

## Homework answers -bidding 2NT

1)       N       E       S  
1) 1S------(p) -----2C

No need for South (EVER) to reply 2NT when there is no intervening bid.

2)       N       E       S  
1S       2D       2NT

This is more reasonable ( and difficult to find an alternative call\*).

\*perhaps a penalty double might be tried but there are problems with that. 2NT is normal.

3) Hmmmm... well 2NT isn't really right but one can live with it.  
The "correct" call is 2D but one can see why that wasn't chosen.

4) Perfect. The 2NT call in competition shows 11-12 pts and stop(s) in the interveners suit.

5) 1s-----2D  
2NT-----3NT

(b) 1s----- 2H  
3H -----(4H)

6) 2sp to the Q sp ( for a simple finesse). Then. The Ace spades hoping the K will drop.

That was a mongrel finesse in case u wanna know

6)2sp to the Ace sp. Then. 4sp to the Q sp.

A Chinese finesse.

7) Play the Ace sp. This is a S.W.S. situation.

NB the 10xxx ----Ax is not WEAK ( and so we don't play w.w.w. ).

You hope either the 10 will make a trick (later) or will at least stop the run of the suit when the opponents lead it. It is having four cards to the 10 that is important.

If your spades had been (only) 1043 -----A2 that would be a bog standard w.w.w.

8) (i) you can try to ruff a heart in dummy.

Win Ace hrts and send a heart back to create a void in dummy.

(ii) you must try to discard a losing heart o winning diamonds.

e.g play Ace diamonds; play J diamonds AND overtake with the Q diamonds; finally play the K diamonds and discard a heart.

You had to do all that before drawing trumps lest the opponents win with the Ace trumps and take 2 x hearts and a club.