

THE BRIDGE WORLD

MASTER SOLVERS' CLUB

JUNE 2025 CONTEST

Problem A

Matchpoints; both sides vulnerable

You, South, hold

♠ — ♥ K 10 6 ♦ A Q 10 8 ♣ A 10 9 8 5 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥*	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣†	Pass
?			

*BWS: one-round force; 3 ♥ would have been a natural game-force with five-five

†BWS: game-force

What call do you make?

Problem B

Imps; both sides vulnerable

You, South, hold:

♠ A 3 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ K Q J 7 6 ♣ 8 7 5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	—	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
?			

*BWS: 1 ♠ = four-plus spades, any strength; 2 ♠ = artificial game-force.

What call do you make?

Problem C

Matchpoints; East-West vulnerable

You, South, hold:

♠ K J 5 ♥ K Q 9 7 3 ♦ 9 ♣ A K 9 4

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

*BWS: game-force

†BWS: 5 ♣ picture bid (strong clubs)

What call do you make?

Problem D

Matchpoints; East-West vulnerable

You, South, hold:

♠ A 10 8 7 ♥ 9 5 4 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ A 3 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	4 ♥	4 ♠
?			

What call do you make?

Problem E

Imps; neither side vulnerable

You, South, hold:

♠ Q 10 8 ♥ A Q J 8 6 2 ♦ K ♣ K 6 5

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

What call do you make?

Problem F

Imps; North-South vulnerable

You, South, hold:

♠ 10 8 ♥ Q J 8 7 3 ♦ K Q 8 4 ♣ Q 8

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	1 ♦	2 ♣	Pass
?			

*BWS: 2 ♥ nonforcing

What call do you make?

Problem G

Imps; neither side vulnerable

You, South, hold:

♠ — ♥ J 7 6 2 ♦ K J 8 3 2 ♣ A Q 8 7

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	—	1 ♠	2 ♥
?			

What is your plan? (a) Pass; then, after (Pass) - Double - (Pass) - ?

(a1) pass (a2) 2 NT (a3) 3 ♥

(a4) 3 NT (a5) 4 ♦ (a6) 4 NT (a7) 5 ♦

(b) Double; then, after (Pass) -

2 ♠ - (Pass) - ? (b1) 2 NT (b2) 3 ♦

(b3) 3 ♥ (b4) 3 NT (b5) 4 ♦ (b6) 4 NT

(c) 2 NT (d) 3 ♦

Problem H

Matchpoints; neither side vulnerable

You, South, hold:

♠ Q 7 6 ♥ Q 10 7 2 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ Q 6 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

What is your opening lead?