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Consider the following statements : I. Anadyr in Siberia and Nome in Alaska are a few kilometers from each other, but when people are waking up and getting set for breakfast in these cities, it would be different days. II. When it is Monday in Anadyr, it is Tuesday in Nome. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) I only (b) II only (c) Both I and II (d) Neither I nor II
Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

I only. The two towns are a short hop across the Bering Strait but on opposite sides of the **International Date Line**, so the calendar date can differ.

(b)

- **II only. II has the days backwards:** Anadyr (Russia, UTC+12) is ahead of Nome (Alaska, UTC-9). Monday in Anadyr is still Sunday in Nome.

(c)

Both. II fails.

(d)

Neither. I holds.

Summary

Official key is (a) I only. Anadyr and Nome sit either side of the date line, so breakfast can be on different calendar days. When it is Monday in Anadyr it is still Sunday in Nome, not Tuesday - II reverses the order. (c) both.

Related possible facts

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International Date Line

Zigzags the 180th meridian. Cross east and you drop a day.

Anadyr, Chukotka

Russia's eastern town. UTC+12.

Nome, Alaska

US side of the Bering Strait. Alaska time.

Diomedede Islands

Big Diomedede (Russia) and Little Diomedede (US) - the 'tomorrow/yesterday' pair in the same strait.

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