

ASSIGNMENT ANSWERS

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1.
 - a) North's *artificial, limiting, and forcing* (one round) **1NT** response describes a hand with 6-12 points without four spades. North does not have three or more hearts with 6-9 points or four or more hearts with 10-12 points.
 - b) North's *natural, limiting, and invitational 3♥* standard response describes a hand with 10-12 points and at least four hearts (a standard limit raise).
 - c) North's *artificial, limiting, and forcing* (one round) **1NT** response describes a hand with 6-12 points. North does not have three or more spades with 6-9 points or four or more spades with 10-12 points.
 - d) North's *natural, limiting, and invitational* standard **1NT** response describes a hand with 6-9 points, less than three hearts and less than four spades. *A 1NT response is not forcing when it is made by a passed hand.*
 - e) North's *natural, limiting, and invitational* standard **1NT** describes a hand with 6-9 points, less than four diamonds if the partnership uses the short club or less than five diamonds if the partnership uses better of the minors, less than four hearts, and less than four spades.
 - f) North's *natural, limiting, and invitational* standard **1NT** after the overcall describes a hand with 6-9 points, less than three hearts, and a stopper in spades. *A 1NT response is not forcing when it is made after an overcall.*
2.
 - a) Using standard guidelines, a **1NT** response is *natural, limiting, and invitational*. It would describe a hand with only **6-9 points** holding less than four spades and less than three hearts.
 - b) No change.
 - c) Using standard guidelines, a **1NT** response is *natural, limiting, and invitational*. It would describe a hand with only **6-9 points** and less than three spades.
 - d) No change.
 - e) No change.
 - f) No change.
3.
 - a) **1NT** (*artificial, limiting, Forcing 1N*). You have three card support for partner's spades but you also have 11 dummy points, too many to respond a weak **2♠** and too few to respond a **2-Over-1 2♣**. Plan to show your three-card support on the next turn with a jump raise to three spades.
 - b) **3♥** (*natural, limiting, invitational, limit raise*). You have 11 dummy points and four-card heart support. The most descriptive bid is a standard limit raise.
 - c) **1♥** (*natural, unlimited, new suit forcing*). The most descriptive response is a standard new suit forcing bid of the four card major to promise at least 6 points. You can limit your hand to invitational strength on the next round.

4. a) **1NT** (*artificial, limiting, Forcing IN*). You can not support partner's spades and you do not have enough strength to respond with a **2-Over-1 2♣**.
- b) **2♥** (*natural, limiting, invitational*). You have four-card heart support but you only have 8 dummy points, not enough for a standard limit raise. The most descriptive response is a standard weak raise of opener's major.
5. a) **2♠** (*natural, limiting, invitational*). Describes a weak hand with 6-9 dummy points and some support for partner's spades. Because partner may have been forced to rebid clubs with at few as three, there might only be a six-card club fit. Given the seven-card spade fit (5+2), it is better to show the preference for spades.
- b) **2NT** (*natural, limiting, invitational*). Describes a hand with 10-12 high card points and stoppers in the two unbid suits.
- c) **PASS**. Describes a weak hand with 6-9 points and a preference for clubs. You know there is at least a seven-card (3+4) club fit and there is some chance that there is an eight-card (4+4) club fit. There is only a six-card (5+1) spade fit.

6. a)			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

6. b)			
East	South	West	North
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6. c)			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

6. a) 2-Over-1 Auction:

- **South opens 1♥** (*invitational, five-card major*): Describes a hand with 13-21 declarer points and at least five hearts and fewer spades than hearts.
- **North responds 1NT** (*forcing for one round*): Describes a hand with 6-12 points and less than four spades that does not have three or more hearts with 6-9 points or four hearts with 10-12 points.
- **South rebids 2♣** (*invitational*): Describes a hand with 13-16 points that usually has four clubs. But South is forced to bid the three-card club suit because no other rebid is possible. South knows the partnership has 21-27 total points (6+15 to 12+15) which might be enough to try a game contract.
- **North replies 2♥** (*invitational*): Describes a weak hand with 6-9 points and some support for hearts. North prefers the seven-card (5+2) heart fit over the sure six-card (3+3) club fit or the usual seven-card (4+3) club fit.
North can not bid the diamond suit for two reasons: The suit is weak and North has some support for both of South's suits.
- **South passes**: South now knows that the partnership only has 21-24 (6+15 to 9+15) total points so there is little or no chance to make a game contract.

b) 2-Over-1 Auction:

- **South opens 1♠** (*invitational, five-card major*): Describes a hand with 13-21 declarer points and at least five spades.
- **North responds 1NT** (*forcing for one round*): Describes a hand with 6-12 points that does not have three spades with 6-9 points or four spades with 10-12 points.
- **South rebids 2♦** (*invitational*): Describes a hand with 13-16 points that usually has four diamonds. But South is forced to bid the three-card diamond suit because no other rebid is possible. South knows the partnership has 19-25 total points (6+13 to 12+13) which is usually not enough to try a game contract.
- **North replies 3♦** (*invitational*): Describes a medium hand with 10-12 points and at least five diamonds in case South was forced to rebid with only three diamonds. North prefers the sure eight-card (3+5) diamond fit or the usual nine-card diamond fit (4+5) over the sure seven-card (5+2) spade fit.
- **South passes:** A partnership total of only 23-25 (10+23 to 12+13) points is not enough to make a five-level minor suit game. With a minimum opener, South passes.

c) 2-Over-1 Auction:

- **South opens 1♠** (*invitational, five-card major*): Describes a hand with 13-21 declarer points and at least five spades.
- **North responds 1NT** (*forcing for one round*): North has three card spade support but with 11 dummy points, North is too strong to respond with a weak 2♠ and too weak to respond a 2-Over-1 2♦. So North describes a hand with 6-12 points that does not have three spades with 6-9 points or four spades with 10-12 points.
- **South rebids 2♣** (*invitational*): Describes a hand with 13-16 points that usually has four clubs but might only have three. With 15 declarer points, South knows the partnership has 21-27 total points (6+15 to 12+15) which means a game is possible.
- **North replies 3♠** (*invitational*): Describes a medium hand with 10-12 points and three spades (a three-card limit raise).
- **South bids the 4♠ game:** Now that South knows the partnership has 25-27 (10+15 to 12+15) total points with an eight-card spade fit, South tries for the game.