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PT Set No 188

Directions: Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given beside.

10 Ministers from P to Y took oath on 3rd and 12th of five months viz. April, May, June, July and August.

Q took oath on the odd numbered date of the month which has 31 days. Q and T took oath on consecutive turns but not in same month. R took oath before P but not just before. Only two persons took oath after P. V took oath in the month which has only 30 days but not in the month of April. Only one person took oath between V and W. X took oath just before Y, who took oath on an even numbered date of the month which has only 31 days. R did not take oath in the month which has only 30 days. Only two persons took oath between S and Q.

1. Who took oath immediately after the one who took oath on 3rd June?

- A. W B. S C. V D. P E. None of these

2. Who took oath on 12th April?

- A. W B. S C. V D. T E. None of these

3. How many persons took oath after S?

- A. 2 B. 5 C. 4 D. 3 E. None of these

4. Who took oath at first?

- A. U B. X C. W D. P E. S

5. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and thus form a group. Which of the following does not belong to the group?

- A. X B. W C. Y D. U E. V

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
B	D	C	A	C

Common explanations :

Reference:

R took oath before P but not just before.

R did not take oath in the month which has only 30 days.

Only two persons took oath after P.

Inference:

Following two cases arise as per the first and second hints.

Months (no. of days)	Dates	Case-1	Case-2
		Ministers	Ministers
April (30)	3		
	12		
May (31)	3	R	
	12		R
June (30)	3		
	12		
July (31)	3		
	12	P	P
August (31)	3		
	12		

Reference:

Q and T took oath on consecutive turns but not in same month.

Q took oath on the odd numbered date of the month which has 31 days.

Inference:

One more case arises from Case-2 which is named as Case-2A.

Months (no. of days)	Dates	Case-1	Case-2	Case-2A
		Ministers	Ministers	Ministers
April (30)	3			
	12			T
May (31)	3	R		Q
	12		R	R
June (30)	3			
	12	T	T	
July (31)	3	Q	Q	
	12	P	P	P
August (31)	3			
	12			

Reference:

X took oath just before Y, who took oath on an even numbered date of the month which has only 31 days.

Inference:

In all the three cases X and Y took oath in the month of August.

Months (no. of days)	Dates	Case-1	Case-2	Case-2A
		Ministers	Ministers	Ministers
April (30)	3			
	12			T
May (31)	3	R		Q
	12		R	R
June (30)	3			
	12	T	T	
July (31)	3	Q	Q	
	12	P	P	P
August (31)	3	X	X	X
	12	Y	Y	Y

Reference:

V took oath in the month which has only 30 days but not in the month of April.
Only one person took oath between V and W.

Inference:

Case-1 eliminated as no place left for V to take oath.

Months (no. of days)	Dates	Case-1 [Eliminated]	Case-2	Case-2A
		Ministers	Ministers	Ministers
April (30)	3			
	12			T
May (31)	3	R	W	Q
	12		R	R
June (30)	3		V	V
	12	T	T	
July (31)	3	Q	Q	W
	12	P	P	P
August (31)	3	X	X	X
	12	Y	Y	Y

Reference:

Only two persons took oath between S and Q.

Inference:

Case-2 eliminated as no place left for Q in accordance with the given hint.
Thus the only left place is assigned to U.

Months (no. of days)	Dates	Case-2 [Eliminated]	Case-2A
		Ministers	Ministers
April (30)	3		U
	12		T
May (31)	3	W	Q
	12	R	R
June (30)	3	V	V
	12	T	S
July (31)	3	Q	W
	12	P	P
August (31)	3	X	X
	12	Y	Y

Answers :

1. Following the common explanation, we have

S took oath immediately after the one who took oath on 3rd June.

Hence, option B is correct.

2. Following the common explanation, we have

T took oath on 12th April.

Hence, option D is correct.

3. Following the common explanation, we have

4 persons took oath after S.

Hence, option C is correct.

4. Following the common explanation, we have

U took oath at first.

Hence, option A is correct.

5. Following the common explanation, we have

Y is the odd one out as only Y took oath on 12th in the month.

Hence, option C is correct.





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