

## Explanation A

The method `getFormat(date)` calculates the format of a given date.

The assertion in line 8 checks if the method outputs the same value as in the variable `format`.

Internally, the method computes and returns the value of the variable `result`. However,

- In V1, `result` is assigned in line 15 to be `"yyyy"` as `date.year` causes the `"if"` statement in line 12 to evaluate to `false`.
- In V2, despite the change in line 12, the `"if"` statement in line 12 also evaluates to `false`.

The variable `result` is, thus, also assigned in line 15 but, due to the change in this line, its value is `"yy"`. Then, in both versions, the variable `result` is further reassigned in lines 17, 19, and 21, based on its previous value and the output of the methods `getMonthFormat` (line 17), `getDayFormat` (line 19), and `getTimeFormat` (line 21) applied on `tokenLen`.

In summary, the change leads to a difference in computing the value of `result` in V1 and V2:

in V1, `result` for such inputs is prefixed with `"yyyy"` and is equal to the prefix of the variable `format` defined in line 2. In V2, it is rather prefixed with `"yy"`. This difference causes the output of `getFormat(date)` to differ from `format` in line 8.

## Explanation B

The method `getFormat(date)` calculates the format of a given date.

The assertion in line 8 checks if the method outputs the same value as in the variable `format`.

Internally, the method computes and returns the value of the variable `result`. However,

- In V1, `result` is assigned in line 15 to be `"yyyy"` as `date.year` causes the `"if"` statement in line 12 to evaluate to `false`.
- In V2, despite the change in line 12, the `"if"` statement in line 12 also evaluates to `false`.

The variable `result` is, thus, also assigned in line 15 but, due to the change in this line, its value is `"yy"`. Then, in both versions, the variable `result` is further reassigned in line 21 to be a function of its previous value.

In summary, the change leads to a difference in computing the value of `result` in V1 and V2:

in V1, `result` for such inputs is prefixed with `"yyyy"` and is equal to the prefix of the variable `format` defined in line 2. In V2, it is rather prefixed with `"yy"`. This difference causes the output of `getFormat(date)` to differ from `format` in line 8.

## Explanation C

The method `getFormat(date)` calculates the format of a given date.

In this code, the year of the input parameter `date` is initialized in line 4 as `"003"`.

The assertion in line 8 checks if the method outputs the same value as in the variable `format`, i.e., `"yyyyMMddHH:mm:ss"` set in line 2.

Internally, the method computes and returns the value of the variable `result`. However,

- In V1, `result` is assigned in line 15 to be `"yyyy"` as `date.year` causes the `"if"` statement in line 12 to evaluate to `false`:  
`date.year` is `"003"` and, thus, its length is not equal to 2.
- In V2, despite the change in line 12, the `"if"` statement in line 12 also evaluates to `false`:  
`date.year` is `"003"` and, thus, its length is not  $\geq 4$ .

The variable `result` is, thus, also assigned in line 15 but, due to the change in this line, its value is `"yy"`. Then, in both versions, the variable `result` is further reassigned in line 21 to be a function of its previous value.

In summary, the change leads to a difference in computing the value of `result` in V1 and V2



for inputs with years given as 3 digits, e.g., `"003"`:

in V1, `result` for such inputs is prefixed with `"yyyy"` and is equal to the prefix of the variable `format` defined in line 2. In V2, it is rather prefixed with `"yy"`. This difference causes the output of `getFormat(date)` to differ from `format` in line 8.



**Notations:** Colored backgrounds highlight the differences between the views.

FYI: Views are given below again, for your reference.



## View A

V1	V2
1 public static void main(String[] args){	1 public static void main(String[] args){
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8  assertEquals(format, getFormat(date));	8  assertEquals(format, getFormat(date));
9 }	9 }
10 public String getFormat(Date date){	10 public String getFormat(Date date){
11	11
12 if (date.year.length() == 2) [false]	12 if (date.year.length() >= 4) [false]
13 result = "yy";	13 result = "yyyy";
14 else	14 else
15 result = "yyyy";	15 result = "yy";
16	16
17 result = result+getMonthFormat(tokenLen);	17 result = result+getMonthFormat(tokenLen);
18	18
19 result = result+getDayFormat(tokenLen);	19 result = result+getDayFormat(tokenLen);
20	20
21 result = result+getTimeFormat(tokenLen);	21 result = result+getTimeFormat(tokenLen);
22 return result;	22 return result;
23 }	23 }

## View B

V1	V2
1 public static void main(String[] args){	1 public static void main(String[] args){
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8  assertEquals(format, getFormat(date));	8  assertEquals(format, getFormat(date));
9 }	9 }
10 public String getFormat(Date date){	10 public String getFormat(Date date){
11	11
12 if (date.year.length() == 2) [false]	12 if (date.year.length() >= 4) [false]
13 result = "yy";	13 result = "yyyy";
14 else	14 else
15 result = "yyyy";	15 result = "yy";
16	16
17	17
18	18
19	19
20	20
21 result = Func1(result);	21 result = Func1(result);
22 return result;	22 return result;
23 }	23 }

## View C

V1	V2
1 public static void main(String[] args){	1 public static void main(String[] args){
2 String format = "yyyyMMddHH:mm:ss";	2 String format = "yyyyMMddHH:mm:ss";
3 Date date = new Date();	3 Date date = new Date();
4 date.year = "003";	4 date.year = "003";
5	5
6	6
7	7
8  assertEquals(format, getFormat(date));	8  assertEquals(format, getFormat(date));
9 }	9 }
10 public String getFormat(Date date){	10 public String getFormat(Date date){
11	11
12 if (date.year.length() == 2) [false]	12 if (date.year.length() >= 4) [false]
13 result = "yy";	13 result = "yyyy";
14 else	14 else
15 result = "yyyy";	15 result = "yy";
16	16
17	17
18	18
19	19
20	20
21 result = Func1(result);	21 result = Func1(result);
22 return result;	22 return result;
23 }	23 }