

Homework answers –review topics

1)

- (i) the 2 [the Q wouldn't make so don't play it + no need to play the 9]
NB unless you have touching Hons , 2nd player ALWAYS plays the Higher or the Lower
- (ii) J Hrts –splitting your (touching) hons
- (iii) K diamonds – maybe you don't need to BUT its possible that you will not make your K unless you play it now
- (iv) The 3 clubs without doubt. You WILL get another chance to make your Ace and generally one prefers to play an Ace on an honour

2)

- (i) Q sp –covering an hon with an hon [you hope partner has the 10 spades]
- (ii) K Hrts –c.a.h.w.a.h [maybe partner has the J or 10]
- (iii) the 2. No point in covering as partner does NOT have the J or 10 (or 9)
- (v) K –

3)

- (i) takeout -always quite strong when doubling a preempt
- (ii) take out
- (iii) penalty –

(A) ----- ii bog standard take out with 12+ pts and shortage in bid suit

(B)----- (iii) penalty NB you have 4 x good trumps AND some points AND partner had made a bid. Nearly every penalty of a freely bid suit contract requires those 3 distinct elements

(C) ----- i now you need a strong hand to ask partner to bid at the 3 (or 4) level.
Approx 16 is standard

4) 3Diamonds. OK? You do know what 2NT meant I suppose ? Good.

5)

(i) there are 4 losers. You will need to trump a heart in dummy at some stage. It is essential to do it straight away (while you still have trumps in the dummy. NB the shorter the trumps in the dummy the faster you should be ruffing in the dummy).
Win K Hrts then play Ace Hrts then ruff a Heart –then draw trumps.

(ii) same old same old EXCEPT and it's a big EXCEPT there are four trumps in the dummy and you don't need to trump a heart (yet). Draw trumps. Then . Draw trumps some more. When you have drawn the opponents trumps you trump a heart.

(iii) 4 losers and a problem. If you draw trumps (straight away) you will lose 4 x tricks. Ace Spades + K + J hrts and Ace clubs. You need to dispose of (discard) a heart loser before drawing trumps and losing the lead. Play K diamonds , then Q diamonds overtaking with the Ace, then J diamonds discarding a heart-Now draw trumps. You will lose only Ace Spades + K hrts and Ace clubs.