

Answers Thurs 29 Jan

1) N E S W
 1S 3H P P

yes west passes because 12 pts isnt enough to raise a weak jump overcall

2) N E S W
 1d 2s P P

same

3) N E S W
 1S 2H * P P

* E bids TWO hearts because they are too strong for a W.J.O

4) N E S W
 1d P 3D P

well that was a damp squib -the point if there was one was that East needs a SIX card suit for a Jump overcall

5) N E S W
 1S 3H P 4H

no problem - Easts bid shows 10-15 and W with 13 bids one for the road

6) N E S W
 1S 1S* P 3S

* East bids ONE spade as they dont have a SIX card suit

7) N E S W
 1S Pass* 2S P

* because East is playing I.J.O they cant bid with this weak hand

8) N E S W
 1d 2S 3D 3Sp *

* a bit tricky -one doesnt like to support with a doubleton BUT partner is known to have a SIX card suit which helps (and the doubleton is the KJ afterall)

9) N E S W
 1S 3H 3S 4H

unexceptional

10) N E S W
 1D ????

East cannot bid 2s (no SIX card suit)
what they should bid is my secret for the time being

11) N E S W
 1s p p 1NT *

* remember ? 1NT in the protective seat is 10-----14

12) N E S W
 1h p p 1Sp *

* again a bid in the last seat as an overcall can be made on less

13) 2C -----2D
 2H-----2S
 3H-----4H
 6H

OK its a guess but the bid of 2Sp shewed a little something -with nothing responder would bid 2NT as a second neg. Hope you appreciate these nuggets of wisdom.

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14) 12 tricks are easy as long as you trump a heart in dummy BEFORE drawing the trumps

15) you need to discard two spades on the diamonds BEFORE drawing trumps

T1) Ace sp T2) Ace diamonds (unblocking play) T3) Ace cl

T4) K diamonds throwing a sp T5) Q diamonds throwing a spade T6) draw trumps

16) 8 sp -----NO alternative.