

Homework answers -chinese finesses

1) I started in spades with :
QJ43 -----A872

I led the Q (which won) ; this left :
J43-----A87

My next move is to lead the 3 to the Ace.

2) After the first trick the position is :
A87 -----J42
Next I lead the 2 to the Ace.

3) Now lead the Ace sp.

4) Now lead the Ace.

5) i) lead the 3 Sp to the Ace.
ii) lead the 2 to the Q

6) i) lead the Ace sp
ii) lead the 3Sp to the Q

7) The original Diamond position was :
J1043 -----A652
{we led the J diamonds and that lost -we now have left :}
1043 -----A65
Now we lead the 3 to the Ace

8) We started in Dis with :
A54-----J1076
We now have left :
A5 -----1076
Now we lead the 6 to the Ace.

9){numbered as (7) }

These are examples of how to play poor trumps.
The spades were :
Q432 -----K765

We led the 2 to the K and the K won { rather revealing where the Ace is don't you know?}

Now with :
Q43 -----K76
Lead the 6 and duck it DO NOT PLAY THE QUEEN

10) (numbered as (8))

The spades were:

Q765 -----K432

We led the 2 to the Q which won.

Now with :

765 -----K43

lead the 5 and duck it DO NOT PLAY THE KING.

I see the numbered questions on the second sheet of the homework start at Q) 9.

9) 1Sp -----2Sp (6-9)

10) 1Sp -----3Sp (10 -12).

we do have 10 - do u see how /

11)1Sp -----2D

start of a DGR

12) 1Sp -----3D

too strong for a DGR; use a J.S.

13)1S-----4C

splinter

14)1Sp-----4Sp

gambling raise; nice hand of course
and u will make game but slams need more
high cards/controls.Settle for Game.

15)N might bid 1NT. NB this reopening 1NT does not promise 15/16 -it might be made
with as many as 19 pts.

An alternative bid is Double - ie ordering partner to bid.

I rate 1NT as 9/10 and Double as 7/10

16)Good problem !

Either 3D or Double. Which is best ?

I actually prefer Double {and would bid that} but

I will score the bids : 3 D as 8/10 and Double as 7.5/10

17) A43

Lead the Ace of partner's suit ALWAYS.

18)972

Lead a low card from length in partner's suit

Do NOT lead top of nothing because partner will think you have led a Hi-LO doubleton.

no question 19)

20) Q72

Lead a low card from length.

Yes the answers to Q) 18 and Q) 20 are the same and yes there may sometimes
be some ambiguity about this , but that is still the best way to lead from these holdings.

