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Solution to This Week's Endgame Study

1 Ra3/i Rg6/ii 2 d7/iii Rd6 3 Rxa7 Kg6/iv 4 Ra6 and wins.

i) 1 Rxa7+ Kg6 2 d7 Rh3+ 3 Kg2 Rh8 4 Ra5 Kf6 5 Rd5 Rd8 6 Kf3 Kf5 (6...Ke6 7. Ke4)

ii) 1...Rxa3 2 d7 Ra1+ 3 Kg2 Ra2 4 d8Q Rxc2+ 5 Kf3 Kg6 6 Qe7 Rc3+ 7 Kg4 Re3 8 Qd6+ Kf7 9 Kf5 and wins; 1...Rg7 2 Rh3+ Kg8 3 Rg3 and wins.

iii) 2 Rh3+ Kg7 3 Rg3 Rxg3 4 d7 Rh3+ 5 Kg2 Rh8 and Black wins.)

iv) 3...Kh8 4 Ra8+ Kg7 5 d8Q

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