

## Homework answers-review of odds n s...

- 1) Poor play. Declarer should play Ace + King of diamonds from the top (expecting the suit to break ) -9 would then be there.
- 2) Good play. Finesse better than playing for 3-3 spade break.
- 3) Poor play. (if understandable !)  
Declarer should finesse the Queen of diamonds .-11 would then be there.
- 4) Good play.-should make 10 tricks.
- 5) Poor play. Declarer should try to establish the diamond suit playing for a 3-2 break.  
{either :i) win with K clubs and *duck* a diamond  
or :ii) win with Ace Clubs and play A + K and another diamond }
- 6) Poor play. Declarer should play Ace + King of diamonds from the top and then another diamond (expecting the suit to break ) -12 ! would then be there.
- 7) only ii).The point is this -if *you* open a preempt and partner bids a new suit, it is assumed that partner's bid is strong and forcing ie *not* just a preempt like yours.

*Slightly gobbledygook question BUT*

- 8) the correct responses on all those hands should have been :  
i) Pass    ii) 3Sp    iii)3NT
- 9) a) 2NT    b) 3D    c) 4Sp    d)3Sp    e) 2NT

NB YES -the answers to c) and d) ARE CORRECT -no typo.

10) ii) medium

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12)i)weak NO its not Stayman *g.m.s*

13)iii)strong

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15)iii) strong NB although this sounds like a six card suit actually partner may feel compelled to jump to the 4 level to show their strength with only a 5 card suit sometimes.

(no question number -but 16 really )

16) It was a reasonable shot to bid 5C -the contract a)might even possibly make  
b) the opponents might be pushed to 5Sp c) the opponents might not double  
d) even if it did go down doubled it should not go far off and would be a fair sacrifice.  
The problem was ( as ever ) partner. Partner's overcall, bidding 2CI with that hand was numbskullish at best.

