Homework answers – rules n regs

1)a)

N	E	S	W
1H	[STOP]2NT	[STOP]4H	P
P			

b)

N	S
[STOP] 2C *	(alert 2C*) 2D*
{alert 2D*} 2H	2NT*
(alert 2NT*)3D	[STOP]4H

Ie whenever a player made a convention call (shown with an asterix) their partner had to alert it *before* making their own call . NB the STOP card is taken up after 10 seconds or so. The Alert card could be left on the table for the whole auction (it often isnt but could be)

c)

N	E	S	W
1C	2C*	3C	(alert 2C*)[STOP] 4SP

2)

	N	E	S	W
	1NT	2C	2H	3C
Hesitation hesitation	Pass	Pass	3H	

So ..was South “worth” their call of 3H or were they influenced by the hesitation ? .Am afraid that Souths bid was not the normal bid and should be ruled as illegal.
Now this may be bad news for South who is the most ethical player you might meet but who likes to “have a go” in competitive auctions (and bid one for the road). Unfortunately partner’s hesitations have all but debarred South from bidding. The moral is don’t hesitate when you have nothing to think about.

3) East should lead with their card face down . They will then ask you if you have any questions. As you would like to clear up what the opponent’s bids meant you answer “ yes (I have a question)”. Youthen proceed to ask South what 2H* and 3C* meant; then ask N what 2NT* meant.
Finally you ask partner to turnover the card they had led face down.

4) a) 2Sp b) 2C c) 2C d) 2NT (yes 2NT –nothing is better)

5) (i) 1NT ie 6-----9 pts
(ii) 2H ie 6---9 pts and *may* be only 3 cards in a competitive auction when 1NT is Not possible
(iii) 2H ie 6---9 pts and *may* be only 3 cards in a competitive auction when 1NT is NOT possible. Did you realise you couldn’t bid 1NT as the opps has bid spades and you have no stops in spades ? Good.

6) Try the 8 clubs, NB partner’s double of the conventional call of 2C was a lead directing double asking for a club lead.

7) (i) on the lead of the Q hrts)
No problem here. Draw trumps and then play K + Q clubs , overtaking the Q clubs with the Ace. Then play J clubs to throw a diamond; then the 10 clubs to throw a hrt.

(ii) on the lead of the Q diamonds.
Now theres a problem. You cant afford to lead trumps as the opponents will win the K diamonds after they take their Ace spades. The answer is that you have to discard a diamond before drawing trumps. Play K + Q clubs , overtaking the Q clubs with the Ace. Then play J clubs to throw a diamond;then draw trumps.