

Answers--- ruffs

- 1) Need to ruff a heart in dummy. NB there is a SHORTAGE of hearts in dummy.
Shall I draw trumps first ? No coz there is a SHORTAGE of trumps in dummy ...
Easy isnt it ?
Win Ace clubs , play Ace hrts play K hrts , trump a heart in dummy. Draw trumps.
- 2) Pretty much the same answer as above ! Hope they are not all going to be like this.
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lead a trump to get to declarer's hand ; trump a heart in dummy. Draw trumps.
- 3)a variation. We have LONG trumps in dummy.
We do though have a shortage of clubs in dummy.
Draw trumps -might take 3 rounds .
Then small club (loses).
Win return when we can and then trump a club in dummy . Makes 11 tricks.
- 4) No shortage in dummy in a suit that we can ruff. Yes we have short clubs but we also have short clubs in declarers hand. Ahem .. SO
next idea , do we have a long suit in dummy ? (yes) , then we can try to establish it by ruffing.
Win KING clubs (important to win in hand) ; DRAW TRUMPS (WE DO THAT BECAUSE although there are short trumps in dummy we are not going to do any ruffing in dummy.)
Play A + K diamonds + then ruff a diamonds. With luck the remaining diamonds are winners -now go to Ace clubs [good job its there in the dummy what ?) and play winning diamonds.
- 5) I thought first that I had mistyped this one (and would incur endless emails from a particular correspondent) but I hadnt. It can be solved. The important point is that I nearly didnt see how it should be played and I set the problem !!
So -taking some time and then some more to solve these questions will pay off.
Its a **shortage** in dummy type problem and not the LONG suit in dummy type.
Not many trumps in dummy so dont draw any.
Win Ace clubs and lead another club to create void in dummy.
When you next have the lead trump a club in dummy. Then draw trumps.
- 6) NO ! opener has reversed showing 17 pts. The correct rebid was Pass or 2H
- 7)Yes fine
- 8) NO! cant rebid ONLY 2H with 16 pts . Correct call is 3H (15-17) and a six card suit

- 9) NO! bad luck if you thought it was ok to reverse on this . Yes you have 17pts BUT you also need a 5-----4 shape. The right rebid was 2NT
- 10) The 5C sacrifice looks cheap. How many off ? 1 or 2 ? I dont know but even when doubled that will be only minus 300 at this vulnerability. Did any of you look fondly at the four hearts (the opponents suit ?) ; they are important but for an odd reason - the fact that you have four hearts makes it a racing certainty that partner will have NONE. (think about it). So partner will be ruffing hearts from the off. Maybe 5C wont even be a sacrifice !
- 11) Well we know to protect in last seat over a SUIT. What bid ? we are balanced , we have 10----14 , we bid 1NT
- 12) (i) negative no Ace + king ie 0-----7 (ii) positive A+K
 (iii) semi-positive ie values (say) 6-----10 and 4 spades
 (iii) positive) A + K and 4 spades.