Homework answers –killing the dummy

1) (i) Declarer played the Ace hrts from dummy (and didn't take the finesse of the Q Hrts
Then declarer drew trumps.
Finally dummy played the J diamonds (now a winner) and discarded the the losing Heart from declarer's hand.

(ii) Simply by following the A + K + Q diamonds with the 2 diamonds for their partner to trump. Collapse of stout declarer's hopes .

If the defenders inadvertently "set up" a trick in the dummy then they must "kill it off" before it can be used to discard a loser on.

2) Looking at things from declarer's perspective there are 3 x unavoidable losers.
[Ace + K diamonds + Ace sp] ; after that declarer still has a losing heart in their own hand BUT can hope to discard it on the Q or J diamonds.

For the defenders to stop that little game they must (have defended like this) :-

1)Ace diamonds ; 2) King diamonds ; 3) 2 diamonds /J from dummy *ruffed by the 3 spades (and overruffed)*
4) Declarer played a trump and the Ace spades won.
5)Then the 7 diamonds was led/Q from dummy *ruffed by the 5 spades (and overruffed)*

The defenders deliberately killed off the two cards (the J + Q diamonds) that they had set up.

3) i) 1S----------3D
3S----------4S
Pass

ii) 1S----------3D
3S----------4S
4NT----------5H
6S

4) 2 diamonds to the Ace diamonds.
You do this to preserve the tenace (and possibly take a finesse in diamonds)

NB if the diamonds were like this : Q102 ---------I----------AK7543
void
J986

You will not lose a diamond (and will make the contract).

5) you switch. It is always good play to lead the suit that has no honours in the dummy on your right. Ie hearts.
Lead a heart. K ? 7? 2? The 2 hrts would be normal play.