and them being tired of Nagumo's crap that Manabu will be put in a position where he has to answer to Nagumo's challenge due to Manabu's concern that Nagumo might keep doing such things which would result in members of his class getting into problems. (Gaslighting, Tactics, Anticipation, Emotional Understanding)

(Y1V8) - Once Manabu diffuses the situation, Nagumo is able to reassure them that he doesn't desire meaningless conflict and that he wants a personal battle first and foremost, which resumes their personal negotiation regarding their battle in the exam.
While Manabu requests a direct and meritocratic competition within the boundaries of the exam without involving others, Nagumo initially pretends to disagree with Manabu's terms, even making jokes in front of everyone about how they can compete in who can expel more people, he then uses the opportunity to protest against Manabu's last demand by bringing his own suggestions in the open, for example, he tries to argue that allowing something such as sabotaging your enemy's group to the former president should be something natural.
Despite its obvious rejection by Horikita, the reason he did so is to give the other group's members and Manabu the clue that in case Nagumo will try something underhanded, it would be against their own group directly and not anything else. This generally builds Manabu's focus on defending his own group and paying as much attention to Nagumo directly as possible, therefore not paying more attention to the women's groups of his class than what is necessary, ensuring he would have less reason to be skeptical and question the information they are giving him about their situation.
Right before accepting Manabu's terms, Nagumo then adds another layer to this, by admitting at the end that he was thinking of doing this specific attack and praising Manabu for being aware of every possibility.
(Negotiation, Misdirection, Tactics, Logical Manipulation)

(Y1V8) - Nagumo additionally used another layer to feed into Manabu Horikita's multiple reasons that accepting their proposed challenge is the best decision possible in their battle, as it was.

As seen, Nagumo had earlier deliberately created an MTC loophole as a lifeline, one which ultimately can destroy his strategy if used right. A seeming handicap to his own strategy.
Nagumo however used that loophole to allow Manabu Horikita to create his own defensive strategy against any aggression early on, it being the most IMPORTANT component in Manabu's whole arsenal of contingencies and risk calculation measures.
That however was done by Nagumo in such a way to deliberately appease him in a more comfortable position by the time of the negotiation with him, indirectly manipulating another premise which makes their battle acceptable, while isolating even more.
(Logical Manipulation)

(Y1V8) - By this point, Nagumo was aware of Manabu Horikita's thought process and his perception of all the risks present in the exam, helped by his gained understanding of Manabu throughout their interactions
(1st person generalization of Nagumo's process through his actions of anticipating Manabu's actions. This is Manabu's thought process when he encountered the exam from Nagumo's perspective)
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1. The Circumstances
Given his knowledge of me, the conflict set between us and this being the first and only opportunity we would have to compete against one another, Horikita's first objective in this exam is to secure himself on all fronts and pay attention to all my movements.
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He is aware of the yearly order of an outgoing of all the classes associated with this exam which has been done earlier. While he cannot dismiss it being the school just making a difference, he will suspect that I have potential involvement in this and therefore I influenced creating the exam.
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This will be the most troubling matter of all since it allows him to associate seeming coincidences and dismiss most of the backing deceit of the exam rules."
Forcing Nagumo to use the RNG Rock-Paper-Scissors game to distort this.

2. Exam Rules
"As he perceived everything, Horikita would consider the exam's foundations to be its weaknesses. The risk of expulsion in an exam where a class is not united means that if a student is expelled, their class cannot supposedly do anything

about it except pay the price.
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Horikita will conclude that in case I attempt anything, it would be related to making use of the expulsion rules, specifically the one which deliberately allows the expelled to target someone and drag them along with them. He knows I have the resources to try something like this, possibly even for attempting it on him directly. Another concern he would have related to expulsions involves the other third year classes, who are eager to drag Manabu down no matter what.
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With this, Horikita's set goal is strictly avoiding expulsions of his class members at all costs, which also means that the key to victory is to exploit that. If he is distracted from the goal by perhaps something putting him at ease, while he cannot realize that somebody is targeted in time and who is, Horikita cannot avoid the explosions. "

3. Manabu's Strategy

"The lack of access to communication between not only the large groups but also the splitting of the camp in men and women would make Manabu realize the only opportunity he has to issue an order for the class to follow is at the beginning of the exam, right before the partition. He would have to perceive all the details given and formulate a solid strategy.
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This means that whatever Manabu has ready at that moment, it is what he would be forced to go through with until the end of the exam. This makes his strategy possible to grasp as it has strictly the exam rules as premises.
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The first layer of protection of Manabu's is to order his classmates to not take any leader positions. He knows that not doing it means I can easily crush him on multiple fronts, therefore this perspective is something every member in Horikita's class will be diligent of.
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During the group selection, in order to ensure maximum communication between the groups themselves, Horikita will order his male classmates to pair up in selected groups of their own and to avoid finding themselves in groups with no other classmates. This is something only doable within the male groups he is around during the partition, because the splitting of women and men happened right on arrival at the camp before details about the partition were shared. That would be a worry bothering Horikita until RPS sets in, which only validates all of the contingencies he had set until that point, making the best

acceptance, from the standpoint of defending the male groups, ultimately the best decision.
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From then on, Manabu envisions that in the case of a sabotage, he would have to change his objective to finding a way of getting that person out of their position. Based on the inference Horikita will make about the placed loophole to avoid sabotage, he can do that by eliminating a person out of the exam early via a serious injury which cripples their performance. That cancels their participation as a whole and they can't be named for expulsion. For that however he needs to get the person's consent, and more importantly, information about their condition.
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Despite his idealistic and utilitarian stance, Manabu allows himself to do what is necessary in order to preserve the greater good, even when he has to commit acts such as violence. Manabu would try to get the person out of the trap as long as he has their consent, which would destroy any sort of planned attack he would face in this manner.
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After that I will be his main focus during both the meeting and throughout the exam, with him either trying to watch my actions from afar or gather information.
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Hence why my personal challenge against him can only happen if I agree to his every term he brings out, this means that my battle with him should be concentrated in the exam itself and most importantly to be fair and square, with me not having any right to involve anyone else in it.
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Despite burying suspicion about planning the events and also giving my word, Horikita doesn't completely trust me, so he may suspect me of lying and trying something later on. Nevertheless, from his vision, my proposal should be the best chance he has to protect his class. Despite our differences, he thinks of me as a man who never goes back on his word, not even once. This means he will accept my proposal, making my strategy possible as I can finally deceive him.
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During the exam, if he detects me doing unnecessary or suspicious actions such as holding back, he will surely shift his attention to protecting his class at all costs, this leads me to a set of tactics to limit his vision through these 8 days."
(A) This information represents Manabu's process up until the time of the negotiation. ALL of this thought process was what Nagumo precisely

anticipated by the time he was just elaborating the exam using his understanding of Manabu's deductive thought process and perception. Nagumo PLANNED Manabu's perspective and grasp of information, leading to Nagumo's control of how the negotiation would go.
(Anticipation, Deductive & Inductive Reasoning, Abstract Thinking, Emotional Understanding, Planning)

(Y1V8) - Nagumo predicted that Manabu Horikita wouldn't ask for a contract on their battle promises, as he based on how how he was able to destroy evidence and traces to every expulsion he planned before, Nagumo understood that Manabu would think he isn't careless enough to leave proper usable evidence against him, as it was the case. (Prediction, Abductive Rsn)

(Y1V8) - The next reason for Nagumo choosing a team made out of lower end students from classes such as C class and D class students is to ensure maximum probability that he will NOT win this exam and more importantly the final test, as he has planned from the start for Manabu to win it on paper.
In the beginning of MTC, Nagumo had chosen to contact Manabu Horikita about the bet after the groups had already formed in order to avoid Manabu pointing out an additional abnormality which would have existed if Nagumo went for not the best groupmates after their competition began.
This detail will be irrelevant until Manabu starts making his move, only pointing out some potential suspicion. Nagumo's aim here is not to destroy any possible clues to look for, but to create a wrong path of investigation with a dead end for Manabu later on.
The only ones which would be able to draw a clear inference about Nagumo's behavior being abnormal is someone in his big group, however Nagumo only selected 3rd year members outside 3rd A in order to avoid such a clear potential info leakage, as they would be able to see that Nagumo is barely putting any effort in disciplining his teammates to win the exam fair and square.
(Concealment, Misdirection)

(Y1V8) - While waiting for their group to choose their leader, Nagumo sees through Koenji's bluff and contradiction when he says how he doesn't mind being expelled. Koenji threatens the group to boycott the exam and drag people along with him down if they make him a leader showing to everyone that he has no fear of expulsion, however he adds that even if he gets no marks, the entire group can still avoid dropping to failing range as long as the rest rigorously put effort in the exam. In truth Koenji has no intention of being expelled but he

doesn't want to put in external effort at the same time. That's exactly why he deliberately pointed out the fact the group still has a chance of passing via working hard despite initially claiming to boycott the exam.
Nagumo sees through this tactic and calls out Koenji as a liar, forcing Koenji to admit that he indeed does not want to get expelled but doesn't care about class A. Nagumo then calls him a liar once again. Nagumo anticipated one of Koenji's strategies of transferring to class A since he was able to find out about Koenji looking to buy points from students at graduation.
Koenji's strategy was based on a loophole in the system that made buying points and class A tickets with outside money possible. 3rd years had the free ability to donate their points to juniors under no restrictions as they were going to lose them at graduation, which would allow someone like Koenji to easily win favors over such people and essentially buy a ticket to class A at graduation with no difficulty using checks and paying with outside cash. This would also make Koenji free of any class contribution till graduation.
Because Nagumo purposefully made a public statement about this loophole in the school rules, it tipped the administration to force the system to make third years unable to transfer their points to other years after a certain period of time. (Anticipation, Inductive Reasoning)

(Y1V8) - The Old Maid game was a scenario fabricated by Nagumo with the purpose to gain information on Ayanokoji, more specifically his intellectual abilities. He presented himself to the 1st years along with some 3rd year group members as a way to deepen ties between all the members of the group. Since they have no TVs or PCs there, he "came up" with the idea to play a simple card game.
While the early rounds occurred normally, by the middle of the game Nagumo started deliberately giving some abstract suspicions to the perceptive eye that he was cheating while at the same time burying them just as fast under the rug using various elements which would debunk any recently drawn conclusion, not only that, but he prepared to use the third years present into his schemes for two opposite reasons, to raise awareness of his tactics to either Koenji or Ayanokoji while also as a way to cover everything his in scheme up.
Essentially, by the middle of the forged Old Maid encounter feeds the first year information in multiple contradictory directions to appeal to either conclusion, these being Truth and Lie.
TRUTH - The base layer of the Old Maid Game is the fabrication of circumstances which makes it seem like it is impossible for Nagumo to cheat, if one were to think so, they have enough premises. Nagumo opted for a sealed

deck of cards and let everyone not only inspect the deck but also shuffle in turns. Before the game started, Nagumo establishes the fake premise that the third years have nothing to do with him, as everyone is reluctant to join and Nagumo has to “persuade” them into it, Nagumo also avoided throwing any sort of glance of observation at Ayanokoji in the entire act until it had gotten to their gamble, which made Ayanokoji's initial but short lived conclusion that Nagumo doesn't think anything of him, this helps to uncover that even if Koji sees through the cheat, they would have a hard time inducing that Ishikura and Tsunoda are part of the deceit or that Nagumo’s actual reason is to probe them.
Nagumo uses them to fabricate the outcomes even when it comes to masking his deceit. In the middle game against Tsunoda, he had the advantage to pick the winning card in a shuffle of only 2 cards which is a 50% chance of success, the highest possible. Nagumo however loses on purpose, as this buries any sort of simple hypothesis that he is able to locate the joker, him losing when he had the highest relative chance of success works in favor, because normally, if he is suspected to be able to pinpoint the joker in a bigger shuffle of 3 or more cards (when he has very low chances of actually guessing), him being able hypothetically to do so again in one of 2, while keeping the suspicion about his cheating, may be easily excused as a coincidence. If he fails at the 50/50 chance, not only does Koji’s hypothetical presumption have holes but Nagumo also loses when he technically has the least amount of reason to deliberately lose, masking his intentions with 2 layers.
LIE - For his true goal, Nagumo planted sufficient clues to make an observant person find out about his cheating. But the way Nagumo’s trap is forged, forces the one inducting it to go through a specific process based on a perspective he laid down, in such a way that Nagumo can measure the abilities of Ayanokoji directly, depending on how much information he uncovers.
The most basic clue Nagumo laid down is him guessing the outcome of each round of old maid except seemingly the time he lost to Tsunoda, normally this should be a semi-noticeable clue that he is cheating but when accounting for 2 very important frames, it is very difficult to infer.
The first one is that he spoke ambiguously and only guessed the outcome in terms of teams with a high probability of winning and teams with a low probability of winning, which could be seen as him simply being that good as he wrecked the 1st year players everytime up to that point, another very important clue lies in the use of the third years to normalize his prediction. For example the Ishikura act: During the late game when Nagumo picks the joker from Ayanokoji, Ishikura acts surprised that Nagumo wasn’t able to guess correctly, as he showed he had the ability to do so. Nagumo excuses it as not his fault, as

the game boils down to luck after all.
The 2nd frame to Nagumo's laid down trap perspective is understanding how he is predicting the outcomes in advance perfectly even if they are the most likely ones. This required Ayanokoji to first infer the possibility of Nagumo knowing where the joker is everytime then coming to the conclusion that he used a trick to mark the joker in the middle of the shuffle which is supported by Nagumo being the first to do so. After this Ayano finally pins down the marked joker, noting that no one could notice it normally, which is very important which makes you understand why the verbal clues laid this way specifically and why this trap works through assessing one's reasoning rather than just observation, because if the mark was even slightly noticeable even to a perceptive eye, the verbal clues would have no value, it serves as a great tactic built to measure Koji's capabilities. An additional small clue was given when Koenji drops his own hint that he induced the entire fabrication himself to Nagumo, the latter unusually continues by stating how he'd like to finish the first years in a number of turns.
The time Nagumo finally probes Ayanokoji and everything he inferred comes during their one on one. When Nagumo is confronted by Ayanokoji to pick one of his two cards, instead of winning, Nagumo picks the Joker and switches his position with Ayanokoji but this time Nagumo has more than 2 cards in his Joker mixed shuffle. Even when Ayanokoji bluffs and says he has no idea so he will pick randomly, Nagumo warns him twice to give it some thought.
It is at this point where if Ayanokoji were to reveal that he knows the joker's position, Nagumo would infer that he did all of the necessary reasoning written above, which would get him to grasp how much of a threat he is accordingly.
In fact, to some extent it succeeded, as it led Nagumo to continue with his other essential fabrication later involving Kiyo.
All of this happened with no one else inducing any anomaly in the gamble, to simplify it, Nagumo "guessing" some round outcomes correctly every outcome by probability of winning while in reality guessing all while covering it with ambiguity was a trick reliant on a makeshift mark on the joker made barely noticeable. Nagumo had to observe through every shuffle each round to determine the position of the joker each time, meaning he had to pinpoint the same "impossible to notice" mark each time. The mark was something that even Kiyotaka was only able to find after he induced its existence and started carefully looking for it.
He forced Ayano into a situation where he probed his analytical abilities, making Ayanokoji focus on being as undetectable as possible. He used multiple tricks like juggling information around, marking the joker mid shuffle in the beginning

and using it deliberately to notice Ayanokoji's observation and reasoning abilities, which in the long run was done to gain information.
(Misdirection, Acting Skills, Fabrication, Information Gathering, Setting Traps, Bluffing, Observation)

(Y1V8) - Since Nagumo constructed the logical process of being able to see through the OM's intent, he has to understand the process to determine his cheat. (Work in Progress)

(Y1V8) - His actions around Ishikura and Manabu Horikita throughout the volume work in a similar manner, and they're connected to Ayanokoji through his objective of keeping him in check throughout MTC.
After the Old Maid game, Nagumo wasn't able to form any concrete conclusion regarding Ayanokoji's status, however in their face-off he has come to understand that even in the game Ayanokoji was striving to be limiting his abilities, deeming him as a point of interest throughout the exam. Koji sensed that himself and that's why he tried limiting his contact with Karuizawa during their short meeting afterwards, where she was tasked to investigate some 2nd and 3rd years. Ayanokoji was keen to hide her from one enemy, the only enemy relevant to that conversation was the president.
(Perception, Intuition)

(Y1V8) - Nagumo had prepared a set of schemes in order to multitask mass deception throughout the exam, guarantee Manabu's defeat early and gain information if not deceive Kiyotaka before MTC began. As he was worrying that Ayanokoji could end up a threat, it led him to foresee his strategic use of 3rd year leader Ishikura, his hidden ally in this exam established at the beginning of MTC to fabricate a scene to distort the perspective on his actions and carry on a series of consequences. (A)
The scene happens as follows: In the middle of the whole group containing Koji, while Ishikura was assessing that Kiriyama's imposing of authority against a 1st year commotion is a mistake, Nagumo comes over to congratulate Ishikura on his sharpness, saying that a talent like him is wasted in class B and that it is not his fault that he couldn't surpass a genius like Manabu with the difference between him and Ishikura being 300 CP only, something in his reach. What Nagumo is doing here in the eyes of everyone is seemingly trying to persuade the 3rd Year Class B leader into joining him to try and make a coalition against Manabu Horikita, saying that if they combine their powers during this specific special exam, they can form a strategy to crush him and maybe even expel him,

with Ishikura becoming Class A. Despite Ishikura's disbelief that they can't pull such a thing, Nagumo insists on there being many other ways of destroying Manabu.
Ishikura ultimately rejects Nagumo's alliance in front of everyone, with the latter being forced to back down.
ALL OF THIS was planned and fabricated by Nagumo, from his arguments, to the specific information said, to Ishikura's firm rejection.
These are the following fake premises Nagumo feeds Ayanokoji and everyone else here:
1 - Nagumo didn't make any move against Manabu Horikita up until the middle of the exam.
2 - Nagumo is aiming against Manabu Horikita's group directly through methods which would ensure his downfall.
3 - Nagumo attempted to collaborate with the other third years, but failed.
4 - The third years, mainly Ishikura, is not looking to go against Manabu in the exam.

Nagumo was able to adapt in to a timing to make this scene feel perfectly natural, as he was not the starter of the conversation which began due Kiriyama's rant to Koenji's misbehavior. He told Ishikura the contents and its aim prior, and ensured to do it in an open space where Ayanokoji is present.
Despite Kiyo reasoning that Nagumo's failed attempt of manipulating Ishikura seems unnatural due to how unusually defenseless Nagumo was, which going with Koji's past encounter with Nagumo felt inconsistent, he couldn't confirm if Nagumo's attempt to form a deal with Ishikura was genuine or not right on the spot.

The fabrication does a selection of things:
- Despite giving Ayanokoji premises to work with for his deductions of MTC as a means to trap him, the latter was slowed down due to the contradicting character of the information fed. Kiyotaka only managed to infer the meaning of the scene days later, when manipulating Asahina for information and using Kei for tracking of girls' groups.
- It sets off 2 traps, one for Manabu and one for Ayanokoji and Manabu together specifically. These were carefully considered by Nagumo, who ensured that no outside factor could distort the accuracy of his traps and information gathering.

First Trap:

There's 3 scenarios that can possibly happen. This is what his tactic foresights if successful or not:

1. Ayanokoji reveals the information about Nagumo's actions with Ishikura to Manabu, which results in the latter trying to infer what Nagumo is planning to do as he is supposedly trying to involve the other years against Manabu's group. This in turn misdirects Manabu into thinking that if anything, Nagumo is planning to pull something underhanded against his group and not anything else, up until the end of the exam which leads to Tachibana's demise either way.
Nagumo would be the first to detect Manabu's newfound activity within the exam due to his sources and infer automatically that Kiyotaka Ayanokoji had told him.
-> The result here is that Nagumo concludes that Ayanokoji is a mere informant to Manabu and while still a threat, not one to a level where he can look forward to crushing him.
2. If Ayanokoji manages to deduce Nagumo's strategy by pinning down what actually happened and tells Manabu, this will either lead to Manabu confronting Nagumo directly about what actually will happen, or have Manabu try to act fast in an attempt to save whoever is stuck within Nagumo's forced expulsion. Due to Nagumo's 2nd year informants being placed in the targeted big group to monitor Manabu's interactions with the 3rd A women, he will know either way if Manabu is onto something, which unturn means that Ayanokoji's involvement and correct assistance is a guarantee as well. This serves as proof that Ayanokoji not only has the capability to see through Nagumo's plans, but Nagumo would also have gained information about his entire connection to Manabu Horikita, such as him collaborating directly against Nagumo.
-> Ayanokoji reveals himself to be a threat way earlier, with Nagumo making him a primary target.
3. This is what happened. Manabu is not alerted, which from Nagumo's perspective would mean that either Ayanokoji didn't perceive any abnormality with his ploy or didn't communicate with Manabu. This leads Nagumo to infer that Ayanokoji either is not collaborating with Manabu or is too incapable to take action. Which in the short term means he is NOT a threat either way.
-> This made him temporarily believe that Ayanokoji's capabilities in wits and insight are not as incredible as he had hoped for despite Manabu holding him high.
This is why Nagumo, on the last day of the exam when confronting Manabu says "No one can read me, not even your golden boy Ayanokoji", he isn't saying this out of arrogance nor is he bluffing, he is just stating the apparent truth after his inductions. This confirms the existence of the 2nd possibility as Nagumo eventually shows how he was considering the possibility of Ayanokoji inferring his schemes.

In parallel, this trap set against Ayanokoji also had large involvement in misdirecting Manabu. At this point in time, Elder Horikita tried to get help from Ayanokoji regarding Nagumo's actions, as he was one of the most trustworthy people he had. The only way for Ayanokoji to escape this trap without losing anything is to deceive Manabu. So when Kiyotaka had to lie to Elder Horikita about not seeing anything suspicious of Nagumo's actions due to how the trap envisioned revealing his ability and alignment to Manabu, the latter can only entrust himself to what Koji has been saying, sending him back into his dead end of clues. Therefore, Nagumo's first trap can either misdirect Manabu or expose Ayanokoji, either one or the other.

Kiriyama, Manabu's ally in the 2nd year responsible for his info gathering, who was present during Nagumo's attempt to manipulate Ishikura was constantly under the watch of Nagumo due to them being part of his group, in the end he didn't have any possibility of connection to Manabu for info.

(A) Nagumo had predicted the key parts of the following events of his Ishikura tactic when creating his MTC strat and how he would use Ishikura to deceive his group for the sake of dealing damage to either Ayanokoji or Manabu. This comes from him blocking off Kiriyama's information network, profiling him and Ayanokoji as well as Nagumo aiming his sights on Kiyotaka beforehand.

The one thing that didn't go according to Nagumo's planning beforehand in the exam was Koji actually deducing his strategy and him never getting to know that part of his prediction was incorrect, but since Manabu was forcibly stuck in his own massive trap either way, it means that Nagumo successfully created this fabrication in such a way that he gains something massively either outcome. Unlike Nagumo's conclusion, Ayanokoji avoided the traps by not giving any information to Manabu regarding Nagumo's actions and let everything unfold naturally.

Through feats like the Old Maid and Ishikura fabrication, we get to understand the way Nagumo operates, purposefully feeding you information in all directions, in such a way where you confuse what his lies and truth are and never truly know what he is doing, making him very unpredictable.

(Information Control, Misdirection, Acting Skill, Setting Traps, Strategy, Tactics, Logical Manipulation, Anticipation)

Second Trap:

(Y1V8) - At one point in time, Manabu who was in full process of analyzing Nagumo's group behavior whom he already concluded to be massively inferior to his detected a stagnation activity to keep the group more united from him. Unless something happened, to him this only meant that Nagumo is not giving

his all to the competition for some reason, which was a massive problem as it was highly likely that Nagumo is trying to sabotage behind the scenes.
Nagumo was able to take advantage of Manabu's wary state and formulate an additional trap by having Manabu try to seek answers in sync with the aftermath of him doing the Ishikura fabrication and spreading a fake perception about his goals within the exam.
The triggering condition is if literally anyone reveals any sort of information to Manabu Horikita regarding these events, together with Manabu suspecting Nagumo holding back for a reason, these linked together will have Manabu almost entirely sure that Nagumo is aiming at sabotaging his group through a third party. This would lead to him looking over any possible clue he has at this disposal at a time where he cannot work with any additional information, making his efforts useless.
Manabu never had the occasion to make this connection.
Aside from the many traps set to control Horikita's thought process, Nagumo constantly manipulated Manabu's awareness throughout the camp.
(Misdirection, Setting Traps, Logical Manipulation)

(Y1V8) - Nagumo's talk with Ryuuen made him intend to make a bet about his competition against Elder Horikita, aside from the mockery, he would try to use it observe how does an outside perspective like Ryuuen think about his rivalry with Manabu. However, the actual meaningful reason to call out to the 1st years has to do with Ayanokoji. Nagumo was intrigued by him, as even after his schemes he couldn't figure him out. Everything about him to the influence and status he holds in his year and his abilities are full of vagueness, that is why not only does he ask Manabu why is he holding Ayanokoji above the likes of Ryuuen or Sakayangi in ability in front of Hashimoto, but he also asks the latter about his opinion on Ayanokoji. He confirms that no one except Manabu holds Ayanokoji in high regard, as Hashimoto seemed to know even less than him, as a side effect it raised awareness about Koji holding back his abilities to him despite Manabu denying everything. (Information Gathering)

(Y1V8) - While the entire misdirection of Manabu happened, Nagumo's actual strategy to deal a heavy hit on him was manifesting. Using his established connection to Ikari Momoko from the girl's groups through Ishikura on the bus, Nagumo collaborated with multiple third-years to get them to incorporate Tachibana Akane, Manabu's right hand woman, in their group, whose entire purpose after that is to sabotage their group score to end up low enough to guarantee that will end up below the bare minimum, meaning their outcome

ends up with Ikari's group failing to complete the minimal tasks to avoid penalty, resulting in the expulsion of Ikari Momoko, who by default votes for Tachibana Akane to be expelled with her.

(A) Nagumo anticipated that Tachibana would be joining with the 3rd Year Class B students. In his line of reasoning, Manabu's only instruction he would find a primary focus to transmit immediately after the given details of the exam to the girls, before the partition by gender, is to not become a leader under any circumstance. Any other warning regarding joining a group made out of students of a single other class wouldn't be possible, as it would be unreasonable.

Tachibana has to sit through the entire exam knowing the misery awaiting her. Nagumo wanted her to deduce how this is an orchestrated attack on Manabu Horikita's class on all sides in order for her to come to a specific conclusion he desires. For that, multiple factors had to be kept in check, for example the third year women sabotaging her, the spread of information of Nagumo's battle against Manabu, the misleading rules of the exam and more. Akane comes to understand that her fate is absolutely sealed and has no way to escape what is gonna happen to her. But what her concern is the most is Manabu Horikita, Nagumo and Tachibana know that he will sacrifice anything to protect all members of his class, EVEN himself as he always did because that has been his number one priority.

This is why Tachibana's approach to deal with her predicament was so important to control, Nagumo manipulating one of Manabu's trusted allies through her deductions would establish the final blow for the titan to fall in his claws. If Manabu Horikita found out, he would've changed his focus on her instead of winning the competition. So Akane shielding her entire class by taking Nagumo's bullet selflessly was the entire purpose of and where all the layers of the entire complexity of MTC lead.

(A) Tachibana's decision to hide information and avoid confronting Manabu is something Nagumo anticipated BEFORE the exam even began while the MTC was still in planning, shown by his step to step procedures and reasoning all leading her and Nagumo's certainty that Manabu will end up not even grasping Tachibana's distress up until the very end, this being the most advanced stage of the exam which already requires precise anticipation of many perspectives. Nagumo's timings and instructions to Ikari's group played a key role in keeping her perspective where he wants it to be.

Nagumo reasoned through an insanely precise personal profiling of Tachibana, someone he knew as a mere acquaintance from afar, that she would be able to correctly grasp her's and Manabu's entire situation based on multiple reasons.

In Akane's perspective, Nagumo envisions: (Generalization)
"In the first days of MTC, little effort is made to push her group in her training, which is the time she would start to notice some faint abnormalities despite Ikari and the others acting normal at this time.
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Some time in the middle of the exam, Ikari and the others start to threaten and harass Akane, also telling her about her predicament and upcoming expulsion which she cannot do anything about.
The reason this is necessary is for her to not alert the others in her class about something she only suspects or thinks is a minor thing.
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She would automatically realize that the group she was in was formed with this purpose in mind, and also that this is a collective effort of multiple classes to drag hers down.
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Akane knows that such a plan is only possible with a strong financial backer behind, and the only one fitting that is me.
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From there she would understand that this whole operation was my plan to ruin her class, and more importantly deal damage to Manabu Horkita, who she knows I am in competition with in the exam. This was the main reason why the challenge was made in public at the group formation.
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Tachibana would think that there is a possibility of other groups of 3A being targeted, mainly due to how organized and well staged her own trap was and the large network the 2nd year would have under my guidance.
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She would further reason that Horikita's situation is absolutely hopeless due to the competition between me and him which is meant to constrain his options of trying something underhanded.
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Together with their Class A situation in their internal year, she will be very much aware that they, who haven't been given any time to breathe in each special exam due to the intense competition, are more than likely to collapse to B at bankruptcy, especially if I get a direct hit on their class again.
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The worst case scenario which is plausible is Manabu Horikita getting expelled in the worst exams to come. Tachibana has always believed solely in Horikita's ability as their one man army, she is aware that if he is gone, so is their status as

class A. Due to her own feelings of love and indebtedness, she cannot allow the one dearest to him, and such an important figure, to collapse solely because of someone who only deserves to be cast aside like her. Tachibana has such a complex that revolves around Horikita.
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Her relationship with Manabu would make her feel that the entire trap she got herself in was only her fault. Nothing can be blamed on Horikita who tried to protect them as much as he could.
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This would make her want to bear responsibility for her mistakes and ensure that Horikita is able to successfully win the exam. Rather than humiliate Manabu's clean record or beg for him to save her which would make Manabu lose to me and therefore class points, she'd rather hide everything and allow herself to be expelled for the sake of protecting her dear one. If more people went through this same thing, Akane wouldn't have wanted to be sticking out.
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In order for that to be possible, she would shut herself in, lie to her classmates who are looking for daily reports that everything is fine, and also avoid Manabu Horikita for the entire duration of the lunch break within the exam. Tachibana does this so that Manabu won't have time to think of a way to sacrifice his gains or the entire exam and lose for the sake of her."
Through his understanding of Tachibana's fondness and protectiveness of Manabu, as well as her complexion that he is the one who can save 3A and she would be only a burden to him in that scenario when considering the very close class battle crisis Class A was facing. Nagumo anticipated that she would be an impossible source for Manabu Horikita to both directly and indirectly interact with and gain information. Another detail which Nagumo cautiously ensured is her inability to detect the loophole abstraction in the exam for her to try to get herself out of her mess.
The reason he targeted her instead of Manabu is because it allows for his winning condition no matter the outcome.
So this all means that Nagumo used Tachibana's anticipated thought process, emotional breakdown and final decision to his advantage to FULLY manipulate her throughout the progression of the camp.
(Indirect Manipulation, Anticipation, Deductive Reasoning, Inductive Reasoning, Emotional Understanding, Abstract Thinking)

(Y1V8) - The MTC's partition of men and women into groups for the most part not coming into contact helps with making it nearly impossible for Manabu who

despite actively observing Nagumo's group performances and inferring abnormalities about Nagumo's performance, to know that something is wrong about Ikari's group.

Tachibana's decision serves as a loophole Nagumo used which Manabu wouldn't have expected given the circumstances. At this point in time he was still actively seeking for intel and clues regarding what Nagumo is doing, establishing connections with the women groups during the limited breaks and checking for abnormalities. But due to how impossible keeping tabs on the girls was due to how MTC was built, Manabu reasoned that Nagumo can't pull off anything on the other side of MTC without planning it before the groups were split, due to the control he would have there even with info gatherers being too narrow. With that also going against Nagumo's given word, his past motivation to personally fight Manabu, and also his focus during the initial negotiation being solely on the male side. Therefore, during all of the remaining days, Manabu was only led to additional dead ends with no connection to Nagumo. Another massive hole in Manabu's attempted information gathering was the fact that the other women in Manabu's class could not detect any sort of abnormality within their own groups which meant that they can only tell Manabu Horikita that everything is okay on their side, Nagumo used Tachibana shutting herself and avoiding any way for someone to approach her in public as an instrument to add another layer of consideration in the massive waves of misdirection aimed at 3-A.

In the beginning of the exam, from Asahina's words during the forming of the small groups inside her year, she noted that there was a formed group of women specifically intimate with Nagumo that will eventually be a part of the Ikari-Tachibana large group. No one would usually expect something as they would just brush it off by thinking that these girls are just friends flocking to each other. These women were there in order to give Nagumo information about how Tachibana handles her situation and if there's any clue that Manabu deduced his strategy, which again, he induced as that not happening due to the lack of contact between Tachibana and Manabu.

The knowledge that Ikari's group also selected Tachibana as a lone member was a detail completely inaccessible to Manabu at the beginning of the exam due to the groups splitting before partitioning takes place, and with Akane not communicating, it was also impossible to grasp every member of her group from the other side, especially when he seemingly has no reason to.

(Misdirection, Information Control, Information Gathering, Inductive Reasoning)

(Y1V8) - In the final night before the ending of the exam, Nagumo proposed to Manabu the absurd and irrational request to not attend the MTC closure, giving him the opportunity to make himself as alert as he can be if he takes Nagumo's seemingly stupid request as something done with a purpose.
Knowing that Manabu will eventually start connecting the meaning of his behavior, Nagumo lies to him by saying that while he played fair and square entirely, Nagumo expected the outcome to be too close for him to be sure he'd win, so for that he has done something, which serves as the last warning Manabu has. This is giving 2 clues to Manabu to work with, a genuine one and a fake one.
Knowing that Tachibana's situation didn't change, and using this meeting to understand Manabu's current objectives and behavior, Nagumo deduces that Manabu didn't have any grasp of his strategy or at least his intentions through the entire MTC.
At this point Nagumo is messing with Manabu, he knows that he can't infer and narrow down Tachibana's danger in time even if Manabu will deduce that Nagumo targeted a specific 3A group for expulsion. He enjoys that Manabu he can't see through the MTC trap due to his lack of information. (Deductive Reasoning, Misdirection, Gaslighting)

(Y1V8) - During the announcing results, while Class A initially celebrated that Manabu Horikita won, Nagumo soon turns their joy into grim, shock and sorrow when the bomb is dropped on everyone. 3rd Year Class A's Tachibana was expelled, with her classmates screaming when they realized and Fujimaki almost throwing himself at Nagumo enraged.
Nagumo's strategy hit one of its deciding conclusions and Manabu lost way more than he did win already.
Throughout the MTC, ever since Manabu accepted Nagumo's challenge, there were 4 possible outcomes working on different depths which would have influenced the outcome of the exam. Which is what makes his strategy so brilliant, because he forces Manabu in a position where he either loses something massive no matter what he does.
There are multiple possibilities:
Out of the 4, there's 3 which Nagumo infers and anticipates from the very beginning Manabu won't go through with: (A)

1. Decides to abandon Tachibana, his most important supporter throughout ANHS and breaks his promise to protect his class from any danger aimed at him for the sake of saving his class from being bankrupt.

2. Manabu turns aggressive, breaks the promise first and attacks Nagumo's innocent group despite having no evidence about Nagumo breaking it or doing anything. Which would be the worst outcome to Manabu as not only does he ruin his reputation but Tachibana would still be expelled even if he cripples Nagumo's group, who doesn't care about winning.

3. Manabu would've been able to deduce Nagumo's strategy and discover Tachibana's entire situation. The option Nagumo had foreseen Manabu has is to rescue the class busting and also save Tachibana through expulsion by forcing Tachibana's retirement. Manabu Horikita had formulated his own strategy inside MTC which was specifically aimed to capitalize on the loophole of the exam which involved retiring someone from the group through inflicting an injury or condition they can't continue the exam in. Normally it would be very easy to implement as long as Manabu can get the person's consent and approach them about this in the first place. Through it, Manabu would have dropped Tachibana out of the exam through injuring her heavily to a point she can't continue, like breaking her leg for example.
There's a massive problem with this, the fact that Tachibana shut herself away from everyone and avoided meeting with her class members not only makes her hard to detect as the victim but also makes Manabu personally approaching her impossible, without approach he can't get her consent to hurt her. Manabu would never bring himself to gravely injure Tachibana against her own will when he has the option to use private points instead, even if that leads to crisis in his class. Trying the loophole in such a situation breaks his idealism as even if he is doing it for the greater good of the class, as he would still be cruelly assaulting someone part of it, more so the most devoted person to him.
For this specific possibility Nagumo relied on 2 layers of protection, the fact that Manabu didn't have enough information to deduce his strategy, and also that even if he does, the chances of choosing to injure Tachibana without her consent over points is pretty much impossible. This is why Nagumo anticipating Tachibana's comprehension of the situation, emotional status and decisions down to the nail is extremely important.
We know from multiple sources that Manabu is utilitarian and idealistic, including Nagumo himself. This is why Nagumo's strategy will become impossible to counter from Manabu's position after the middle point of the exam passes, he was completely cornered on all sides throughout the exam, and since Nagumo knew how much Horikita values his morals and ideology, so he capitalized off that perfectly. This was the perfect way to "outwit" Manabu.

This brings us to the final one, which by elimination, is the only plausible outcome Manabu would choose in Nagumo's vision, the one that happened.
4. Whether he finds out or not about the MTC trap, Manabu decides to save Tachibana by paying the exam penalty to save her from expulsion.
For this particular exam only, the price for saving someone from expulsion is a ridiculous 300 Class Points and 20 million private points expense with them already losing 100 because of the loss.
Manabu ends up taking it, completely bankrupting his class in the last semester of his year where the special exams are confirmed to be the hardest.
Ikari, the one expelled alongside Tachibana, is bailed by Ishikura through Nagumo's financing of 20 million points in advance, the difference is that while Class B only lost 400 class points, their biggest rival is now bankrupt, so they have way more resources to compete with Manabu for the final time.
The attack on Tachibana relied on third year students from all the other classes, C and D helped unconditionally due to their willingness to grab any opportunity to shake the foundation of the upper classes, applying because both B and A were significantly weakened afterwards.
The main reason why Nagumo used Ikari, a B class student as the leader is because they're the only ones who would be worth the price of many points to weaken their strong adversary for a chance to surpass them in that stage, especially if Nagumo covers the expenses himself.
Through this deductive process of elimination by completely understanding Manabu's mentality and awareness, Nagumo anticipated Manabu would save Tachibana and pay 400 CP and 20 Million PP, as Ayanokoji said.
Manabu ended up not even knowing what hit him until it was announced that Tachibana was expelled, and more importantly, even if he somehow ended up knowing, the strategy was forged in such a way that it was ABSOLUTELY impossible to be countered by him respectively. All of MTC was built to outsmart the biggest genius of ANHS, Manabu Horikita.
(Strategy, Planning, Setting Traps, Deductive Reasoning, Anticipation)

(Y1V8) - Nagumo likes to mess with concepts such as "trust", "respect". "pride" and their moral properties, he wants to learn if these mentioned can be diplomatically weaponized. He "paints" over moral foundations. A key thing to understand about Nagumo's MTC strategy is that it could've been "theoretically possible" to counter it if not for Manabu's decision to accept the challenge. Because of a single "Yes" that was actually a "Trojan Horse", which was set up using multiple layers of psychological traps AND influencing one's thought process to see it as the ideal outcome in order to maximize success.

Nagumo set the trap in mind with the fact that Manabu is an advocate to choose and make sacrifices for the ideal outcome in any regard, choosing to prioritize damage control above anything else. Manabu was made to think for a moment that even with his serious doubts about Nagumo's fairness, accepting his challenge is by far the safest approach to the exam due to his own understanding of this exam's mechanics early on as it had been shown.
Accepting Nagumo's challenge had the lowest chance for anything bad to happen, but that was the trap itself, and Nagumo made use of that to perfection, considering how that was technically the best decision Manabu could've taken at that moment. This is the main reason why the trap was so effective in the first place, its security and reliance on logical reasoning.
Through his MTC Strategy, Nagumo was able to manipulate and lead Manabu to fall into his trap, while also manipulating Tachibana's thoughts and emotions to act exactly like he intended her to do. Nagumo was able to make every adversary of his except Ayanokoji dance in his palms.
(Emotional Understanding, Setting Traps, Perception, Anticipation, Inductive Reasoning, Strategy)

(Y1V8) - What this portrays is that despite the enormous damage done, Nagumo did not thoroughly "defeat" Manabu in the sense he would like as he never intended to, as neither did Manabu "beat" Nagumo through winning the exam on paper. This game didn't settle anything until their final meeting. Because of the nature of the trap, Nagumo admitted that his tactic wouldn't have proved neither his win nor his defeat even if Manabu remained Class A.

(Y1V8) - Nagumo used the exam result announcement to heighten his presence and power in front of everyone. The 3rd Year Class A were left paled realizing what Nagumo did while everyone else weren't even aware of what actually happened to Tachibana, only that the third year A suffered a loss somehow. As far as everyone else was concerned, Nagumo triumphed over Manabu.
The way the event was showcased made everyone aware of President Nagumo's strength in comparison to Manabu's.
(Mass Manipulation, Logical Manipulation)

(Y1V8) - Nagumo's analysis throughout the exam using his reach showed that despite his strategy being calculated from the very beginning to be almost if not certain to succeed, he was extremely cautious about his deductions and anticipations. In case Tachibana drops out from the exam from simple unluck like her falling ill, Nagumo could always simply instruct Ikari's group to not

deliberately hold back in the final test which would be enough to put them above the minimum required score. This would mean that even in the worst case scenario, Nagumo doesn't lose his money nor is Ikari expelled.
(Risk Calculation)

(Y1V8) - To summarize, ALL events where Nagumo had direct implication, except the outcomes, were planned by him weeks in advance. Through his multilayered strategy against Manabu, every single event in that aspect was orchestrated by him. Nagumo created his own entire domain in which he had 3rd Year Class A under his palms and deceived absolutely everyone except Ayanokoji Kiyotaka.
What needs to be made clear again is that Manabu wasn't outsmarted due to any flaws in his approach to the exam. But because Nagumo had engineered the entire situation in a way which makes Manabu get caught in the trap BY making the smartest decision. Manabu Horikita did not make any mistake, Nagumo's strategy was the flawless way to outsmart Manabu, and the ONLY way to do so. Every door to escape was simply another trap.
(Planning, Setting Traps, Deception, Strategy)
(LGS)

(Y1V8) - Asahina states that Nagumo is intimate with all women of the 2nd year, which for the sake of realism, is likely an exaggeration. However, this means that he has tens of women he is intimate with, up to more than 70. Asahina mentioned it when talking to Kiyo, as well as when she jokingly ridiculed Nagumo for getting his hands on too many women in a private call.
(Charm)

Y1V9

(Y1V9) - Due to the success of Nagumo's plan in Y1V8, Manabu and Ayanokoji had to become extremely wary of any action Nagumo took. This is why Manabu helped Ayanokoji get a contact to help create a counter to Nagumo's plan, as well as Ayanokoji being well informed of Manabu's situation.
By the time of the rumors, Manabu, despite being bankrupt, was going into not 1, but 2 special exams. This was called catastrophic for Manabu by Ayanokoji.
After Nagumo's "investment", Manabu's late school life becomes a tough constant struggle to graduate class A. (LGS)

(Before Y1V9) - Nagumo's manipulation of Ichinose started when she wanted to join the council but was rejected by Manabu out of prevention, initially with no other intention than to make her his personal property.
Nagumo used Manabu's restrictions and countermeasures to prevent him from gaining puppets as a weapon against him.
He approached Ichinose on a council day off where they could be alone, telling her that he is willing to determine himself if she is fit to join the Student Council. Honami who was naturally upset and confused about her rejection by Manabu who simply stated he seemed her "unfit", in order for Nagumo to not end up using her, simply tried another time to get into the council she strongly desires.
Looking pleasantly surprised by her academic talents in order to make her think that he deems worthy to be in the SC because of her ability, Miyabi acknowledged that an outsider would think of the President as a man obsessed with status (which couldn't be further from the truth) and used that outside image as an explanation why the student council only accepts students of the superior class A ever since Manabu Horikita came to power.
Nagumo told Ichinose how he totally understands her position and empathizes with her struggles, as he himself was originally someone from Class B as her.
After inventing stories about how the SC's Class A priority ever came to be and mentioning Manabu's overall disappointment in the new year, Ichinose then asked how Nagumo is in the council if he was originally class B. He the explains that aside from joining before Manabu managed to become president, Nagumo knows exactly how much talent he possessed and that he is proud of it, as he normally would've been placed in A. Nagumo firmly tells her Ichinose that he can help her get into the council in the same way he did. More exactly, in order to evaluate one's abilities properly, the Council would need to understand why a student was placed in the lower classes and is not one of Class A. Nagumo inferred that Ichinose is in B not because of her great academics, intelligence or abilities being subpar, but because of a past incident which stained her record, something which he read on Ichinose's face was something she would normally not want to talk about. Nagumo presses on it and says that he is not convinced, as he can't understand her placement despite her great achievements and status prior to joining ANHS. Confirming to her that if he deems her worthy he will take full responsibility and guarantee a seat in the council, reassuring her that her secret will never leave the room. He did this at an early point in time, pretty soon after the ANHS system was revealed and Ichinose had just found out about many aspects of the school and about her supposed inferiority to the ones in Class A.

Ichinose was put in the position where she would need to explain her past traumatic incident to Nagumo, who up till that point presented himself as an ideal senior fighting something which she'd logically deem unfair in the system after her experience. Essentially bringing a sense of camaraderie and inspiration into Ichinose's mentality to strive for the better and beat "Manabu's" flawed views.
From then, he slowly manipulated Ichinose into believing he is a very kind person that has a similar ideology and mentality to her, making her favor him over Manabu who she actually shares more idealistic similarities with. For many months, Nagumo was Ichinose's idol.
Ichinose was not naive here as much as she simply didn't know what's actually the truth and logically inferred based on the circumstances Nagumo forged that the latter is trustworthy, this scene properly showed Nagumo's fabrication of lies, deceit and logical persuasion. He capitalized on her rejection and gave Ichinose her wish at the cost of something very which will be a doom for her in the long run, her biggest secret which caused her trauma.
His reasoning of targeting Ichinose is not complicated, what Nagumo saw in her was someone easy to turn into his plaything. What he also gains from this is control in one of the classes of the first year which aligns very well with Nagumo's interests. Kiriyama in Y1V7.5 talked about Nagumo's objective to gain power over everyone, and how after he stops influence in graduating third year, he would surely go after Ayanokoji's year. Not only Kiriyama, but also Manabu Horikita expects Nagumo to try and enforce his domination over the other years. Planning to make Ichinose his puppet and stepping stone for control in the 1st year was what Nagumo intended from the start. If Nagumo controls Ichinose, he controls 1st Year Class B, which replaces the entire Class B position in the class battleground with Nagumo's large network, from then on Nagumo can start to conquer her entire year. (Direct and Logical Manipulation, Persuasion, Inductive Reasoning, Cold Reading, EQU, Information Gathering)

(Before Y1V9) - A long time after Nagumo effectively had gotten a grasp of Ichinose's past doings, he has a meeting with Arisu Sakayanagi to give her the secret in exchange for Nagumo making use of that in a strike against Honami. There were 2 meetings, the first one where Arisu gets a hold of the information from Nagumo is offscreen, and the 2nd one is the one in V9. Arisu masks her new found knowledge of Ichinose's secret by stating she cold read her.

(Y1V9) - By the time of the 2nd meeting, Nagumo's and Sakayanagi's deal to break Ichinose is a mutual benefit for both, Arisu had entirely different reasons

to target Ichinose, however what is important here is that this made their collaboration possible.
In the SC scene, Nagumo planned in advance to make himself look to Sakayanagi only interested in Ichinose as a woman in order to misdirect the latter to not find his goals.
His newly arranged bureau was in such a way that it looked more of a place that existed for his sake which frankly made it look like a place for a woman to stay due to the many accessories and flashiness the room had. For example, pulling up and caressing the head of a stuffed rabbit and making Sakayanagi think that it's possibly owned by a woman around him. Helping Nagumo with the impression he is trying to give, as then he starts making moves on Arisu, such as bringing up the premise of joining the council as soon as the meeting starts and despite complimenting her about her talents, mentioning that he will only allow her to join the council if she becomes his personal property nonchalantly.
Later saying as a reason why he doesn't want Ichinose expelled, that she is his personal property he loves, establishing the facade of a playboy and aiming to make Sakayanagi think that he is only interested in Ichinose as a person of the opposite sex.
Nagumo did this because it allowed him to time a harsh rejection and act extremely upset when Sakayanagi admitted her plans will likely expel Ichinose, as that's the last thing Nagumo would want to happen for his true goal.
Sakayanagi also did this as an attempt to see through Nagumo's intentions regarding his collaboration and tried to push the topic, which caused Nagumo to threaten her.
Nagumo however prepared this act in advance to respond to Arisu's verbal challenge to expel Ichinose, misdirecting Arisu and making his actual goal with Ichinose guaranteed to be concealed from the likes of her. Nagumo's actual goal, as mentioned before, is to use Ichinose as a means to set foot in Ayanokoji's year and take over from there.
The reason that Nagumo was able to anticipate that Arisu's 2nd meeting is about her asking permission to launch the strike on Ichinose's and plan to reject her expulsion while not making Arisu see through his intentions is because:
Nagumo knew that Arisu was planning to do so anyway, and because Sakayanagi never showed interest in joining the council until that point when she had multiple occasions, she is almost guaranteed to be there for announced business. If Arisu attacks Ichinose without Nagumo's acceptance then it means that she would be attacking Nagumo too, meaning Sakayanagi can't attack her without Nagumo's permission if she doesn't want Nagumo to help Ichinose and ruin her plan, being forced to negotiate with him again.

(Tactics, Acting Skills, Misdirection, Planning, Strategy Castling, Anticipation, Inductive Reasoning)

(Y1V9) - During the scene, Nagumo concluded that he is able to effectively read Arisu after observing her reactions to his subtle hints about Nagumo's business dealings, despite never telling her any definite information. Nagumo was able to see through Arisu's interest, confirming that he is indeed able to read her. Even Sakayanagi, who is able to easily go against anyone in ANHS in her eyes, was concerned with not making Nagumo an enemy of hers in any case. (Cold Reading)

(Y1V9) - Nagumo's plan to completely destroy Ichinose mentally indirectly relied on its execution from Sakayanagi, who had her own separate motives. In any case of an emergency such as violent outbreaks, Nagumo offered Arisu 2nd year escorts.
As established, Arisu played her role in breaking Ichinose, spreading rumors that had been done through multiple stages as a psychological attack on the traumatic Ichinose, causing her to shut herself in for the majority of the Sakayanagi strategy. While Arisu denied everything to the public, it was easy to infer that she was the one behind all of the rumors and attacks in Ichinose's perspective, which meant that Nagumo is the one who told her the rumors and betrayed her for an unknown reason. Nagumo wanted her to be in a sick and broken state before amplifying his control and also desired Ichinose to deeply despise him.
Every move Arisu was doing to bring Ichinose to the brink of self destruction was to his advantage. As seen by his expectations after the chaos, Nagumo anticipated that Ichinose would shut herself in and won't drag out his name in the public and make an outcry. He inferred that:
1) In the eyes of everyone else, the incident felt entirely caused by Sakayanagi alone who was still heavily doubted by everyone else. Therefore Ichinose blaming any seemingly uninvolved party in public would not only mean admitting her past actions, but also forcing herself to confront them, something which Ichinose would have in no way the ability to do.
2) When she will be forced to admit to her sins due to pressure from Sakayanagi, Ichinose would still have no reason to call Nagumo out for his wrongdoings. As she will be forced to confront her friends AND Sakayanagi specifically, which would mean seeking forgiveness for her past actions and not making herself look as the victim, as that wouldn't be of any use to her since Sakayanagi is taking that role fully.

Even if Arisu were to mess up, or try to tarnish Nagumo, it wouldn't have any effect as it wouldn't affect him in the slightest. Nagumo, in the eyes of the public, would only remain a person who has chosen to betray Ichinose for Arisu and just that.
So with Arisu doing this for him, he had all of his bases covered, to a point where it took Ayanokoji being given information by Arisu and Manabu on multiple occasions as well as Kiriyama's influence after persuading him to leak the rumors in his favor only to save Ichinose out of her downfall and make Nagumo's strategy ineffective. Without Ayanokoji, Ichinose would've never been able to stand for herself, as Arisu had said. The reason why Nagumo didn't suspect anything in the climax of the exam is because he planned the events to take place in that shape from the beginning.
Actually, the reason why Nagumo was only able to deduce where something went wrong in his plan in the aftermath of the events instead of being alerted during it, was because of Ayanokoji's strategy being so brilliant that it would work exactly the same as Nagumo's planned out events in the open, with the only difference being in the change of Ichinose Honami behind the scenes and the sudden breach of information using the bulletin boards. Nagumo's strategy in this volume was effective in normal conditions, but Ayanokoji was multiple steps ahead.
(Planning, Concealment, Anticipation, Inductive Reasoning)

(Y1V9) - With Kushida approaching him for support in expelling Suzune Horikita, for a limited time period Nagumo prepares to use Kushida's influence and information as a reliable tool to spread his influence in the year even more after securing Ichinose.
(Planning)

(Y1V9) - Nagumo, during his first meeting with Ichinose after Y1V9 finds out that the process of breaking Ichinose failed, during the time he sees Ayanokoji, Nagumo makes a process on who destroyed this strategy and how they did it. His thought process relies on multiple observations and some inferences.
The following is a 1st person generalization of all steps he has to make to conclude how his plan was destroyed.
"My plan failed despite my execution being correct and Sakayanagi's necessary actions being completed.
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Someone sabotaged it, the one interfering with my plans was cautious so that I wouldn't notice any interference until there's nothing I can do anymore.
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Since up to that point she did her strategy correctly, I expected the rumors to originate from Sakayanagi Arisu, and she has no way of going against me for a multitude of reasons.
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The massive random rumor spreading inside only the first year is something not done by Sakayanagi, but a strategic move to shut her advance down and get the school involved.
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To post the info, the person requires access to the bulletin boards forum of the school.
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Someone in the student council is involved in this strategic move. And since the only first year in the council is the affected Ichinose, it means a 2nd year is involved.
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That person must have some kind of connection in the 1st year to spread effective, not made up rumors which affects the masses enough to release complaints to the school.
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Since you need to have people involved in different year affairs to operate this strategy, it means that there's at least 2 people involved in this scheme.
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The only one who has enough personal information about the entire first year is Kushida Kikyo, the person who contacted me to expel Suzune Horikita at the price of her cooperation in any kind of future first year affair in which I spread my reach in the year.
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Kushida is a spy who worked with the person who sabotaged my strategy, she is not to be trusted.
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Since Kushida is involved, the remaining person from the 2nd year or the one pulling both of their strings must also have a reason to protect Ichinose, or to interfere with me.
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The only council member fitting as the one spreading the rumors is Kiriyama, he hates me and he was someone originating from Manabu's faction previously.

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Honami holds Ayanokoji Kiyotaka in very high regard abruptly, up until this point she never had spoken a word about him nor was she seen with him.
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Ayanokoji had some involvement with Ichinose during her distress and currently acts as her emotional pillar. He is also one of the people who have connections to Manabu Horikita.
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Therefore, Ayanokoji and Kiriyama are both connected through Manabu Horikita's efforts, but since their strategy doesn't deal damage to me, it isn't a case of Manabu Horikita or his people trying to destroy me, it is purely a rescue of Ichinose. (Proven by how in Y1V10 Nagumo already questions Koji and eventually proves he Kiriyama and Kushida are involved, but he never does Manabu who was next to Ayano)
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Also since Kiriyama never had any public connection to Kushida unlike Ayanokoji, it is highly likely that he is the one who used both of them.
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Ayanokouji being the main culprit to interfere with my strategy would fit with the hypothesis that he would have some reason to protect Ichinose, considering how close they are, so all fronts fit.
---> CONCLUSIONS
= Ayanokouji is the one who interfered with my strategy using a student council member and Kushida. He is a threat and somehow avoided my detection in the test placed in the previous exam.
= I can't use Kushida as a tool, she works with Ayanokoji who is aligned with Horikita.
= Kiriyama is most likely the one who spread the rumors on the billboards on Ayanokoji's instructions"
(Deductive Reasoning, Inductive Reasoning, Perception)

Nagumo induces that Ayanokoji is the one who countered his strategy, quite literally in an instant.
In order to prove this, not only we need to rely on the direct narration of Ayanokoji, who sees through Nagumo's thought process the moment the latter looks at him after just finding out he failed:
Here's some important aspects to know:
1) Unless Nagumo's intuition led him to profile Ayanokoji, then Nagumo has to do all the 15 inductive inferences on the spot, otherwise he wouldn't be able to

induce Ayanokoji's involvement as the main orchestrator, as he did.
2) All 15 inferences have to be present to confirm Ayanokoji specifically, if he does just a part of them, people like Kiriyama or Kushida may be candidates of being masterminds.
3) Nagumo couldn't have even used intuition in the slightest in that keen moment, as not only the narration specifically infers Nagumo's analysis in that moment and also in the beginning of V10, but also it can't play the slightest role in any of his confirmed inductions.
Why? Because we entirely know that Nagumo is aware of every other person's involvement in Ayanokoji's strategy, as well as the mechanism of it, and also going as far as confirming that certain possibly involved people weren't part of it. Specifically:
Nagumo was required to start his inference with the fact that his strategy was destroyed by default, since at first he was confused about Ichinose's behavior, meaning that it was then when he perceived no result despite everything seemingly going well up to that point, meaning he has to discover exactly what went wrong as it was shown he did anyway.
He knows about Kushida's involvement which is why he decides to not trust her, we also know that Ayanokoji deceived Kushida deliberately for Nagumo to close any possible cooperation with her. (See Y2V3 and scans)
Nagumo is aware how exactly the rumors have been spread and how they fit into Koji's goal. (See Y2V10)
He was more than sure of Kiriyama's involvement and even proves it in front of Ayano. (See Y2V2)
Lastly, he is aware that despite the connections, Manabu wasn't a part of Ayanokoji's strategy, so he decides to focus his entire attention on Ayanokoji when he tried to cold read him, as opposed to trying to gain information from Manabu Horikita too. (See Y1V10)
All of these require fully connected reasoning since the information is connected closely. Confirming Nagumo's reasoning and the fact that he inferred it in Y1V9 due to Ayanokoji's narration.
This means, that in the moment Nagumo realized his plan was gone, that being exactly when he confirms that Ichinose is untouched and healthy, which happened after being surprised of seeing her upbeat mood, he starts to infer what happened. He mentions one line of dialogue before looking at Ayanokoji distastefully for a moment, which was when Ayanokoji concluded that Nagumo knows what happened. In that timeframe, a single phrase is spoken and nothing else, that would last for only 3 seconds at the absolute most.
This essentially means that Nagumo was able to work in his head, process

general hypotheses and connect the dots on everything that happened in Y1V9, in only ~3 seconds.
(WMI, PSI, FRI)

Y1V10

(Y1V10) - When Nagumo gets word of the Class Poll struggle Ichinose is facing, specifically her desperate need for 4 million points in order to prevent save everyone from expulsion, he comes out with a plan to quickly use her idealism to his advantage and have a very easy way to obtain indirect control of a class inside the third year.
He understands that Ichinose is in a position where she would selflessly accept things that normally are unacceptable. So he gives her the proposal that he would pay the entire 4 million, if Honami starts dating him. Nagumo sees this 4 million as an investment in gaining footing in the 1st year as he previously desired. Dating Ichinose Honami, a class leader and the most popular girl in her year, would give him a lot of advantages. Him starting his control over her by starting to take decisions when it comes to her class is easy to infer. Despite Ichinose losing her trust of him ever so slightly after V9, Nagumo knew such a thing couldn't be called upon anymore if he was to help her class, Ichinose could only see this as a helping hand extended to her in time of need.
Nagumo tells Honami to tell her class about the pending 4 million points from Nagumo in advance, but warns Ichinose to not tell anyone about their condition for the money, else the deal will be off instantly. He did this not only to obviously conceal something morally questionable, but because he anticipated that under any position, due to how Ichinose has been leading her class and the general ideology formed inside it, her telling them that she is getting the 4 million from Nagumo with no condition would massively lift their holding of him without even questioning it since it comes from Ichinose whom they absolutely trust. Nagumo would have a much easier time to control people who like him, because they would generally be less wary of him
After he makes sure that Ichinose has collected every spare point they have, in order to be sure he is giving as little money as possible, Nagumo reminds Ichinose of the burden that she is by mentioning how the final exams, which usually have high chances of more than 1 expulsions, could cripple Nagumo because of his decision to help her. He does so to make Ichinose think that Nagumo indeed cares about her, guilt tripping her into thinking more of accepting the deal. When he perceives Ichinose's hesitating nature, he gaslights

her by mentioning how her hesitation makes him think she wants to lose one of her friends. Honami asks if Nagumo likes her, he lies and firmly states that he would've never done this if he didn't love her. The selfless Ichinose is put between choosing between one of her friends disappearing and listening to her heart or losing a part of herself.
All of these acts are strategically oriented. In the end, as the future volumes show, Nagumo couldn't care less about Ichinose romantically. He was interested in having a plaything he can control, but more so in increasing his power and influence. Ayanokoji got word of this plan by Asahina who betrayed Nagumo, and had formulated a multipurpose strategy to get rid of who he wants while also getting 4 mil for Honami in order to not go to Nagumo. If not for Asahina, this would have succeeded.
(Planning, Bribery, Anticipation, Emotional Understanding, Logical Manipulation, Emotional Manipulation, Concealment)

(Y1V10) - Nagumo's meeting with Manabu Horikita was a seemingly casual conversation that was planned by him, Kiyotaka also found himself there.
By this point, he was convinced of Ayanokoji of being the one which prevented his Y1V9 plan from succeeding, so he attempted to gaslight Ayanokoji by mentioning the incident's detailed events which he knew Koji was responsible for while putting pressure on him, testing his words and expressions, after seeing Ayano doesn't budge, he dropped it immediately as he didn't have much interest in it anyway. Nagumo then put on an act and forced a discussion with Kiyotaka about him being frustrated with the latter's attitude coming from his preferential treatment, in perfect time for Suzune, Manabu's sister to arrive as he invoked her.
Nagumo meeting her in front of Elder Horikita is done to not only evaluate her on an individual level, but to search for any sort of weakness Manabu has when it comes to her. The way he does that is by directly inviting her to his council despite not knowing anything about her, except that she is a defective, coming up with the excuse that he is willing to make her President purely of her status of being a Horikita. Declaring to her brother that she is gonna be involved with him from now on.
Nagumo was able to see through their entire relationship just through the responses to Nagumo's proposal and what they were emotionally masking. While Manabu was firm and concealing, stating that the association between her abilities and his should not be done as such, Suzune soon shyly and humbly followed, adding that she is not fit for the seat, pointing out a lack of confidence in comparison to her brother. Seeing this, it allowed Nagumo to infer why there

was never any word of Suzune from Manabu or why they weren't seen together. It is because they had a strained relationship and little to no connection ever since Suzune enrolled. He perceived that Suzune held no ill feelings towards her brother, but rather she felt afraid and reluctant to meet him, seemingly wanting to get away.
Nagumo then cold reads Suzune by mentioning that Manabu is gonna be gone soon from the school, implying that there's nothing she has to be afraid of. Causing Horikita to leave as fast as possible for the sake of her seemingly cold brother, who doesn't budge. Nagumo has perceived that Suzune thinks of herself as nothing compared to her brother who she cares about, but in comparison he certainly doesn't hold her in a good light. Telling Manabu that he'd cherish the remaining time with his sister in his place instead of treating her so miserably. The whole event was done by Nagumo in order to see if he can exploit Suzune in such a way to damage Manabu, however he concludes it wouldn't have any effect after seeing through their relationship.
This is the moment Nagumo declares war against Manabu again, he is telling him to prepare for the final exam and fight for his status of Class A,
gaslighting him by reminding him of the consequences of his hypothetical loss, directly implying that if he is demoted to class B, he is nothing but a failure who betrayed the expectations of everyone, because he knows that Manabu's biggest achievement comes in his status of being an "ideal" student and role model for everyone.
(Planning, Gaslighting, Emotional Perception, Inductive Reasoning, Information Gathering, Acting Skills, Cold Reading)
(LGS)

Y1V11.5

(Y1V8-Y1V11.5) - Nagumo engineered Manabu's entire 2nd semester situation and desperate fight for survival from the very beginning. Everything was constructed by him to reach his long term goal he had established ever since he saw how brilliant Manabu Horikita is, this meaning from before the MTC to the latter's graduation.
Nagumo's reasoning for actively engaging and targeting Manabu constantly in this timespan is mainly an attempt to get closure on the question which has been on his mind for so many years, to get an answer on whether he is truly a powerful individual, the best person he can ever be, or if he is just living in the agony of being the unlucky individual who never had a good opponent he can

unleash his potential on.
It was all just a big analysis for him, to see Manabu's ability and worth compared to his, to see the man known as the “unbeatable” reach his limit and compare it to his own. And also, to get the dazzling Manabu to be able to recognize Nagumo’s own capabilities by imposing his own perspective upon him.
This ultimate test of Manabu’s abilities worked by having the bankrupted Class 3-A face the final ANHS exam, the one which decides everything, as the Nagumo-controlled 3-B was right behind. In the last exam, Nagumo was indirectly controlling all the third year classes aside 3A, meaning 3B-C-D, everything unfolded exactly how Nagumo wanted. Manabu, going with the handicap of having no lifelines, had a high risk of getting expelled in a situation where he was massively overpowered. Nagumo made Manabu face 120 students with 2nd year support, meaning more than half the school at once. Because of his sole duty to protect his class as he did everytime, Horikita had to win this battle completely alone, something which Nagumo understood in advance with his planning.
Manabu admits that his final situation was something he wasn’t sure he was gonna be able to win until the end, having to go all out completely. He adds that if Nagumo was in the same year as him, he would have failed, and Nagumo would have defeated him, but since his ability to influence the outcomes was limited due to his lack of access, there was only so much he could do.
This is why Nagumo never wanted to defeat Manabu seriously, he perceived himself that doing it was impossible as long as the year boundary existed.
He, from as early as his planning started, predicted that Manabu Horikita wouldn't lose that conflict since he simply had faith from his keen grasp of Manabu’s abilities that not even that would take him down.
Nagumo deceived everyone around him when it came to his true motives for planning his long term battle with Manabu. He declared his desires to crush Manabu Horikita and ruin him out in the open and in private. Making it clear for any outsider, even to Ayanokoji, that Nagumo wants to settle everything. Every tactic or action Nagumo took which involved Manabu hinted at that. And yet, it was not the case, Nagumo completely lied about wanting to expel or downgrade Horikita. Something which helped cover his lie was that he was dropping hints in advance about how whatever will happen in the final battle will only depend on Manabu, metaphorically. Kiyotaka reasoned that he will have deep involvement in what’s to come, however he and everyone else fully understood Nagumo’s actions when everything was already settled.
With this, Nagumo and Manabu’s battle ended in both of them winning.

In their final meeting, Manabu and Nagumo accept both of each other's abilities and opposing ideologies, shaking their hands in respect for their achievements. Nagumo openly admits that he would have loved to be able to truly compete with Manabu by being the same age as him, while Manabu regrets that he is not able to see Nagumo's vision unfold, as he wanted to understand it better.
(Planning, Emotional Understanding, Concealment, Prediction, Metacognition, Mass Manipulation)
(LGS)

(Y1V8-Y1V11.5) - During this entire battle of survival engineered by Nagumo for Manabu, the former had a way to directly mobilize and inspire the B class of the third year to fight fiercely against the weakened class A, which in turn allowed him to also persuade in mass the turning of all the third year against Manabu.
Ishikura, B's leader, who collaborated with Nagumo, was controlled indirectly by Nagumo in order for the latter to achieve his goal.
Nagumo started his process of indirectly manipulating Ishikura during the time of the MTC, where he comes up with a proposition which gives Ishikura an ultimate chance against Horikita Manabu long term in the final year battle if everything goes right. Nagumo uses their successful collaboration as a way to gain the trust of his entire class.
Nagumo created in his schemes such as OM and the fabrication done directly using Ishikura's personal implications and help as a means of collaboration, in order for them to seemingly appear as equals who share interests.
In particular, the Ishikura fabrication done in mass to deceive everyone about Nagumo's implications and more, also had made Ishikura himself believe Nagumo is just an ally through using covert plans and instructions that made him think he has a say in the future events, setting the basis for the control Nagumo will later use. The paid 20 million in advance and the liberty Nagumo gave Ishikura inside the exam, as well as the massive success of MTC, made him believe he has control on the situation of his year later on and that he is just an ally of Nagumo, treated as an equal.
Ishikura agreed on Nagumo getting involved in third year matters solely because he thought that this way he may have a chance to beat the head of the year Manabu. So when Nagumo offers him support, the latter can only think Nagumo is fully engaged with committing to defeat Manabu as everyone else got used to by now.
In reality, all of it from the beginning was a process for Nagumo to manipulate Ishikura into allowing his collaboration in the final battle. This allowed him to control the third year classes, such as taking decisions and leading the charge

aside from the financial assistance. All as a mere resource to use for his own experimentation with Horikita. While it was a seemingly mutual benefit, it could not be further from the truth, Nagumo was aware that Ishikura will never beat Manabu from the beginning.
(Indirect Manipulation, Logical Manipulation)
(LGS)

(Y1V11.5) - Nagumo is directly stated to be more impressive in terms of the specific results than any student who participated in the Flash Mental Arithmetic part of the ESE.
While the Elite of Ayano's year is much closer than expected to Manabu and Nagumo's level, the 2 SCPs are still in a league higher than them in ALL possible categorizations, with very few coming close in only some specific abilities.
Despite the first years being a better year on average than the other 2, both Manabu and Nagumo are so far in terms of what they had proven to be capable of that they defined their entire generation of students individually, standing above all the ANHS in both mental and physical.
The ones directly making these affirmations are the homeroom teachers Chabashira and Mashima, Ayano's and Arisu's Class, who, in a private conversation, after just learning that Tsukishiro sabotaged Ayanokoji's performance. They compare their students to the SCPs directly in reflection of the Event Selection exam and their performances there, specifically Chess and FMA. There's 2 things to note here:
Homeroom teachers are the same people who make the Student Evaluation boards for their respective class students in Year 1, such as obviously evaluating grades, mental abilities, and specific observation notes. They are the only qualified people to make a valuable comparison of Arisu or Kiyotaka.
Mashima and Chabashira both weren't the instructors taking part as personnel in the Class C vs A matchup but they saw the results of the ESE and the process of the Chess Match. Meaning that of course they can compare Nagumo and Manabu to Kiyotaka's and Arisu's shown abilities.
Mashima and Chabashira go on to say that the first years ended up being closer than expected to Manabu and Nagumo's level, but the 2 student council presidents were still in a league higher than them in ability, both Manabu and Nagumo had defined an entire generation of students individually.
These next statements basically prove that Nagumo and Manabu are above the assessed result of Koenji and Arisu in the Flash Arithmetic.

"I saw the results of Ayanokoji's performance in the Event Selection Exam the other

day. There's no doubt that he is quite good when it comes to his chess skills and flash mental arithmetic. But there are many other extraordinary students. I can't think his skills stand out enough to make him seem particularly exceptional," he argued." - Mashima

"I've been a teacher for several years now, and I've seen all kinds of students at this school. In the past few years, I had gotten the impression that Horikita Manabu and Nagumo Miyabi are particularly outstanding students," said Mashima.
"I certainly can't argue that," replied Chabashira.
Both students had excellent academic and physical ability. They were the best in their respective grade levels, and each possessed unparalleled charisma, to boot.

"I was under the impression this year's crop of freshmen CAN'T compare to those two. There are SOME students who come CLOSE to matching them in CERTAIN areas, of course, but not in every area. What do you think is the extent of Ayanokoji's abilities, overall?" asked Mashima.
- Official Translation of Y1V11.5, page 56.

To put it in another way, Sae and Mashima, even after seeing Ayanokoji's and Arisu's results in ESE and more, still didn't convince themselves that THEIR students can surpass Manabu and Nagumo in ability, even in what they showcased, and even other respective field. Mashima for example understands Sakayanagi extremely well:
"*I've been Sakayanagi's homeroom instructor for a year now, and I've come to understand her personality and her line of thinking. If she purposefully wanted to let Ayanokoji win, she could have just simply thrown each event during the exam, including the chess game."*

With this, Sae and Mashima agree on the following regarding Nagumo and Manabu's abilities:
They are by far the most powerful individuals of the school in the last couple of years.
They are at least Master Level in chess. However you can't prove that they are better than Arisu, since nothing proves Mashima can perfectly grasp chess skill.
They could've easily done the level 10 of FMA.
Which means that Nagumo is able to make the ANZAN arithmetic calculation of 15 columns each flashing a 3 digit number per 0.11 seconds, for a total of all 15 displayed in just 1.6 seconds. This score is similar to the current world record for the fastest arithmetic calculation of this specific caliber. For the specific

reason why the FMA is so insane in CPI check out this document: COMING SOON
Representation here: (Overall 0.01 seconds faster for improvisation)

Even Mashima TELLS us that the results of the FMA are not even that impressive in their environment, as he doesn't think of Arisu or Koji as particularly exceptional for achieving them despite being impressive. Such excellence is expected in ANHS and it shows the cognitive prowess of the setting, as the intellect of geniuses inside ANHS all meet a very high standard.
Another aspect to take into account is that Chabashira herself still believed that the SCPs are in a league higher than her current assessment of Ayanokoji's skills, as she believes Nagumo to be more impressive than Ayanokoji's academic prowess and known special exam wins as well.
(WMI, PSI, FRI, VSI, FSIQ) (Logical Reasoning, Strategy, Tactics)

(Y1V9 & Y2V9) - While Nagumo admits Manabu is more intelligent than him, Ayanokoji calls Nagumo more adaptable than Manabu.

Year 2

V2V1

(Y2V1) - With nothing in his way, finally, SCP Nagumo starts transforming the school into a meritocratic utopia for himself.
Nagumo designed and coded the OAA system, an application that displays a specific set of stats attributed for each student from past results, in collaboration with the school administration. He worked on aspects such as the procedures of installation, the Over All Ability display, the messaging application center, the compatibility with special exams through the use of specific functions, such as invitations to form groups and universal configuration. Nagumo presented the administration with his own procedure of management and guide of instructions to handle the students.
The parameters Nagumo set to measure one's ability are Academics, Physical Ability, Adaptability, and Social Contribution. All of which target a specific criteria which serves a need in any exam or competition inside ANHS. They have a specific value given by the administration, and form an overall score.

These stats, while covering little, gives access to any individual about essential details which one can infer specific qualities or circumstances of one person, which can be used for things outside just estimation, such as choosing partners in specific exams and pointing out the tops and bottoms of each class. With new exams implementing the means of expulsion more frequently, the people at the bottom of the OAA will know that they could become the sacrificial limb at any time, due to people avoiding them for obvious reasons.
Using the OAA, Nagumo begins an environment where the strong are favored by both the system and society, while the weaklings' lives become harder, being implied as disgraces. People who fall their OAA high are bound to penalties, being put in a dangerous position.
Nagumo has taken measures in transforming the school by making exams rely on the OAA, as a main functioning pillar. He was also the main sponsor of equipping the school with the latest technology and implementing it in day to day tasks within his new system.
(Planning, Leadership, Knowledge)
(IS)

(Y2V1) - Nagumo creates the Partner Exam as the way to enable the OAA functionality in the school, it being an essential part of the Exam. Aside from composing the nature and rules of the exam itself, Nagumo was the one who readied and submitted the tests which the years participating in the exam would be able to do. The tests Nagumo prepared were designated specifically in accordance with the Partner Exam mechanism, he made the test easier than it seems to pass by adding very simple questions for the people with weak academics, and included very hard questions in order to make it almost impossible for any 2nd year student to win solo, but still possible.
The hardest problems Nagumo added on his own in mathematics were described by a top student to be completely out of range for any highschooler, and even too much for regular college studies. The test contained problems involving Measurement Theory up to Lebesgue Integrals, these two being respectively part of courses of University and Post-Graduate courses.
These were the hardest tests given to the 2nd year, much so that people with A grades couldn't even comprehend the hardest question and not even Sakayanagi was able to solve it all. Kiyotaka said that Arisu, just for being able to keep up with a difficult exam like that already makes her being called a genius not an exaggeration.
These questions were all part of the third year courses of education, with Nagumo, the year above and the most able student academically, submitting

quizzes himself, is also able to ace the test.
This academic test being in their level is also why the aces of the third year like Fuka and Nagumo weren't impressed by Ayano's achievement. Nagumo particularly, who doesn't allow anyone to be above him in official status, especially someone like a junior in academics, was not intrigued by Ayanokoji realizing a perfect score in that exam, saying that while it is special, such individuals are not such a rarity in ANHS.
(Planning, Academics, VCI, Knowledge)

Nagumo later implements different getaways to success to the people who are successful individually or have amazing ability in the form of Protection Points, Transfer Cards and more. Promoting the mentality of prioritizing individual survival in ANHS. Nagumo searched for ways to destroy and replace the ANHS system completely with his own foundation, altering the sole structure established by the founder.
As a fighter for his beliefs, Nagumo ended up disappointed that the school limited his ambitions so much.
(Leadership, Planning)

(Y2) - Nagumo's OAA is revealed as at least A in everything.
Academics - A (87-95)
Physical Ability - A (87-95)
Adaptability - A+ (96-100)
Social Contribution - A+ (96-100)

V2V2

(Y2V2) - Tsukishiro made a collaboration with Nagumo for help with the Student Council Head badge and financing for the 20M points, to start a bounty hunt against Ayanokoji for who gets him expelled. Nagumo went with it firmly because of his own interest in Kiyotaka, with him personally giving the details of the hunt to a specific selection of first years.
When Ayano came to meet Nagumo in the council, he noted him as more relaxed than ever before. Ayanokoji detected no behavioral change in him, such as any hint of guilt or pressure. Showing that Nagumo is almost impossible to read under normal circumstances.
(EQM)

(Y2V2) - When Suzune asked to join the council, Nagumo was concerned with the possibility of Suzune acting as a method for Kiyotaka to gain information and leverage against him. So SCP begins interrogating her about the reason she wants to join and her resolve from her brother. Suzune was trying to form her approach to make Nagumo not see through the fact that she didn't want to join the council, she distorted information Nagumo to form a sound argument about her motivation instilled into her by the legacy of Manabu, while building onto that with each question Nagumo added to cover up the truth, engaging in her own resolve on the spot.
Nagumo fully saw through Horikita's true intentions and detected the blurriness in her selected truths while uncovering that while her own feelings about the council are not genuine, her resolve to win is.
Regardless of Suzune being dangerous to him, Nagumo still let her join the Student Council with no hesitation despite the risk of giving an advantage to Ayanokoji due to his mentality and interest in her. (Emotional Perception)

(Y2V2) - Directly after his profiling prior to MTC, Nagumo forced Kiriyama into a situation to lose hope in trying to fight against him, changing the circumstances around him and indirectly transforming him into his subordinate up until Y2V2. Kiriyama was forced to realize that any attempt to force a resistance against Nagumo is hopeless, and continuing attempts will only mean harm for himself some time before the island exam after failing to make any progress against his rival.
Basically using Kiriyama's weaknesses, which come into conflict with his aspirations and ideal, Nagumo abused Kiriyama's pride and more importantly selfishness, it becoming a burden in his contribution in his vigilante campaign against Nagumo's faction as time went on, with Kiriyama being put at more risk everyday to be simply silenced by Nagumo. Kiriyama was eventually forced to choose between continuing indirect warfare against Nagumo which was ineffective until now, or join him and guarantee his initial most ultimate goal as a student in ANHS, graduation from class A, which came beyond Kiriyama's ideology or his shame for making a pact with the devil.
Ayanokoji induced this after his conversation in the student council when Nagumo gave him clear hints, he even stated how the battle between Kiriyama and Nagumo was a win for Nagumo from the START as he realized what was Nagumo's plan all along.
The start in Y1V7.5, 5 months back, Ayanokoji pointed out that Nagumo not being as cautious as possible by making an effort remove Kiriyama from power was strange, since he was an indirect adversary, this was planned by Nagumo

from the very beginning since Kiriyama became Vice-president, he used him as a way to keep the Vice-president seat in his control, which ultimately gives him even more leverage and reach not only in his year, but in the school system as well, playing a key role in the long term plans Nagumo spans later on. (Control Strategy + UIE Aftermath, which have effects long after the Island Exam which was recently revealed to Nagumo at this point.). Nagumo put the entire process to manipulate Kiriyama in motion at a time he lacked proof that the latter is indeed in cahoots with Manabu, foreseeing the efficiency of having Kiriyama in the planned state even in case his pre-MTC induction was wrong.

In Y2V2, by the time Kiriyama realized he had no hope to ever dethrone Nagumo, the latter awaited him with a 20M points ticket to Class A, Kiriyama being the only case of it being handed so early, marking the submission of Kiriyama into Nagumo's forces.

This means Kiriyama danced in Nagumo palms for 7 volumes, which makes sense with Kiriyama's appearances in chronological order in Y1V8 and after.

Kiriyama made some attempts at controlling people to have an upper hand and try to defeat Nagumo. However, in the end, it all was for nothing. Kiriyama's insecurity and failure to keep maintaining his initial goals were seen through by Ayanokoji in his discussion with Kiriyama later, as the former tried to convince Ayanokoji to stay away from Nagumo as much as possible through an act meant to show that Kiriyama was ready to battle Nagumo and try to defeat him anytime, which was simply not true.

As an extra note, with him knowing Kiriyama and his ideological standing, Nagumo anticipated that Kiriyama would be breaching information of the 2nd year matter to Manabu and leaking of Nagumo's plans, which is another motive why he fabricated so much false information around throughout Y1V7-Y2. Despite Nagumo having to deal with leakers, he took measures for Manabu or anyone else to not be able to pinpoint all his discussed plans.

As a summary, Nagumo made a calculated risk and put the biggest threat to him at his throat, because he knew he was gonna manipulate him slowly and turn him into a puppet. Aside from planning to use Kiriyama from the start of his campaign, he also had inferred that Kiriyama's demise was a guarantee after Y1V8 when Horikita Manabu was left partially powerless.

Nagumo used the opposition to stop any opposition, being aware from the start, about Kiriyama's hatred of him.

(Indirect Manipulation, Abusing Insecurities, Planning)

(IS)

(Y2V2) - During the meeting with Ayanokoji and Suzune, Nagumo was able to prove 2 things, one is that Ayanokoji was indeed the one who countered his Y1V9 strategy, the 2nd was Kiriyama's alliance with Ayanokoji. Along with Nagumo's inference process in Y1V9 regarding Kiyotaka's interference, Kiriyama's cooperation with him was something he induced but did not prove until this point. Making use of one small mistake Kiriyama made which raised his interest, Nagumo was able to come to the conclusion that Kiriyama is definitely to be involved with the events of Y1V9 as the one who spread the rumors on the bulletin board.

Kiriyama's presence in the Y2V2 SC scene was suspicious to Nagumo as he saw an abnormality in his decisions. Kiriyama almost never personally attends any council requests such as candidacy where he is not needed, but he was present in a matter which involved Suzune and Ayano.

While directing his explanations to Ayano purposefully, Nagumo gaslights Kiriyama by directly pointing out his inconsistent attendance, but implying it is strange that Kiriyama came along with Suzune's presence, instead of the elephant in the room.

This makes Kiriyama fall for his trap as he excuses it as his admiration for Suzune's brother, but the same cannot be said about Ayanokoji being there and Nagumo sees right through Kiriyama. Only Kiyotaka understood what his accusations mean. Nagumo observed how Kiriyama was managing to be perfectly composed with the pressure he was put under, but only a sharper glint in his voice made Nagumo perceive his lie.

This immediately caused Nagumo to start laughing then quickly dropped the topic, as he got what he wanted and now knows for sure that the Kiriyama and Ayanokoji alliance existed and came through Manabu Horikita's own efforts against Nagumo.

Miyabi infers that even if Kiriyama worked with Ayanokoji IN the past, the chances that both are still connected after Kiriyama's submission which would leave Nagumo still vulnerable to Ayanokoji, like in Y1V9, even if low, are possible. This leads him to stage another set of tactics shortly after.

He forced this exactly before Ayanokoji left the council, clearly intending to feed him this piece of information. As Ayanokoji said "It's like he intended all of these words to me". He does this for 2 reasons: A show of force and to make Koji see that he is not only aware of what he did in Y1V9, but also that he now knows that Kiriyama is connected to him.

After this moment, Nagumo starts looking at Ayanokoji as a full on threat.

(Gaslighting, Tactics, Cold Reading, Inductive Reasoning)

(Y2V2) - A few days after the SC meeting Nagumo begins his moves against Ayanokoji in order to first protect his future Island Plans from him.

Ayano is “called” by Kiriyama, his only "ally" remaining in the Anti Nagumo coalition in order to set things out between themselves as Kiriyama has a very strong message implied message, that being that he himself sees opportunity to finally face Nagumo in the Island Exam in a battle which no one else should interfere in, which is why Kiriyama wants Ayanokoji to stay away from Nagumo as far as possible in order to not trigger the president into engaging against him while he has "his matchup". Kiriyama lied about his groups and plans in order to assert himself as one who has the ability to battle Nagumo in a 1v1.

Ayanokoji however could read his way out of this act and turned the argument, the big focus was Horikita Suzune as it was Kiriyama’s brought up proof that Ayanokoji plans to interfere with Nagumo, which ultimately led Ayanokoji to connect everything and conclude why Kiriyama would be doing this, in such a way that it left Kiriyama no choice but to admit he became Nagumo's 2nd in command.

About Nagumo, he planned this scene as a tactic with no consequence of failure against Ayanokoji. There’s two reasons for that:

It has to do with Nagumo's strategy in Y2V3-V4 and it was to ensure that no one can deduce, counter or apply his point division into groups strategy early enough to be an issue. It serves as a defensive contingency after provoking Ayanokoji days prior.

Nagumo uses Kiriyama for such a tactic because his loyalty to Nagumo will be revealed to everyone, including Ayanokoji, so he has the temporary advantage of Kiyotaka not being completely aware of Kiriyama’s betrayal, but most importantly, everything wouldn't trace back to Nagumo unless Kiriyama completely betrays him by revealing the scheme. This is why he stages this as a means to test Kiriyama out and see if he still has a strong or weak connection to Ayanokoji. This tactic essentially forces Kiriyama to subconsciously choose between Nagumo and Ayanokoji with no middle side. If Kiriyama chooses Ayanokoji, Nagumo will find out because of his objective to monitor Kiyo’s movements on the island, and crush Kiriyama. If he chooses Nagumo, then this effectively cleanses away any form of cooperation possible between him and Ayanokoji, which means Nagumo wins either way.

Basically the president has nothing to lose even if Ayanokoji sees through all of it as it did. In fact he got what he wanted, as Ayanokoji wouldn't have been able to keep tabs on Nagumo or try to engage against him either way due to his own reasons.

The proof we have of this being Nagumo's work is the fact that Nagumo acted in accordance with Kiriyama in the conversation with Fuka as he said that he thinks Kiriyama finally has a chance to beat him and he maybe will. Kiriyama immediately reports back to Nagumo everything that happened in the exchange between Ayanokoji and Fuka and Nagumo showing up almost instantaneously as well. And finally Ayanokoji's observation in the beginning of the meeting that Kiriyama doesn't seem to be concerned with the fact that their random open conversation could be caught by Nagumo's people which usually would be horrific for Kiriyama.
(Setting Traps, Tactics, Misdirection, Multitasking, Adaptability)

(Y2V2) - After the initial exchange between Kiriyama and Kiryuin, Kiriyama delivers the news to Nagumo that Fuka finds Ayanokoji interesting, more so than the likes of him or Manabu. This makes Nagumo rush there in hopes of gathering more information about Ayanokoji in preparation for UIE. How? By cold reading Kiryuin and having her answer some significant questions between all the meaningless banter and non serious flirting they exchange. What Nagumo learned is that Kiryuin's holding of Ayanokoji lacks any reasoning and it is all related to his different "Aura", which made it a waste of time.
The reason Nagumo doesn't view Ayanokoji's hidden abilities as extraordinary has to do with his past experiences. Nagumo talks about how the many people which hid their strengths and qualities from him even up to that level, we're all crushed with ease and turned out to be nothing special, this signifying that most if not all the students Nagumo had gotten rid of, they all had at least a certain level of ability, even if they paled in comparison to the absolute great minds of ANHS.
(Cold Reading, Information Gathering)

(Y2V2) - When Kushida went to Nagumo in order to ask for help against Ayanokoji, Nagumo "turned her down at the door".
Despite Nagumo's intention to make use of her early on, he inferred that she was the one to give Ayanokoji the information necessary to form a strategy to counter Nagumo, and considered the possibility that she is still working with him. Kushida's Y1V10 scandal also lowered her standing and influence, which was the only thing Nagumo was interested to exploit her for.
The reason why Kushida came to Nagumo for help against Ayanokoji in the island exam in Y2V2 is because she heard from Yagami that Nagumo is the one holding the 20 million point lottery to expel Ayanokoji, thinking she has a chance to get close to him for assistance.

From his point of view, Kushida's wish to expel Ayanokoji seemed inconsistent with her past actions, with Nagumo inferring the high possibility of her being a spy for Ayano. Nagumo is aware that Suzune, the person Kushida seeked to expel in year 1, is one ally of Ayano. This made him believe that Kushida was an ally of Kiyotaka even before the spread of the rumors. Which led him to project the possibility that a similar pattern as before may happen, with Kushida coming up with a reason to get close to him for the sake of getting Ayano an advantage. That's why Nagumo didn't even consider using her in the island exam.
(Risk Calculation, Abductive Reasoning, Intuition)

V2V3-V4

Uninhabited Island Exam (UIE)

(Y2V3) - With his defensive preparations against Ayanokoji complete, at the beginning of UIE Nagumo starts his strategy swiftly. On the island, in order to secure the maximum number of points using his year, Nagumo runs multiple operations inside the exam and mobilizes tens of groups of 3rd years for his set of strategies.
Through the nature of the exam, Nagumo has two fronts he wins in parallel throughout the 2 weeks. These being his year, and his own group, which operates under 2 different stratagems. Any other year who challenges his dominance on the Island is to be crushed.

As they had time to form their groups naturally, Nagumo prepared most of his year by establishing a link to be able to communicate directly, while ordering them to avoid close contact with 2nd or 1st years. With communication set, he waits for the 12 tablet combinations to spread to reveal the pattern.
Nagumo's target is to find a way to maximize rewards by farming the Early Bird Bonuses which provide up to 10 points per task along with as many arrivals points as possible.
Nagumo inferred and used the island task patterns fully to his advantage in order to actively anticipate the task drops in all designated areas by keeping track of the task drops for all 12 tablet patterns, as he had access to all of the information to infer all of them through the third year, leading the tens of groups he was operating at once to monopolize tasks before the other years

could reach the destination, getting Early Bird Bonuses and filling arrivals that buff high amounts of points.
Nagumo's control of the tens of multi-year groups was insanely efficient, as aside from the active free groups he was actively using up to 15, Nagumo held 5-6 third year large groups in the top 10 throughout the exam, this was his goal with this from the very beginning. He did this through his own constant coordination of the Large Year groups aside Kiriyama, and more importantly through the assistance of the FGs he was operating in multiple places at once.
Once the top 10 is partially monopolized, it gives Nagumo the leverage to manipulate the rankings of his year groups and deceive every enemy group coming in close about the status of the top 10 being seemingly reachable. Nagumo holding himself and his groups back allows him to fabricate the open top 10 rankings after the 4th day of the exam until the end.
In fact, Nagumo's strategy ensures enough control to even decide what groups he wants to place inside the top 10 by manipulating the results of each task so that a specific group he chooses wins. For example, this had been done with Kiriyama's group, who had ensured wins in tasks populated only by third years.
This further allows Nagumo to form traps inside the exam for any topbreaker using his deceit above. He made the third year group Kuronaga stay barely inside the visible top 10. This group was formed out of the most physically fit people from Class A. Nagumo let them be dormant for most of the exam, in case an outsider group which had been holding back in the exam all of a sudden start rushing points, Nagumo can activate the Kuronaga group to pursue and shot down any chance the former tries to cement themselves into the top 10, at any time in the exam.
This works because of 2 reasons: First of all Kuronaga group barely holds itself above the 11th spot in order to make as much distance from the 9th place as possible, and also the structure of the top 10 throughout most of the exam, is the following:
1st-5th place - Koenji + 3rd Year Groups
6th-9th place - Sakayanagi + other 1st and 2nd year Groups
10th place - Kuronaga
This shows that in case the pursuit begins, the clearance up until the top 5 are all non-Nagumo aligned. Meaning that even if the rivaling group was trying to endure the Kuronaga buildup that it even surpasses additional top groups, up until the top 5 which was at an unreasonable, multiple days gap, it leaves the third year unaffected and it just causes problems to the other parties.
The only 2nd year group aside from Koenji who was able to break formation and enter the top 5 was Sakayanagi at the end of the exam due to Kiriyama's

mistake.
When building his strategy days before, Nagumo plans to build up and feed third year groups using the FGs and this strategy in order to get specific top spots to make the Kuronaga part of the strategy as effective as it can.
So before the 4th day top 10 reveal, Nagumo anticipates the exact amounts of points needed relative to him in order to occupy higher positions in the top 10 in comparison to the other years.
While this passive coordination strategy happened, Nagumo awaited the 4th day as relaxed as possible. Until then, his actions are undetectable.
On the 4th day, Nagumo gains the possibility to make his small group a large one, marking the start of the implementation of his Free Group Strategy.

Days before the exam even began, during the grouping phase when the Designated areas, tasks and map of the island were not known, Nagumo comes up with an effective method to farm points in his own groups through using multiple special ones as an extension mechanism of his reach, and perceiving the exact flow how this "Free Group" mechanism would operate on a scale across the island.
Nagumo was able to project exactly how his UIE strategy would work throughout the 2 weeks span of the exam including 2nd half developments. This includes very novel abstractions of movement patterns such as the uses of the free groups to monopolize tasks, as well as understanding in advance the pathways movements through rough terrain and how communication will work, all by just possessing a 2D variant of the map which pretty much does little to help, considering at the time the tablet patterns were inaccessible.

Nagumo assembled a number of 45 students from 3B-3D into 15 teams called the "Free Groups". They are multi-operational sets of "soldiers" Nagumo uses to build up points for his dominant large group expansion in the ranks. It was made certain to have the total quantity of the students capped out at 3 per team, to guarantee the small group limit was filled without losing out on members. The reason for this was because the Free Groups would not be able to win any of the extra slots from completing tasks scattered across the island to achieve maximum efficiency for the 3rd year large groups they are feeding. As a result, their overall slots would remain at 3 which was the original maximum capacity to begin with.
The members of the Free Groups were persuaded to be integrated by Nagumo under the condition that they will receive the rewards for carrying out their duty throughout the exam, specifically the chance at a ticket to class A.

Something to remember is that Nagumo told them in advance that they would not be expelled if they 'abide by Nagumo's plan and get him to the 1st place."
Two members of every group would accompany the "major" large groups of 3rd Year Students. This was done to safeguard and exhaust the slot capacity from the respective tasks present within the exam. The two members would then make sure the participants of the major groups won the task they were participating in to provide maximum points. The third member would then make sure to fulfill the arrival points rule by going to the designated spots without their own free group members. This would elevate the amount of points of the free groups to a reasonable level while remaining at the bottom of the visible last 10. This was done to ensure that none of the students from other years who would reach have enough clues to work with when using GPS searches about the proximity of the many third year groups. Concealing this is very important since it avoids direct suspicion about a reminder that some groups have 0 points when doing the GPS search.
The GPS search alone wouldn't mean anything, as without doing it multiple times and grasping the position of the third year groups at the right moment, it could just be a coincidence. The abnormality is detectable only at more searches, with Koji saying that unless done as many as 10 times, which is a huge waste of points, it is very hard to see through the strategy.
The strategy allows direct freedom of the free groups in the bottom to compete with themselves through the extra point grabs means that their ranking changes constantly between themselves, only giving it more at glance credibility and lowering suspicion to absolute zero, as the bottom groups being subject to expulsion makes anyone not knowing the central year situation Nagumo concealed from everyone have no way to connect anything, as they would logically reject the idea of the bottom groups avoiding scoring in risk of expulsion. There were many conditions that existed for Ayanokoji to deduce this strategy without wasting a lot of resources for it.
This creates a massively effective strategy that only gets more extreme with Nagumo's usage of the advantage card of "More People" to push the efficiency to the next level, as Nagumo was getting 7 points per arrival alone and with FG benefit, Nagumo could amass insane amounts of points. Nagumo found himself putting no effort throughout the exam, because if he really wanted to, he could've pushed over Koenji and become top 1 with little difficulty at the start. Nagumo even admits he spent most of his time on the beaches of the island.
(Planning Prep, Strategy [All], EQU, Anticipation, Misdirection, Concealment, Leadership)

One more reason why the Free Groups are so efficient lies in their name, they are free to move throughout the island and take part in any operation they are requested to, and not only that, but their manpower can be shared between the different commanders. They are built like multiple divisions of an entire army, sharing their exact properties when used right. Nagumo thought of this and organized FGs in such a way to take advantage of their specific traits strategically. For example he built specific groups of the most physically fit people in the controlled classes together, there being 6 divisions of students with at least B on the OAA. (Leadership, Strategy)

(Y2V4) - Tsukishiro had full involvement in creating the 2nd Island Exam, as Nagumo was informed of the exam at the same time as anyone. Despite this, Nagumo still managed to fully track down the 12 Tablet Patterns of the exam and use them to his advantage in his strategies. Ayanokoji reasoned that Nagumo had a perception of this exam's mechanics and events on the same level as him.
12 TABLET PATTERN: COMING SOON
(Inductive Reasoning, Perception)

(Y2V4) - Ayanokoji had a plan he considered in the latter days of the exam in order to gain a quick lead in the rankings at the end of the exam by abusing the advantage of the hidden rankings and rushing the top 10 by preparing to blitz multiple tasks through the use of the pattern. Around the middle, Kiyo estimated that if he were to pull it off, he had a high possibility of ending up in the top 10 if the group's points growth slowed down. He discarded this strategy around the 12th day of the exam due to the ranks maintaining high daily point growth of the top group and not having enough safety conditions after clashing with the 1st year.
Until the 12th day, Ayanokoji initially maintained himself hidden as the 11th place to have maximum points while remaining invisible to the rankings, in order to not be detected by any significant group as a specific threat, deceiving people like Kiriyama about his standing, but not Nagumo.
The President fully anticipated that Kiyo plans to implement this mechanism on a specific day, in fact Nagumo anticipated ALL of the mentioned above by the time Kiyotaka only started considering the plan all together, this being the early 2nd half of the exam.
Nagumo made the abduction that IF Kiyotaka if holding back his abilities, in order to put himself in a not so vulnerable position, as he is already targeted by the first year in the bounty hunt, the only reasonable tactic he can work with

his condition is to enforce a concealed way to climb up points in a massive leap in a time most people won't be able to strategically enable their forces shut him down, mainly Nagumo himself. The latter confirmed this when estimating his position based on his faint movement and progress towards tasks he has seen from him on the island map.
Based on the information Nagumo worked with, he understood Koji's motive of pushing points and mentality in the exam as a whole. It being that despite the facade he had been building and operating through all this time in the exam, Kiyotaka reasoned that being able to score such a high amount of points for the sake of his class is more than worth it in return.
(Anticipation, Abductive Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, EQU)

(Y2V4) - Based on Ayanokoji's wording when discussing his strategy, Nagumo sees that the former doesn't acknowledge his limited perception of what he did as extraordinary, using that opportunity to reveal Kiyo's exact ranking as some sort of physic ability, in order to see the latter's impression at that, or more specifically, at the fact that he narrowed down his strategy. He makes his estimation of 11th place based on his knowledge on the spot.
(Comprehension, Hot Reading)

When Nagumo named the 11th place he expected initially, he trails back in his memories and remembers Kiyotaka being detoured by the 1st year in their clash, inferring that due to many slowdowns, he would have dropped by a position of around 4 or 5 spots. Before Koji gives him the correct answer, he names the correct 16th place as Ayanokoji's current position in the exam.
Nagumo had also foreseen how Koji would attempt to bypass any sort of potential contingency working similarly as his Kuronaga Group one by rushing points on the last day. As he reasoned, the possibility of Ayanokoji being able to execute his strategy and bump his points high enough to have a chance at the top 3 in case Nagumo's forces lose to Koenji.
(Anticipation, Abductive Reasoning)

To counter Ayanokoji in addition to the Kuronaga group enforcement strategy which already greatly reduced Koji's chances of success, in order to make sure that Kiyotaka won't be able to burst up on the last day when Nagumo is busy with Koenji, Nagumo ensured that the ninth and tenth places groups of the third year would now leap massively in points. It made Koji's ability to even enter the top 10 from the 16th position nearly impossible. With all of the above, Koji's scrapped plan was eliminated by Nagumo the moment Ayanokoji climbed

from top 30 to top 15. Nagumo is the only person to anticipate a plan made by him.
(Adaptability, Strategy, Anticipation)

(Y2V4) - On the last day when the rankings vanished, by using static GPS searches in enough detail to analyze every specific group formation he desires, Nagumo will visualize the UIE island, pinning down their precise approach on their designated tasks either as one or multiple separate units before the targeted groups even get there. Nagumo visualizes the active directional movement patterns of the target groups according to the visualized island pathways similarly to how Sakayanagi did, which then allows Nagumo to not only track down a group's sense of direction towards designated locations, but also visualize their precise movement in advance, in order to deduce which specific tablet pattern they have been assigned, allowing him to grasp and visualize in detail all their future movements in his mental map of the tablet patterns spanning the island in various forms, in turn allowing Nagumo to not only pin down the exact maximum amount of points a leading group has at current time easily using the memorized scores from the 14th day for the top 10 and adding the points averaged, but also estimate in a precise range the number of points they will have by the end of the exam, meaning Nagumo anticipates the results of the exam a day earlier despite there being no way of seeing the rankings.
Nagumo could even track and calculate the points of ANY group outside the previously visible top 10, including the ones whose ranking was always invisible, grasping their performance and point gain in each task confirmation, giving him exact values for the points the targets constantly get.
EXPLANATION HOW WORK IN PROGRESS - GPS Spam charting + radio contacting + mathematical calculations

Nagumo uses a separate 2D Island map visualization in his head which involves different components and markings present in the form of predicted designated spots locations for all the tracked groups at the same time, elements which the tablet does not mark, doing this as he executes not just the roadblocking strategy against Koenji, but his own ramping strategy part of his UIE one.
Additionally, he uses a 3D island full visualization for grasping exact group movements in the span of several kilometers squared, covering most of the Island, by understanding the precise spots of all pathways, including active terrain changes THROUGHOUT the island, as Arisu did. The tablet assisted in creating the visualization as it gave the necessary information to even make the

visualization possible. However Nagumo had to visualize the small/large portions of the Island in 3D for various tasks without using the tablet.
There are 100 sectors in the Island, the total area of the Island Map is 35 Square Kilometers, and without the ocean it's around roughly 28 square kilometers which is bigger than literal Island countries. The size of the Island serves in describing the complexity of all elements Nagumo had to take into account at the size of the Island itself: Forests, beaches, marked pathways, pathways made by groups, cliffs, rocks and many more.
For Nagumo, he had to take into account all of the elements mentioned above in his Roadblock strategy + Kiyotaka movement construction + ramping strategy.
A lowball is to say he visualized most of the Island due to having to account for all the pathways, which do not fully extend into hard to access areas such as rocky cliffs and mountains, but considering the timeframe of days for the strategy to be executed and accounting that designated spots exist even on the mountains, which means even group-created pathways would need to be accounted for regions such as the mountainous ones.
As he gains an accurate statistic of a group's point count and coordination, Nagumo then can use his manpower to alter that statistic by deliberately influencing a group's score via his roadblocking strategy. Meaning Nagumo is able to influence a group's point intake to the point he is able to partially control their position in the top.
The preparation for a roadblock involves using the free groups to position them in advance at the sight of the specific tasks, which he fully deduced by grasping their orientation and having full perception of the designated areas the target is always going to approach.
(Data Analysis, VSI, Numerical, Inductive and Deductive Reasoning, Information Gathering, Strategy)

(Y2V4) - On the last day of the exam when the placements were hidden, Nagumo had already made his calculations of the moves and points on arrivals made by his groups needed to adapt and end up with just ONE point above Koenji by the end of the exam.
Nagumo implemented a strategy which ensured Koenji would not be able to gain any more points until the end of the exam. Through Nagumo using the same mechanism of monitorization, multiple third year divisions will be deployed in a large area on the map surrounding Koenji's nearby task areas, that way they can roadblock Koenji from tasks just before he arrives and steal all of his chances to earn arrival points by filling spots in the task.
Nagumo calculated the exact points Koenji will end up with at his pace and how

many times he needs to roadblock him to win, using the deduced pattern Koenji has to know where he is going and ready up his divisions, while also preparing contingencies through having groups readied up in other zones in case Koenji does something unpredictable like going off track for another task at a different designated area. Ayanokoji reasoned that the president had a perfect grasp of Koenji's points at any moment.
By the time Nagumo confronted Ayanokoji, he was winning massively, as he blocked Koenji 3 times from earning points and all he had to do was keep pinning Koenji's destinations and road-blocking him. At this point, if Nagumo's focus would have been to beat Koenji, he already won.
While Nagumo only used this on Koenji, as Koji says, if he wanted to, he could've turned entire groups of people like Sakayanagi's upside down in the final meters of the exam. Despite having the ability to calculate everyone's points to precise accuracy and form strategies to crush 2nd or 1st year groups on the island and win the exam with low difficulty, Nagumo, holding back, was only interested in Ayanokoji.
(Strategy, Numerical Reasoning, Leadership)

(Y2V4) - Aside from the pattern visualization mechanism, Nagumo's other strategies require significant use of VSI and numerical calculation. Nagumo is actively coordinating multiple large groups + the 15 free groups of 3 using both simulations. He visually grasps which groups will arrive the fastest at each desired location depending on their conditions such as terrain. He managed this at large scale assistance for multiple large groups in the whole island every day for the entire 2 weeks of the exam.
Nagumo also uses GPS searches to pinpoint locations of two or multiple people intersecting on different non-linear paths while accounting for terrain, distance, and required time, which Nagumo uses to manipulate tasks selections of the third year FGs to his advantage on arrival or ensuring a meeting. When the GPS search had been done when Kiyo was at H3, Nagumo from a few hundred meters away at I4 was able to visualize and predict Kiyo's exact pathway towards I2 to position himself into a place they would make contact despite the possible area of contact being so large that normally without a pinpointing there would've been almost no way for them to directly encounter each other.
(VSI, Prediction)

(Y2V4) - After understanding Kiyo's past actions Nagumo has involvement in, the latter concluded that the only one who can give him what he wants is

Ayanokoji, Nagumo became eager to engage in a proper battle against him, ending his fight against Manabu by crushing the only one Elder Horikita has ever looked up to, deeming it the last thing he will ever do in ANHS.
In their private meetup on the last day, Nagumo confronts Kiyotaka and challenges him to the duel after uncovering how much he knows about his schemes. In his perception, Nagumo who is a way above average fighter should be able to defend himself against any opponent even if very strong, hence why in his perception there was no risk to confront Kiyotaka, and also no reason to think he'd be endangered. Nagumo meeting Koji was no mistake, as Kiyo attacking out of nowhere was just bad circumstances for him.

Ayanokoji's objective in that situation was to halt Nagumo as fast as possible. And for that, he tried to use his ridiculously menacing aura.
When Ayanokoji was a child of 6 years of age, by only glancing at a WR instructor, he made him absolutely terrified to even come close, as he started retreating and failing his order to restrain him and Yuki. This is one person who was used to disciplining and harshly beating the kids there. Yet, the glance of a kid made him fear for his life.
To achieve his goal, Ayanokoji launches at Nagumo and after pushing him down, he musters up "all his killing intent", closes in and looks directly in Nagumo's eyes, with the same or even worse intensity than when he was a kid.
Nagumo looks at him and perceives his killing intent, realizing the "life threatening" danger he was in.
But despite being terrified for a fraction of second, he immediately "stands up strongly as to not admit fear" and confronts Ayanokoji aggressively again.
Nagumo used his willpower to fully engage emotionally in his motivation and status as SCP and to completely encounter any feeling of fear Ayanokoji induced on him, becoming upfront and fearless despite seeing something which would be traumatic for the average person.
All of Nagumo ambitions to clear his goal he had set up long in his past since Manabu Horikita and the confidence he has for his cause were used to actively engage in enough resolve to stare "killing intent" in the eyes, despite Nagumo always living a relaxing life where he never faced such extreme condition, he was able to immediately adapt to this, as all of this event from Kiyotaka's fear inducement to Nagumo engagingly negating it happened in only a second.
Ayanokoji precisely did it to have an easy way to shut Nagumo out of his way yet it failed. This is what made him understand that unless he knocks Nagumo out, the latter is not gonna budge on anything.
Since Koji was trying to make Nagumo understand that not backing off is a

matter for his safety, verbatim life and death, it makes Nagumo's adapted emotional situation even more extreme.
(EQM, Self-Awareness, EE)

Nagumo immediately composed himself after what happened with just a hint of irritation, even when he was attacked initially he maintained his calm and tried to reason out of his situation.
(Composure)

If it means fulfilling this goal, then Nagumo is willing to throw anything he isn't interested in away in order to follow it, including money, people, status.
Nagumo truly lost interest in what the school had to offer after seeing that there isn't anyone that can even rival him. He was left at the top with no adversary and a thirst for a challenge due to his ultra competitive personality.
Nagumo's determination to beat Ayanokoji skyrocketed after he was knocked out.
Due to the miscalculation created when he was knocked out by Ayanokoji and the time loss, his groups were left without the orders, therefore slowing their progress by a margin enough to make Koenji barely win with 2 points in the end.
(Motivation, EE)

(Y2V4) - Nagumo Miyabi - 2nd Place
Through these strategies, Nagumo's main big group ended up winning against group formations of Sakayanagi-Ichinose, Takahashi, Kanzaki and Ryuuen-Katsuragi, placing 2nd in the UIE. If not for Ayanokoji's interference he would've won against 1st place Koenji, who won by only 2 points. Kiriyama, his puppet 2nd in command group, would've won against Sakayanagi and been top 3, as he narrowly lost as well. As a result, it would've made the 3rd year filthy rich.
Nagumo had no interest in winning the exam as he found it uninteresting despite his followers' craving for it. As he says, if Nagumo was serious, he would have scored double the points he achieved. For the most part, this exam was a vacation for him. If he wanted to, he could have made plans for multiple ways to corner rival groups in the middle of the exam.

(Y2V4) - After Nagumo was knocked out by Ayanokoji in their clash, exactly when he woke up, he already anticipated his loss to Koenji and also Kiriyama's loss to Sakayanagi due to his past calculations remaining intact.

Nagumo understood immediately there's no reason to try to form a desperate ramp up of points to guarantee number 1 back, because a discommunication with the head would cause a chain reaction in the whole wire of the third year. This led Nagumo to initiate his contingency plan of getting rid of Free Groups.
(Abductive Reasoning, Foresight)
(IS)

(Y2V4) - Before the UIE Exam EVEN started and more importantly IN HARMONY WITH HIS RELEASE OF THE TICKET STRATEGY and manipulation of Kiriyama, Nagumo had created a contingency in his strategic approach in the exam for multiple purposes depending on the situation he foresees himself in need to use it for.
As Nagumo's true objective to the exam was Ayanokoji from the very beginning instead of winning, he expected that the exam could potentially become a situation of them battling each other, and despite Nagumo already locking in traps to ruin Ayanokoji's ranking in the top 10. He still accounted for the potential risk of their clashing to result in his ranking going down and him getting surpassed. Based on this, Nagumo envisioned his approach to the different outcomes he had foreseen in the exam from the very beginning. All of which benefit him in numerous ways. This is done by taking advantage of his set up of the used Free Groups which would sit at the bottom of the rankings and him having understood the modus operandi of the masses of people he controls down to perfect accuracy, as he is required to assess the level of satisfaction and unrest his controlled masses have for each outcome, all while being careful to paint himself in a non hostile manner and scapegoat his way out.
Nagumo foresees, regardless of the outcome of his personal battle:
1) If he wins the exam despite holding back, he would go by his promise to get the Free Groups into all the other main ones he controls on the last day.
There would be 2 ways for Nagumo to save the free groups, first is to offer a lifeline to the groups after their expulsion by paying 30 Million points to rescue them all, or to integrate them into his main groups using the More People card before the exam ends, which is what he planned to do in this outcome.
This would trigger mass expulsions of 1st and 2nd years and his control would be kept stable.
2) As it really happened, in case Nagumo would be dragged down from his top spot due to multi year effort during his focus on Ayanokoji or because of Ayano himself, it would result in a massive loss of potential points at a time his year would have had the highest potential to earn some, this being in the tens of millions. Because of Nagumo's recently implemented ticket system upon the

classes under his control, slowly draining the energy and ability to use points, instead getting them to focus on even supplying Nagumo with the smallest gain possible, they would be absolutely wrecked by their loss which would serve as the ruined potential of many lifelines and extra amount of time to serve and siphon points to the system. Mass frustration would in turn lead them with extra uncontrolled distrust of Nagumo in the future, who plans to make use of points against his enemies, which would weaken his control LONG TERM.
(See Y2V4.5) - This whole aspect was something PLANNED by Nagumo. By the time the Uninhabited Island Exam was announced in Y2V2, weeks prior, he timed his launch of the Ticket System AS PREPARATION for the UIE exam and more, he oughts to: Step up his control the 3rd year masses to make the execution of his UIE more fluid and stable, finish his multiple month indirect manipulation of Kiriyama and get him on his side, anticipate and deliberately create this neurotic condition his year will find himself in, which Nagumo will use as foundation for most of his upcoming plans against Kiyotaka revolving around the mass of people he just reinforced his control of.
So, Nagumo, in advance by the creation of his UIE strategies, thought up a way to adapt and transform a potentially bad situation of placing 2nd imminent by creating and using a mass neurotic phenomenon to his advantage. Due to how his latter strategy works, he is able to foresee the outcome and what he will need to do with no risk of confusing his win for a loss or vice versa.
The free groups at the bottom of the ranking were promised to be incorporated into Nagumo's main groups “IF” they complete their goal of getting Nagumo to the first place ranking. Upon his loss, Nagumo used this as an excuse in order to not unite the bottom free groups, which meant ALL 15 members being expelled unconditionally, with strategic intent.
The effect of him expelling the bottom FGs would result in making the negative reactions of the initial point loss much higher, but more importantly so in the short term, meaning the following announced cruise (which takes place in Y2V4.5). These uncalm waters of such a large mass of people will make it easy for their leader to force perspectives upon them and manipulate their hate into something effective as a weapon, as Nagumo would have no stain on his reputation. He foresaw that while the third year was wrecked by their big failure, in the SHORT TERM they could not do anything to their leader for the events that happened. This is because every major group received direct implication from Nagumo for their success, who had seemingly done everything by the book even in the first 4 days of the exam when he had all reason to hold back. They have no way to excuse themselves of their failure due to Nagumo’s condition. In comparison, the Free Groups, with their failed strategy against

Koenji throughout the exam, was a waste of time and resources, making Nagumo one of the people not at fault for the catastrophe which happened as far as the third year was concerned.
This leaves a large amount of frustration not able to be directed at specifically anyone, which is exactly what Nagumo aimed for and will use later.
Nagumo sets his strategy and this masked plan in a way in which he can easily gain himself an advantage long term even if he loses the exam, he abuses the penalties inflicted harshly on B-C-D to enrich himself off them while every other class inside his year gets turned upside down.
Through the penalties of the bottom groups, the 3rd year B-C-D classes all lost 600 class points, while all also had to pay Nagumo a total of 200 class points as he placed 2nd.
These advantages find reason why Nagumo only used students from any class except his (when in case of being integrated it wouldn't matter if a Class A members were a free group), is because he took the possibility of loss into account before the exam began and formed this contingency, by brainwashing the Free Groups into believing their gains are worth way more than the stakes they throw themselves into, most trust Nagumo to the point they cannot even conceive the thought that some of them will be singing off to a guarantee of expulsion in case they lose, as they believed in their savior.
All of this was to set off the FGs on a blind path and forged a very easy gateway to exploit in case his potential fight with Ayanokoji goes south and he doesn't win the exam. Nagumo fortified his dominance of the third year at a time of unrest, adding 2 or 3 extra exams necessary for Kiriyama's class to catch up to Nagumo if he wants to surpass him, which was assured impossible afterwards in Y2V4.5.
To summarize, Nagumo was able understand the distraught and chaos of his year in case he will lose the UIE, constructed a way to ignite the chaos even more and abuse it as a means to control it in an unconventional way, preparing and anticipating this entire aspect during his formulation of all the UIE strategies, WEEKS in advance before it's effects.
Nagumo's main reason for expelling the 15 students remains to bring even more distraught out of his year and doing it in a way he can only be blamed minimally for. This results in Nagumo maintaining his control in times of crisis, adapting to a more convenient advantage and setting up the followup of this plan in Y2V4.5 and beyond.
(All Planning, Induction, Emotional Understanding, Self Awareness, Deception, Anticipation, Multitasking, Mass & Indirect Manipulation)
(IS)

V2V4.5

(Y2V4.5) - After the 15 expulsions suffered by the third year and the catastrophic loss of money, Nagumo strengthened his hold on the third year even more despite the mass distrust he created.
As a followup of his grasping that most of the students in his year were left frustrated and angered for the massive loss and for the disappearance of their friends and acquaintances, Nagumo took advantage of one's tendency to pin the blame on anyone they are able to but themselves in case of failure, so through his reasoning of allowing the 15 students of the free groups to be expelled and make himself in the clear partially, to only afterwards show massive interest in Ayanokoji and enforce action against him through every third year student, he brainwashes them to pin some of the blame of the massive loss on Ayanokoji Kiyotaka by marking him as an enemy of Nagumo for an event which happened in the island exam.
Nagumo, despite initially being not the person his year could fault the most, fallaciously branded himself as such through bringing the whole third year into his conflict with Kiyotaka. He knew that since they can't afford to go against him, they can only blame the one Nagumo points his finger at, as they did. He was sure that even a move which is against the policy of their year would work effectively.
Nagumo deliberately let the confusion to set in about Ayanokoji specifically being targeted by him, he never revealed any details of what happened during the time he failed to respond. Losing so many points means that tickets to class A are lost, which is a catastrophe for the hopeless remnants of the third year lower classes, desperate to save their future by clinging to Nagumo to the very end.
Through his scheming of pinning blame on a seemingly unknown junior, Nagumo created disgust against Kiyotaka, enough so that any of his instructions won't seem absurd to anyone in their year, but more so of a natural duty to follow as they are united against, as seen on an individual level with Tatara.
(Mass Manipulation, Brainwashing, Strategy, Emotional Understanding)
(IS)

(Y2V4.5) - With this, he ordered every third year to constantly send looks and glares of distaste en masse when they encounter Ayanokoji Kiyotaka in any circumstance the latter finds himself in, be it even when they are in a small group of people or a surrounding entity. They were urged to not engage in any

conversation with Ayanokoji, and if the latter tries something when meeting one in person, to quickly disperse, in order to avoid any punishment from their leader. With this, Kiyotaka found himself in a constant state of being constantly glared at in public, it also led Nagumo to monitor and know his every location at any given point of it happening on the ship

This whole setup was built in a way to engage in a mental warfare.

Nagumo, through profiling the type of person Ayanokoji is, the way he portrays himself into the public, his intent on holding back, his limited circle of friends and asocial behavior, infers that such a strategy would be the harshest on him, as Kiyotaka would have a hard time dealing with such an unpleasant change of atmosphere he can do nothing about, which also ruins his past concealing image, and so it was. While seemingly harmless to anyone who can endure it, for Kiyotaka, it was exactly the measure to negatively affect him in some way.

On the ship, Ayanokoji tells us how uneasy, disgusting and annoying any public interaction made him because of it, so much so that he considered shutting himself away from going out of his room when he doesn't have to, as it ruins his image of blending in the background he endorsed.

Nagumo is looking to emotionally pressure Kiyotaka into compliance in order to force him to settle their past encounter. With Kiryuin deeming Nagumo as the worst type of enemy for Ayanokoji due to his methods. This mental warfare continued for weeks with the pressure of the third year as a whole on Kiyo not weakening in the slightest.

This entire plan was made by Nagumo in connection with his decision to expel all the 15 students of his year, which is all the more impressive.

(Planning, Emotional Manipulation, EU, Information Gathering)

Ticket System

(Y2V4.5) - Nagumo's first advance to his control strategy stage from Y1, the "Perfect Dictatorship" as Ayanokoji referred to it as due to Nagumo making himself impossible to expel.

By creating the system to force the third years of the other classes to be under his control, Nagumo keeps his grade under his boot using a very effective strategy. Nagumo's "Ticket System" gives free access to a transfer to class A at graduation. What it does is promise to liberate anyone from the lower classes as long as they're useful to Nagumo and more importantly, loyal to him. Nagumo purposefully kept important aspects vague to keep his criteria hidden to the masses, making it easier to control their anxiety and fear of Nagumo that most of his subjects have been presented with.

What makes it even more firm is that Nagumo establishes his own rules he imposes on his year, as the school's own rules become secondary, for example Nagumo is siphoning every point from anyone holding more than 500.000 points, which not only that it weakens every other classes in his year, it also destroys class banks and any form of economic resistance, as any opposition would exclude them from the system and ultimately, their dream and sole purpose in the school.
This system makes it's every subject:
- compete against each other for their ticket to class A, which means it creates the perfect meritocracy in his year under one dictator. The best of the best go toe to toe against each other knowing that there is hope for salvation.
- Seek to earn more points for class A as a main priority, the more money Nagumo has, the more lifelines for the bottoms will exist. This acts as a form of Nagumo earning passive income.
- Obey any order given, any form of resistance would be met with counter resistance from Pro-Nagumo forces, with these Pro-Nagumo forces being made out of the ones having the most chances to gain a Class A ticket, for example best of the years like Kiriyama, Nagumo can use these people as extensions of himself, to suppress anything in his way through indirect means.
What this means is that Nagumo made himself invincible. Due to his immense human understanding he had managed to destroy the class system in his year and make it an autocracy. This is another reason why it had been so easy to make Kiriyama submit in year 2, and essentially force him to join his side.
However, this established "Modern Slavery" is such a great system because at the end of the day, whether Nagumo will fulfill his promise or not remains to be seen, as this strategy leaves everyone at his full mercy. Nagumo has the opportunity to scam everyone who has been working for him and to cut them off from his tickets if he wants to, because nothing CAN effectively stop him.
With this, Nagumo finished his goal of establishing his ideal society with himself at its center, a true unstoppable dictator controlling a complex system based on bounds and psychology.
(Strategy, Mass Manipulation, Extortion, Logical Manipulation)
(IS)

(Y2V4.5) - Nagumo strives to get into people's minds, he had done so with Kiriyama and Fujimaki, and tried to do so with Manabu and Ayanokoji. He loves to profit off people's emotions and make his enemies hate his guts. With this emotional inducement he aims to make it easier to control the people he is up against through different circumstances.

During Ichinose's confession scene, Nagumo aims to apply such a means of mind games in order to force Kiyotaka to accept his challenge, either through getting emotionally affected, or through doing it as a means to the constant sabotage.

Nagumo, who was able to learn of the relationship between Kei and Kiyotaka, was informed that the latter is meeting with Ichinose in a private area of the ship. As he recalled their private meeting on the Island and Ichinose and Kiyotaka also sharing a moment of privacy with the Rumor Strike, Nagumo understands that they are very close and if anything, somewhat used to meeting alone by that point. With Nagumo perceiving some degree of affection of Honami for him months prior, and knowing that Kiyotaka must have never told her about his relationship with Kauruizawa, he concludes that if he were to reveal such thing to Ichinose, she wouldn't be able to take it or at least look at Ayanokoji the same anymore.

As soon as he infers this, Nagumo moves to crash their meeting.

When he comes into the picture, Nagumo points out their previous meetings and their private rendezvous, trying to cold read Ichinose and confirm for himself if their meeting is indeed intimate and romantic, while holding Kiyo away from bluffing their way out by cutting him off. With Ichinose's hesitance, he immediately gets the answer that there is no misunderstanding.

He then does the same thing regarding Ichinose knowing about Karuizawa, pointing out to the shaken Ichinose after revealing their relationship that since they were so close, normally she should have known. Implying to her right after that Kiyo is possibly attempting to two time them.

Nagumo gives Kiyotaka the possibility to reject every claim of his, knowing that this would be a large trouble for him in the long term, as it would force the KiyoKei couple to stay completely hidden, as if the lie is exposed then his relationship with Ichinose is over.

When Kiyo is forced to admit, Nagumo then poses in an image of protecting Ichinose of what he thought Kiyotaka was possibly two timing, saying it is a duty of his to defend Honami from such.

To add salt on the wound, Nagumo approaches Koji with remarks such as introducing him to his girlfriend, as a means to annoy him as much as possible after what he has done.

This showcases Nagumo's intent to go over to make himself antagonized by his enemies, making them feel as much hatred for him as possible. All of this is calculated.

This reflects on us the readers, as Nagumo's character is generally thought of as a very easy to hate individual.

Nagumo tends to prefer flashy tactics and grandiose schemes which he employs in such a way it makes a spectacle for himself. However, in order to win for certain, he will go to any length no matter what it is. Even if he has to sacrifice everything.
(Emotional Manipulation, Inductive Reasoning, Emotional Understanding, Cold Reading)

V2V6

(Y2V6) - With the 2nd Sports Festival coming, the chance for the two to compete comes, and Nagumo's attempt to emotionally budge Kiyotaka and shift his mindset into competing comes.
The two meet to negotiate their competition. Justified by his constant offense on Kiyotaka ever since the ship, Nagumo puts on an act of extreme arrogance when establishing the conditions by deliberately giving Kiyo the chance to stop hostilities if he wins only one sports game against him, then stating firmly that it would be lowly of him to make Koji win all games against someone of his status. Trying to lure Koji into the competition by appearing seemingly delusional, and making himself seem careless. In reality all Nagumo wants is one single round anyway.
To try and fuel ever more resentment, right as that meeting was happening, Nagumo calls Ichinose in the room for lunch and invites Kiyotaka too, as the latter told him already that he has no plans before, so him getting out of there would only seem like he is running away. During that entire time, Kiyo is treated like he is invisible most of the time while Nagumo keeps flirting with Ichinose, aiming to show to Kiyo that what he used to have is now his and show his dominance by humiliating him.

(Y2V6) - Nagumo talks in the opening of a ceremony to a large group of politicians, who were guests there to witness a demonstration of ANHS's superiority, as well the entire student body with perfect composure, tone and dignity.
(EM)

V2V7

(Y2V7) - To match the novel's words, Nagumo being knocked out by Ayanokoji here wasn't a defeat. Both of them don't consider their encounter on the island a confrontation in the first place, nor is Nagumo's loss to Koenji which he didn't take seriously a defeat. This is why Nagumo remained "undefeated".
In their meeting they finally agree to fight each other eventually, Nagumo infers through his understanding of Kiyo until now that with his past disinterest, what he seeks from the match being to satisfy his own interest is just a front. Nagumo grasps that Koji does this purely to control some key events he plans ahead of time.
During their fused negotiation, after confronting Koji's intentions, Nagumo, instead of deciding to try and entrap Ayanokoji in his words and force his interest in his proposal, attempted to sway him by mentioning Kei's expulsion being a focus of his in such a scenario. He attempts to analyze Kiyotaka's resolve to protect the ones he assumes he holds dearly.
Koji stated without any sort of tension or hesitation that Nagumo is free to destroy any person currently around him, such as Ichinose or Kei, as he doesn't care in the least what may happen to them.
Nagumo perceived Ayanokoji's reaction in precise detail, stating how he detected no lies or weakness in Ayanokoji's words, which let him infer that it isn't a bluff. Considering it is genuine, then it shows Nagumo is indeed able to read Ayanokoji when the latter allows him. As he was aiming to perceive any sort of hint of insincerity shown in his poker face, but concluding instantly that what he was saying was the truth.
What caught Nagumo off guard is Ayanokoji's mechanical and apathetic mentality which he perceived, as Kiyo inhumanely looks at his "dear ones" with no actual subjectivity even when it comes to possibly losing them, merely considering them disposable resources for a price, hence why he believes Kiyo to have a "few screws loose." (Cold Reading, Emotional Perception and Understanding, Threats)

(Y2V7) - When Ayanokoji dropped a very subtle hint which was out of context (Nagumo being involved in hurting people either way in the future) about him being aware of Nagumo's plans to wreck a large part of the lower years and target Ayanokoji either way, Nagumo instantly grasped what Ayanokoji meant by his "involvement" and realized that Ayanokoji had entirely anticipated that he was planning his attack against him. (Comprehension, Abductive Reasoning, Fast Thinking)

(Y2V7) - After making a deal with Ayanokoji into contributing to Yagami's expulsion, Nagumo was tasked with making the scenario where the love letter is handed to Yagami, and ultimately his expulsion, possible.
His implication has 2 phases.
The first one happened before the cultural festival, when Nagumo aimed to establish the setting where the council is shut down for the entirety of the exam. He came into a typical student council meeting sounding very dark and heavy. Due to his voice alone, everyone became tense and his aura turned the air heavy. Nagumo used his body language to pretend to be emotionally affected in such a way that he fooled people like Suzune, to the point where she said that the president is obviously holding back a lot of anger
As he made people question his mood, Nagumo continued on his act of appearing stressed while justifying it by mentioning supposed rumors being spread about him deliberately targeting innocent people for expulsion.
For supposedly searching for the culprit, Nagumo laid ground to the trap Ayanokoji was forging for Yagami, as Nagumo canceled any meeting until the festival ended. His act was important for Suzune to realize she has no way to currently give Nagumo the love letter and make her give it to Yagami.

The 2nd phase was during the SC Incident.
Nagumo used his acting differently this time. Depending on the circumstances he finds the targeted student, he has to adapt a way to accuse him naturally of being the one who forged the rumors way back. Suzune and Mio weren't planned to be there, so he had to distract the 3 present there and buy time for Ryueen and the teachers to arrive and bust the one who reveals himself to be the culprit.
Nagumo plays the scenario he encounters by acting confused and suspecting of Suzune and Ibuki apprehending Takuya, demanding an explanation on what seemingly looks like bullying. Yagami clears it as a misunderstanding, and then tries to get the upper hand on Nagumo by interrogating him about his presence in the council being suspicious, pointing out the left open door due to lack of keys. In response, before answering, Nagumo accuses Yagami of him being the one who spread the rumors about aiming to expel students, claiming that if fits considering Yagami was one of the selected people of the bounty hunt Nagumo was doing this pretending to be angered at Yagami's supposed betrayal, going as far as kicking his own desk while he was arguing with him.
As he seemingly got on Yagami's nerves, the latter argues using the letter that Nagumo and Suzune set him up, however Nagumo came into the student council room with the letter prepared, knowing it was originally from

Ayanokoji. When analyzing it, neither he nor Suzune was able to find it, only making Yagami look delusional even more as he continued being questioned. Only getting charged with more, as they awaited for Ryuuen. When he and the teachers came, Nagumo let the events of Yagami's expulsion flow naturally.
After Yagami had been taken away, Suzune has pointed out that Nagumo lied when he told her that he didn't know what was happening to Yagami - she thought that him bringing the letter there was suspicious, so when she asked Nagumo about it, he told "an easy to see though lie", indirectly telling her to not open the subject any further.
Later, Nagumo asked Ayanokoji about the anagram in the letter and how did he know that the Y2V3 incident was related to Yagami, proving Nagumo was only told to bring the letter with him during the bust and didn't know who he would deal with, forcing him to adapt to circumstances.
While Yagami caught on to his act easily when Suzune didn't, Yagami couldn't do anything to him in that situation. Nagumo played a big role in Yagami's expulsion.
(Acting Skills, EM, Adaptability, Gaslighting, Aura)

(Y2) - With the 3rd year having an income of 120-140M points per year. His worth is estimated to be anywhere from 80 to 120M points (due to expenses). Ayanokoji also estimated "tens or even hundreds of millions".

V2V9

(Before Y2V9) - As the final layer of Nagumo's control contingencies in his year, he offered the third year a contract as the final step forward from the Ticket System. This gets them formally dependent on him while also gaining access to Nagumo's "Lottery".
The conditions are:
- To transfer 75% of your monthly private points to Nagumo.
- To obey Nagumo's orders and not take or participate in any actions against him.
- The day the funds would be transferred is the day before the classes are fixed and confirmed.
- If you disobey Nagumo after obtaining the ticket, the right would be stripped from you.
- The students who abide to the five conditions would obtain the right to the compete for the ticket(s)

Nagumo will also contribute tens of millions of points into forming a lottery even for some who didn't contribute initially, with it having around 2 or 3 tickets.
Nagumo's system is built in such a way that it basically leaves the whole year with a simple yes or no. It is impossible to bypass as it was shown in the case of Suchi's expulsion, when she tried her own method to get into Class A, she was charged with committing a grave violation and expelled from the school with no questions asked, what is known is that her intentions were to bypass Nagumo's system in order to join class A, and what remains unknown however is what did she exactly do and how did Nagumo's implemented countermeasures expelled her.
During Y2V9, the dissatisfaction for Nagumo and the underground resistance is at an all time high because of the fact that while Nagumo effectively made using his systems high amounts of passive income through their hard work, talking about millions of points, he is showing signs of disregarding the money by throwing it away in a fight with Kiyotaka. At this point in time, Nagumo only sees the people he rules over as mere insects not worthy of paying attention, being only interested in fulfilling his meritocracy until the very end.
The reason Nagumo is able to hold control so firmly is because the subjects attempting to leave the contract will be severely punished, making it impossible for the people who actually have a reason to rebel to do so. The only way to form resistance against Nagumo was by not signing the contract, which almost no one did because it meant fighting against Nagumo's men. (Strategy Shielding, Bribery, Indirect and Mass Manipulation)

(Y2V9) - Nagumo's way to compete against Ayanokoji initially was one which focused on getting it settled as soon as possible and it involved a battle for votes on the next president between the candidates Honami and Suzune. Involving both aiming to get their selected candidate as the president wins.
The Kiryuin Fuka incident was staged by Kiriyama in order to stop the battle of votes between Nagumo and Ayanokoji by making Ichinose quit the council due to her mental distress and trauma. Nagumo was accused of trying to frame Kiryuin yet he didn't respond to any of these claims and even turned the cold shoulder to Fuka who accused him, as he inferred from the present evidence and the situation of the case that him being successfully framed in that respective scenario was impossible, ultimately leaving Suzune to solve the case and prove Kiriyama as the mastermind. He chose to have the next SCP solve the case to make Suzune make her prove her abilities.
(Planning, Inductive Reasoning)

(Y2V9) - When Honami revealed her decision to quit being something he already had decided on, Kiyo and Nagumo both perceived Ichinose was telling the truth as she didn't show any sign of regret nor changing her mind about quitting just recently, concluding that she didn't lie and use it as an excuse when faced with her trauma. To save the council when Honami left, Nagumo ordered the addition of two extra members for posts in a limited time. (Emotional Perception)

During Kiriyama's strategic actions, he was observant of Kiriyama's inconsistencies and unnecessary dialogue and noted his suspicious behavior.
When presented with the information learned from Tachibana, Nagumo inferred that Kiriyama is the one who planned the entire framing of Kiryuin, indirectly helping Suzune's case through gaslighting Kiriyama by questioning his panicking despite mentioning that he believes in his innocence. This is done in a manner Kiriyama can see through his actual intent of his words, warning him to come clean.
After the confession, Nagumo quickly infers that Kiriyama wanted to shut down the election through making use of Fuka Kiryuin's behavior and hatred for shoplifting she would use in her speech and accusations against Nagumo, in order to drive out Ichinose Honami from the council by triggering her traumatic complex right when she would think about the decision to become president, which would cause large anxiety in her choice, making her wish to step down right when Nagumo planned to use her.
Nagumo's reasoning lies in understanding the resources Kiriyama has and connecting the set of actions happening in accordance to Kiriyama's other part of the strategy, these being Kiriyama's grasp of Ichinose's trauma, his knowledge of Kiryuin better than anyone else being something which would allow him to predict her actions, understanding that Kiriyama has made use of Fuka specifically due to her aggressive but predictable behavior.
(Observation, Perception, Abductive Reasoning, Emotional Understanding, Gaslighting)

(Y2V9) - After Kiriyama opens up his problems to Nagumo, the latter fully understands his character in a matter he can empathize with, it being Kiriyama's development into a selfless person. Nagumo was impressed by him showing so much consideration for the people who are struggling so much to have a chance for Class A, something new to him, as he concluded that everyone who had gained a ticket up to that point, including the old Kiriyama, was

insanely self-centered.
Nagumo admires the courage Kiriyama had to call him out for his selfishness, which is why he decided to not go along with crushing Kiriyama for betraying him.
(EQU)

(Y2V9) - Nagumo's actions as an individual have always aligned with his ideology when he is to gain something, but more importantly, even when his loss is at stake.
In his mind, one can't be the ruler and guide of meritocracy when there are more "dazzling individuals around who shine brighter" as this violates his entire code. Nagumo risking expulsion and failure against someone like Ayanokoji is something which he is willing to do as he stands for his ideology absolutely, his view on the matter is ironically logical. (Metacognition)

Additional Narrative

Based on the statement given by Mashima regarding Nagumo and Manabu possessing abilities superior in every metric to every student in the entire grade which they have known about, particularly making a comparison with the Class Leaders themselves. This directly implies that when it comes to their assessment shown within the testing special exams, Mashima and Chabashira firmly believe the two to be able to perform better than what every class showcased in the Special Exams Ayano's grade took part in. While we definitely cannot measure their abilities based on other's strategies as that would be illogical and would have no narrative to Nagumo's displayed skills, in the Zodiac Exam, the school incorporates an existing pattern within the Exam build itself based on the VIP member placement in a specific group for a total of 12 and its connection to the Chinese Zodiac Calendar. Due to other individuals such as Ryuuen, deemed inferior in ability by every metric to Nagumo by the same people who acted as arbiters in Zodiac had solved it, this pretty much guarantees based on the statement itself that Nagumo would've easily been able to infer the Zodiac Pattern at the very with 6 names just like Ryuuen.

EXTRAS

Link to the physical ability document made by JayChef: **Nagumo Miyabi Feat List (Combat)**

Schematic of Nagumo's Plans:

Ranking Nagumo's Best Qualities & Distillation:

1. Planning

In any extensive operation he had ever taken part of, Nagumo Miyabi had built intricacies into his long term plans in mind, additionally, in any situation Nagumo ever found himself in, he always abided by his calculations and preparations prior. This perfectly emphasizes Nagumo's style of outsmarting in contrast to his aggressive strategies, which is to be ahead of any problem ever encountered. His mentality is what made his life so easy and an example of masterful planning.

Best in Planning:

Coverage > Intricacies > Process > Versatility > Applicability

2. Foresight

Best in Foresight:

Anticipation > Preclusion > Prediction

3. Social Intelligence

Nagumo is a

Best in Social Intelligence:

Integration > Cognition

4. Deception

Deceit is the base in Nagumo's offensive and defensive implications. He had shown himself to be a master of controlling the domain he is operating on through the use of information warfare and extensive layering of logic distortion:

Spread a large scale callout for a fight under a specific idealism and revolution he promoted, causing two sided conflicts throughout the 2nd year at that time and ultimately winning over the trust of everyone by manipulating the weak points of the S System in his favor. While Nagumo is a personal meritocrat, the idealism of universal meritocracy he engulfed in the minds of his followers is a lie he uses to control them.

With his newfound control and methods of coercion, he established an information network which people such as Manabu Horikita found impossible to penetrate from the outside, allowing Nagumo to cover up the evidence of him getting rid of masses of individuals. His outside acting prior to the beginning of the entire V8-V11.5 conflict between Manabu and Nagumo allowed him to get Elder Horikita to have a specific perception regarding Nagumo prior to the MTC.

Fabricated the entire MTC arc exam and disguised all of its hidden traps and exploits under progressive dangers one who sees the exam at first hand would have to deal with first. The character of linking Nagumo's strategy to the MTC rules was an impossible task without massive leaks of information which Nagumo contained by mixing up lots of misdirection, bluffing and hidden rabbit hole traps which lead to unfavorable outcomes to either Ayanokoji or Manabu. He additionally had layered hidden rules of the exam which he strategically used deliberately to make differentiations in the people grasping the information.

Fabricated the premise of his conflict against Manabu Horikita in the eyes of every outsider in such a manner that they won't suspect anything is out of the norm, he does this by creating a common logical expectancy looking back on his actions which involves faking some of his goals and degrading his reputation throughout the months prior to MTC.

Creates his entire MTC strategy on 4 active layers of deception which actively operate on the span of his bluffing, set traps, fabrication of scenes, diluting and distorting logical reasoning of Ayanokoji, Manabu Horikita, Tachibana and more through misdirection, creates multiple fake clues and dead ends and is actively involved in deceiving and making everyone in MTC dance in his palms except Ayanokoji, who still is slowed down by Nagumo's deception and force to use aggressive tactics to gain information to properly evade the traps.
From his bluffing and fake hints in the original negotiation which make Manabu logically asses the safest risk decision long term which was actually the rabbit hole trap, to formulating the Old Maid trap which operates on multiple counts of logical engineering and testing out Ayanokoji, to Fabricating the Ishikura Misdirection and setting off traps against Ayanokoji or Manabu which either does damage to one or the other while delaying Ayanokoji's deduction of Nagumo's strategy by 1 or 2 days, to making Manabu logically reason out the most likely possibility regarding Nagumo's plans being focused on the men side of MTC and feeding him fake clues which lead to nowhere constantly with Horikita not being able to do anything to see through them and finally taking advantage of Tachibana's reasoning and aim to save her class and Information Control to misdirect Manabu, who was actively trying to gain information regarding Nagumo and his actions during this time, even in the side of women despite limited contact.

Creates false misconceptions about the S system, the character of the school and the character of Horikita Manabu to deceive and manipulate Ichinose into being his follower.

To respond to Sakayanagi's call, in order to conceive his plans from her, Nagumo plans and fabricates an entire outlook on his character for Ichinose to see through his intentions regarding Ichinose, which was false. Nagumo saw through Sakayanagi's calls and attempts to see through and gain info on Nagumo and shuts them down through a double layered deceptive act.

Together with MTC, and his aggressive actions from then on until the end of the year, no one read Nagumo and realized his true intentions from the beginning with all his launched campaigns against Manabu. Nagumo was constantly misperceived and he used that to his advantage strategically to manipulate people to rise up against Manabu Horikita, which was all calculated from the beginning to reach out his bigger analysis and goal.

Scammed Ishikura relating to his benefits in cooperating with him against Manabu Horikita, and constantly deceived him about his implications, objective and status all the way to Y1V11.

Fabricated a scene to strategically ruin the risk of an unwanted alliance by using Kiriyama to deliver a message to Ayanokoji on the premise of his presence in the 1st years and make it seem like Kiriyama and Nagumo are competing. He sent Kiriyama there knowing he would fail already and doing this he is able to successfully get Ayanokoji to perceive that Kiriyama is no longer on his side, which would make Ayano relying on him impossible, as Nagumo needed Kiriyama for his success in UIE. This is done as a contingency to keep Ayanokoji at bay from his UIE strategy initially.

Monopolized the top 10 rankings in such a manner that it allowed him to use it to his advantage to create a set of tactics and defensive strategies reliant on misdirecting any direct opposition group for the sake of eliminating any contenders inside or near the top 10 outside of his year with maximum efficiency through the Kuronaga group formation.

Integrated the Free Group mechanism in his large-scale full year operation, had the Free Group non scorers actively change their spots naturally through competition to avoid any suspicion as their ranks were constantly visible after the 4th day.

Scammed the free groups regarding their conditions of success and their purpose in the exam, despite keeping his word on the terms he made when promised the FG's salvation from expulsion at the beginning of UIE.

Nagumo uses his acting skills actively to spam instances of him being emotionally affected, validating his reasoning, or trying to induce a specific state in his adversary. He has shown versatile acting and various facades he put on throughout Y1V10, Y2V4.5, Y2V6 and Y2V7. In Y2V7 he remarks himself the

most as Nagumo could totally reverse his entire aura to completely give a state to be perceived as he was clearly in a state of extreme anger. Nagumo uses mannerisms, props and other things to help in his acting.

Best in Deception:

Sophistry > Misdirection > Fabrication > Concealment > Acting Skill

5. Tactics

- Inside MTC, by abusing people's reasoning and emotions to the extreme and manipulating their thought process, he created an enhanced system of rabbit hole traps which led to a position where Nagumo's schemes become absolutely impossible to counter no matter what you do. Using his deception to cover his marks from a very early point in time until that automated system is completed.

Best in Tactics:

Synergy > Management > Potency

6. Manipulation

Ichinose V4.5

President Introduction

First Control System

3A gaslighting

Manabu Negotiation

Manabu Logical Manip

Tachibana Manip

Ichinose V9

Class B V10

Ishikura Manipulation

Kiriyama Manipulation

Kiriyama gaslighting

IS Mass brainwashing feat

Best in Manipulation:

Indirect > Logical > Emotional > Direct

7. Emotional Intelligence

Best in Emotional Intelligence:

EU > EF > EM > EP

8. Strategy

- Broke the ANHS traditional system by using it to his advantage to create a multi-stage control oriented set of strategies which enslave a large part of the student body onto his rule with, building and perfecting them as time passes to a point he becomes absolutely invincible if he wishes to, as he has total control of more than 100 individuals at any point in time, earns passive revenue off their backs despite him already becoming a multi-millionaire and holds more authority than the teachers.

- Perfected his MTC strategy in the built in scenario. Maximizing his effectiveness to such a degree that its 3 complex layers of operation were not even reached in totality, thanks to Nagumo's flawless execution and control of everything that moves throughout all the days in MTC. Made his Strategy impossible to counter, maximizing its success rate in the given scenario. Posed a serious threat to Ayanokoji, with the latter having to resort to a defense strategy, a complex system of gathering information and multiple tactics just to keep himself unaffected. Completely ruined and bankrupted Manabu's Class and set his control of Manabu's entire year in their future battle he also planned in advance.

Best in Strategy:

Logistics > Fortitude > Forecasting > Building > Flexibility

9. Reasoning

Football inference

Zodiac Pattern

Kiriyama profiling

Koji profiling

MTC rules

Manabu's strategy and thought process inference

RPS maximization

OM engineering

Tachibana Thought process

Intra multiprofiling

Kiriyama confirmation

gauging UIE

Tablet Patterns

Kiyotaka strategy

UIE Aftermath

Kiryuin Trial

Best in Reasoning:

Inductive > Deductive > Abductive

10. FSIQ

- Regarded as a genius blah blah

- Despite not even being in University yet, under ANHS's advanced academic courses which cover material involved within University and Post-University studies in such things such as Mathematics and Science, Nagumo is easily able to keep up with this advanced curriculum without even dedicating himself to studies. Aside from these specific fields, Nagumo is studying at a level of university curriculums, in fields such as Japanese, History, English and more.

- Is directly stated to be able perform the Flash Mental Arithmetic calculations with little difficulty, so much so that he is easily regarded much above the presented results of the test. These scores are relative to the World Record in our world, however in the COTE setting they are regarded as something expected of the geniuses in ANHS.

- Has insane processing speeds, as he is able to go through, logically assess, profile, capture the methods and reasoning of the 4 people involved in breaking his Y1V9 plan with both direct and indirect involvement, doing all of this in the middle of a casual conversation at a time frame of a sentence spoken, it being around 3 seconds if not less.

- Uses a very rich vocabulary and notions from different languages in his presentations etc etc
OM for VCI etc

Is able to pick up tiny fragments on information in one's selected wording

- Nagumo can fully visualize the map of an 35Km^2 Island in detail, while pinpointing the upcoming patterns of designated areas and tasks appearing on the map in advance thought inferring the 12 tablet patterns, with it, Nagumo is able to anticipate arrivals time and locations of constantly moving groups on

the island through visualizing a groups' movement, although these are done in 2D. Nagumo is forced to do this visualization outside of the map (without using it) of the island itself, as he needs to fully grasp the locations of these specific pinpointed areas (which are not present on the map). This includes at the very least visualizing the active pathways through the island taken by individuals in the active sector, as they constantly change on a daily basis.

- He is also is able to predict the exact meeting position in the trail of someone's constant movement through the same type of visualization mentioned above, but also by visualizing in 3D the exact type of terrain surrounding the trail in order to determine the ideal pathway of Koji (in an area of few hundred meters).

Best in FSIQ:

VSI > PSI > WMI > VCI > FRI

Conclusion

Through his actions, Nagumo Miyabi has proven himself to be an incredibly powerful antagonist and someone worthy of praise throughout the Classroom of the Elite Novel.
In terms of scaling, what makes him so great is his versatility, as he can do a lot of categorized tasks in a competent manner, outsmarting related, as well as having a great balance between a multitude of feats that operate at a high scale ironically considering Nagumo's own limitations, all which are accompanied by good narrative backing.
This trait of being an all rounder makes it not a stretch to call Nagumo a character "built" for Outsmarting Scenarios in any form. Nagumo holds immense potential as most of the time we see him on display, he never uses his abilities and resources to their full extent and holds back.

Thank you for reading.

"Well, I wonder, I'll just carry on, hoping for my inevitable failure." - Nagumo Miyabi

"It probably wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that, throughout the entire history of the Advanced Nurturing High School, Nagumo was and will be the first and last of his kind. He is not a man who follows rules, he is here to dictate them to the rest of us." - Ayanokoji Kiyotaka