**Question :**

Give traces by showing how the keys E A S Y Q U E S T I O N are sorted with top-down mergesort.

**Solution :**

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| **0** | **1** | **2** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** |
| E | A | S | Y | Q | U | E | S | T | I | O | N |
| **A** | **E** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | **S** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **A** | **E** | **S** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Q** | **Y** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **U** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Q** | **U** | **Y** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **A** | **E** | **Q** | **S** | **U** | **Y** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **E** | **S** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **T** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **E** | **S** | **T** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **I** | **O** |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **I** | **N** | **O** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **E** | **I** | **N** | **O** | **S** | **T** |
| **A** | **E** | **E** | **I** | **N** | **O** | **Q** | **S** | **S** | **T** | **U** | **Y** |