

THE BRIDGE WORLD

MASTER SOLVERS' CLUB

JANUARY 2025 CONTEST

Problem A

Matchpoints; North-South vulnerable
You, South, hold:

♠ A Q 9 7 3 2 ♥ — ♦ A 10 9 ♣ J 7 4 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	—	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
?*			

*BWS: 2 ♦, 4 ♣ game-force

What call do you make?

Problem B

Imps; neither side vulnerable
You, South, hold:

♠ A K 8 4 ♥ K 8 4 ♦ 8 5 ♣ A 8 4 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
?			

What call do you make?

Problem C

Matchpoints; neither side vulnerable
You, South, hold:

♠ A J 9 5 ♥ A J 10 7 6 4 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ —

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♥	Pass	1 NT	Pass
?*			

*BWS: 2 ♠ forcing for one round

What call do you make?

Problem D

Matchpoints; neither side vulnerable
You, South, hold:

♠ K J ♥ J ♥ ♦ A 10 6 5 3 2 ♣ K J 6 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	—	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♠*	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
?			

*BWS: artificial game-force; 1 ♠ would have shown four-plus spades, any strength.

What call do you make?

Problem E

Matchpoints; neither side vulnerable
You, South, hold:

♠ A Q 9 4 ♥ J 10 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ 8 7 6 5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	1 ♦
1 ♠	2 ♥	Double*	Pass
?			

*BWS: three spades

What call do you make?

Problem F

Imps; both sides vulnerable
You, South, hold:

♠ K Q ♥ — ♦ 9 8 6 5 4 ♣ K 10 6 5 4 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
?			

What call do you make?

Problem G

Imps; neither side vulnerable
You, South, hold:

♠ K Q 5 3 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ J 4 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	—	—	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	2 ♥	Double*
?			

*three spades

What call do you make?

Problem H

Imps; both sides vulnerable
You, South, hold:

♠ J 5 3 2 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A 9 7 ♣ 10 6 4 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠*
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT*
Pass	4 NT	(All Pass)	

*East has shown a game-force with fewer than four spades

What is your opening lead?