

Homework answers

1) 1S-----1NT
3H
19pts 5/4 shape

2) 1H-----1NT
3S
19pts 5/4 shape

3) 1H-----1NT
3NT
19pts balanced

4) 1S-----1NT
2H *

2NT* is a possibility here too. You either show 17/18 with 2NT or 2H to show 5/4

5) 1H-----1NT
Pass*

Is correct. 2H is a second choice. 2Sp is Bad !

6) 1H-----1S
4S

You have 19 and support so make the limit call of 4S

7) 1S-----1NT
2C-----2H*

Its correct to go back to the HRts even with 2 cards

8) 1H-----1S
3H Pass

The 3H bid wasnt forcing (15-17) so pass with min

9) 1H-----1S
3C-----3H

3C was game forcing so set the suit low (at 3 level) and a cue bid or two later and away to 6/7

10) 1D-----1H
2S-----3C
3NT

3C* 4th suit forcing was neat (and worked well). If you bid 3D (and not 3C) it will get murky and unless someone guesses well, go wrong

11) 1S-----1NT
3H-----4H
Pass.

NB opener had shown 19 and so has no more to say. Compare Q)9

12) i) top of nothing. So declarer holds the K + Q + J (+ 10)

ii) Declarer has shown 9 pts so cant have anything else so partner holds the Ace diamonds.

If we switch now to a diamond ,partner wins , continues the suit and in due course we will make the Q + 10 diamonds + A sp to go with the Ace H and Ace D. Declarer might make 8 tricks with club finesses but not 9.

Someone will say -but why did partner lead a heart ? they only had three hearts? There could be reasons (and it it aint important Ph*****a) but work it out if interested. Am happy to *disconfirm* any wrong theories.

13) You can only make this contract if the diamond finesse works.

Obviously taking the diamond finesse more than once increases your chances of success.

i) trump the club ii) Ace hrts iii) Q Hrts *trumped in dummy* iv) 5 diamonds to the J
vi) K hrts *trumped in dummy* vii) 6 diamonds to the Q viii) -----xii) draw trumps

14) i) win Ace spades.

And thats it.

If you win the Ace spades at trick one and play diamonds , then nothing can stop you. If you waited when weak at trick 1 uh oh ...you are in trouble. See below for when that founders. The point to get is that the 9843-----A10 is NOT weak.

The 9 and 10 actually makes you robust enough to withstand spade leads.

if you w.w.w. at trick 1 and the layout was as here :-

A10
KQJ65 ----- ----- 72
9843

you go down.

ie i) K sp wins ii) the 5 sp is led and the Ace wins

Now if the original leader holds the Ace diamonds they get in and run three more sp tricks.