Shown below are six containers that contain various liquids. Blocks of various solids are suspended in the liquids by being hung from a supporting rod. All of these blocks are the same size, but they have different masses (labeled as $M_{b}$ ) since they are made of different materials. All of the containers have the same volume of liquid, but the masses of these liquids vary (labeled $M_{l}$ ) since the liquids are different. Specific values for the masses of the blocks and the liquids are given in each figure. The volume of the blocks is one-fifth the volume of the liquids.

Rank these situations, from greatest to least, on the basis of the mass of the liquids displaced by the blocks.


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M_{b}=40 \mathrm{~g}
$$

$$
M_{l}=200 \mathrm{~g}
$$



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\begin{aligned}
& M_{b}=40 \mathrm{~g} \\
& M_{l}=120 \mathrm{~g}
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
M_{b}=50 \mathrm{~g}
$$

$$
M_{l}=200 \mathrm{~g}
$$


$M_{b}=20 \mathrm{~g}$
$M_{l}=80 \mathrm{~g}$


$$
\begin{aligned}
& M_{b}=30 \mathrm{~g} \\
& M_{l}=150 \mathrm{~g}
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
& M_{b}=30 \mathrm{~g} \\
& M_{l}=120 \mathrm{~g}
\end{aligned}
$$

Greatest Mass $\qquad$ 2 $\qquad$ 3 $\qquad$ 4 $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ Least Mass
Or, all of the masses of the liquids displaced by the blocks are the same. $\qquad$
Please carefully explain your reasoning.

How sure were you of your ranking? (circle one)
Basically Guessed
1
23
3
4
5

Sure
6

|  |  | Very Sure |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

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