

Homework answers { dated Nov 10 ) Nov 22

1) 5sp + 4 H

2) 5H + 5 C

3) 6D + 5 H .... did you get this one right ?

if you thought the answer should have been 5H + 5D you hadbnt thought that with *that* shape the higher suit is opened first. ie 5-5 open highest

4)5H + 5C

5)5S + 5 H

6)6S + 6H !!!

7)5S + 5 H

8) 6C + 5H { see answer to # 3 }

9) 5D + 5C

10) 5S + 4H

11)6H + 5S NB responder if 5-5 in H + S would have bid spades first  
ie with 5-5 bid highest first

12) 5S + 5C

13) 6-9 pts with 6 + diamonds { and probably 2 or less Hrts }

14)6-9 pts with 6 + Hrts { and probably 2 or less sp }

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16)1S-----2C  
2H -----3NT

17) 1S-----2C  
2H-----3NT  
4H-----Pass

18)1D-----1H  
2D-----2S  
3H-----4H

19)The contract depends on finding the Q SP { not losing to the Q Sp }.  
As the bidder might have the Q to make up their points for the overcall  
I will finesse them for the Q.

I will play a small spade from hand and lead towards the dummy-I will play the 10 from the dummy. Good job I know all about two-way finesses.....

20) Again I mustn't lose a trick to the Q sp. { I will lose to the A + K diamonds + Ace clubs }. Although I suspect the overcaller to have the Q sp I will NOT be finessing { at all }. With 9 spades I will play for the drop { 8 ever /9 never }-I play Ace spades and then K spades . I expect the Q to drop whoever holds it.

21) 1Sp-----2D  
2H-----3C 4th suit forcing  
3NT

North is declarer in 3NT

22) 1S-----2H  
4H -----Pass

S was declarer in a suit contract

23) 1D-----1H  
2D-----2S {reverse by responder}  
3C-----3NT

S was declarer in 3NT

24) 1S-----2D  
2NT-----3S checkback  
4S -----Pass.

N was declarer in a suit contract.

25) Win Ace Hrts and send a small Hrt back { to create a void in the dummy } is a good line. { or duck the lead of the Q Hrts intending to ruff a Hrt in dummy in due course }

26) Our answer to 25 above seems ok.

You could instead though play K + Q diamonds *overtaking* the Q with the Ace in dummy ,  
play the J diamonds and throw a Hrt. ie discarding from a wide open suit.