

Homework answers –Acol 2C

- 1) 2H was wrong (would show an Ace and a King); 2D would have been right
- 2) responders bid of 4H was wrong –should have been 2NT to show a second negative. “What difference does it make?” I hear a particular person cry –“I will bid 4H next time anyway”; trouble is if u don’t bid 2NT opener might think you actually have something good and will bid six. You need a 1st neg to show the lack of points and the 2nd neg to say finally and definitely that although game might make that’s it.
- 3) Good
- 4) This is ok. Maybe responder should have bid 3H rather than 4H at their 3rd turn but its not too important
- 5) 3NT (25-27) 6) 2NT (23-24)
- 7) 3NT 8) 6NT
- 9)(iii) has only four losers (the two clubs and two of the hearts) so qualifies for a 2Club opener.
- 10) (a) 5sp (b) Qsp (c) 8 diamonds would u believe that some people still get those wrong ?
(d) is more interesting 3 diamonds is my answer BUT a case could be made for 3sp or even 5 hearts.
I chose diamonds as decided that suit was my strongest.
- 11) Hmmm my idea was to win the Ace spades and play Ace diamonds and lead another diamond (to partner’s presumed King); then partner could lead a diamond for me to ruff. Actually that will beat the contract 2 off .
If you don’t do that , there may be layouts where declarer can chuck a diamond or diamonds away so it has to be done.
- 12) Preserve the tenace. Need I say more. Oh alright
1)Ace sp 2) Qsp 3) 3sp ...with the possibility of finessing the 10 sp is necessary
- 13) You are in trouble ! (there are 4 losers). Only hope is to establish the long suit in dummy. Viz
1)Ace hearts 2) Ace diamonds 3) K diamonds 4) small diamond ruffed
5)Ace sp 6) Q sp 7) K sp 8) winning diamond 9) winning diamond
- 14) play the 8 hearts from dummy. This play guarantees 1 trick for you.
Nothing can go wrong e.g if the next player plays the 10 you win with the J; on the other hand had the “next player” beaten your 8 with their King and carried on with the suit ...eventually your J will make.
It is an exception to the 2 u do rule (and is known (by me) as one of the aTerrible Twos)

