

- 1) yes – a reverse showing 17+ and 5-4 in suits
- 2) wrong –opener did indeed reverse BUT they only had 13 pts. They should have contented themselves with a rebid of 2H
- 3) correct. It would have been an error to reverse into the Hrts with only 14pts
- 4) correct – a reverse yes and with only 15 which is allowed as partner has promised 10+ with their 2C response
- 5) This one is a problem. It was wrong to reverse with only 15. Openers rebid should be ....?  
( well for me 1NT is right showing 15/16; others might suggest 2D –am 100% against that idea but at least it is better than reversing with the 2H bid )
- 6) perfect.
- 7) opener has 17 ( they reversed) but we have only 6 and so cant get too high. Simple preference to 3D seems about right,
- 8) again opener has 17 and we have 10 so need to get our skates on – a bid of 3NT is correct and anything else is wrong
- 9) 8 diamonds. Ok >? Cant keep publishing questions like this. Against SIX nts DON'T lead 4<sup>th</sup> highest –lead top of touching hons or top of nothing. Whether you have 3 or 4 or 5 cards makes no difference
- 10) More interesting – the choices are :-
  - a) 9 clubs    b) 4 diamonds    and that's it.Either could work. Most modern experts would “go for it” against six of a suit and lead a small diamond. The lead of the Ace Hrts would almost always be wrong ( and if nothing else will persuade you not to lead that card ) it will reveal that you are a beginner if you do. Ok ?
- 11) Carrying on with hearts would be a good idea if we knew partner held the K, So we needed to know which card partner played at trick 1 . ie a HIGH encouraging heart or a LOW discouraging heart, In the absence of such information ( or playing with a partner who never signals ) you better switch to the 10 clubs ( and look for a new partner)
- 12) The finesse is a mongrel finesse (or a dog's dinner to keep the canine theme ).

Lead the 2 spades to the J. Assuming that wins .  
Play the Ace spades.  
Any other play in spades is completely wrong.

13) you should play a club. This sort of play comes hard to people. The facts though are that you have 8 easy Top Tricks. A 9<sup>th</sup> may be got ( “may”) from a successful heart finesse BUT 100% can be got by establishing a long club. Do you see ? you have J1098 clubs. After the A then the K then the Q have been “knocked” out your remaining club will 100% of the time be a winner. It takes time but is correct.Keep leading clubs until a 9<sup>th</sup> trick falls into your lap.