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Final Test



Question 1.

Players called the TD in board 2 after the cards were counted: 14-13-13-13. The TD found a surplus card, removed it, and the players started bidding. Then the TD started looking for where the missing card came from. After a short investigation, it turned out to be a card from board 1. The TD reviewed a video recording and, indeed, the previous board had been played 13-13-13-12, declarer played the board with 12 cards.

According to Law 14, there may have been revokes. Which Law does apply? A. 64A B. 64C

Question 2.

N/NS

♠ Q863

♥ 32

♦ 74

♣ AKQ98

♠ KJ1092

♥ K108

♦ AQJ9

♣ 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 754

♥ AQ74

♦ 1065

♣ J106

♠ A

♥ J965

♦ K832

♣ 7542

Pairs.

W	N	E	S
	1♣	pass	1♥
1♠	pass	pass	dbl
pass	1NT	2♠	...pass
pass	3♣	All pass	

3♣, 8 tricks, -100.

EW complained about 3♣ over the slow pass.
South agreed that he took around 40 seconds.

The TD polled players with North's hand. Half of them bid 3♣ and half passed.

He also inspected all results in the board (on the right).

NS	EW	C	D	L	T	NS	EW
26	3	3♠	W	♣A	7	100	
2	4	3♠x	W	♣K	8	100	
1	5	3♣	N	♣6	8		100
6	25	2♥	E	♣4	8		110
7	24	2♠	W	♣A	7	50	
23	8	2♠	W	♣A	6	100	
9	22	3♠	W	♣A	7	100	
21	10	4♣x	N	♣6	8		500
11	20	3♠	W	♣K	6	150	
12	19	4♠	W	♣K	6	200	
13	18	4♣	N	♠4	8		200
14	17	4♣	N	♠4	8		200
15	16	3♠	W	♣A	8	50	

What is your ruling?

- A. Score stands, no infraction
- B. Score stands, no damage
- C. Weighted score, ¼ for 2♠W 8 tricks, ¾ for 2♠W 7 tricks, ¾ for 2♠W 6 tricks
- D. Adjusted score, 2♠W 8 tricks
- E. 60%/40%



Question 3.

♠ 9 6
 ♥ 10
 ♦ --
 ♣ --

♠ A
 ♥ K
 ♦ Q
 ♣ --

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 4 2
 ♥ --
 ♦ --
 ♣ --

♠ 5
 ♥ --
 ♦ 7
 ♣ 6

South plays 3NT and took 8 tricks.

In 3-card ending (on the left) declarer plays ♥10 from dummy, ♠2 from East and ♠5 from the hand. West seeing two spades on the table “takes” the trick with ♠A (revoke) and claims showing good ♦Q and ♥K.

How many tricks will declarer take?

- A. 11 tricks B. 10 tricks C. 9 tricks D. 8 tricks

Question 4.

♠ --
 ♥ 4
 ♦ --
 ♣ 10 9 8 7

♠ --
 ♥ 10
 ♦ --
 ♣ 5 4 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ --
 ♥ Q 3 2
 ♦ Q J
 ♣ --

♠ --
 ♥ J 9 8
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ --

South is declarer in no trump contract, East on lead.

East plays ♥Q (West revokes) and ♥2 to declarer's ♥9 (West revokes again).

Declarer takes ♥J and loses two diamonds. TD!

How many tricks will the declarer take in this ending?

- A. 5 B. 4 C. 3 D. 2 E. 1

Question 5.

E/NS Screens

♠ J 3
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ K 7 6 5 4 2
 ♣ J 6 2

♠ K 5 4
 ♥ K J 10 7 4 3
 ♦ Q J
 ♣ 10 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10 8 7 6 2
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ 10 8 3
 ♣ 9 4

♠ Q 9
 ♥ 9 8 2
 ♦ A 9
 ♣ A K Q 8 7 3

W	N	E	S
		2♦	2NT
3♠	3NT	All pass	

2♦ – multi

3♠ – not alerted on any side of the screen. However, West was asked about the meaning and explained: “Not agreed, either own suit or pass/correct”. East didn’t alert because they didn’t discuss this sequence.

After a spade lead, declarer took 1 trick, -800.

North called the TD because 3♠ was not alerted and he assumed it was natural, otherwise, he would have bid 4♦.

What is your ruling?

- A. Score stands B. 3♠ by W, 8 tricks C. 4♦ by N, 9 tricks D. Weighted score

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Question 6.

S/None	♠ AKJ94		
Screens	♥ AK9		
	♦ Q85		
	♣ A10		
♠ Q10873		♠ 52	
♥ Q1074		♥ J5	
♦ K6		♦ A9	
♣ Q9		♣ J765432	
	♠ 6		
	♥ 8632		
	♦ J107432		
	♣ K8		

W	N	E	S
			3♦
pass	4NT*	pass	5♦*
pass	6♦	all pass...	

4NT – RKCB

5♦: North→East: 1/4, South→West: 0/3

West led ♠7 to the Ace. A spade ruffed and ♦10 ducked by both defenders. In the next diamond trick ♦K met ♦A. West was squeezed in majors and the contract was made.

East called the TD and explained that he ducked the first diamond trick to see a signal from his partner. He knew from bidding that South had ♦K. The TD established that, according to the system, 5♦ shows 1 or 4 key cards.

What is your ruling?

- Score stands. No misinformation.
- Score stands. There was misinformation, but a bad result was a consequence of the poor play.
- Split score (6♦, 11 and 12 tricks). Misinformation and serious error.
- Weighted score (6♦, 11 and 12 tricks). Misinformation, but it is still possible the contract was made.
- Adjust score, 6♦, 11 tricks. Misinformation.
- 60%/40%. The TD is not sure what the correct ruling is.

Question 7.

W/EW	♠ 10972		
	♥ 9765		
	♦ 64		
	♣ KQ7		
♠ AK86		♠ 4	
♥ J84		♥ AQ	
♦ KQ1032		♦ AJ87	
♣ A		♣ J109843	
	♠ QJ53		
	♥ K1032		
	♦ 95		
	♣ 652		

Teams.

W	N	E	S
1♦	pass	3♠	pass
...3NT	pass	5♦	pass
6♦	All pass		

3♠ – splinter

3NT – after a long hesitation

Result: 6♦, 13 tricks

NS called the TD and complained about reaching the slam after the slow 3NT.

East explained that with this hand, in teams, a suit contract is always better than 3NT.

What is your ruling?

- Score stands
- 3NT, 10 tricks
- 5♦, 13 tricks
- Weighted score



Question 8.

<p>♠ Q</p> <p>♥ J10642</p> <p>♦ 8542</p> <p>♣ Q52</p>	<p>♠ 10863</p> <p>♥ AQ87</p> <p>♦ AK</p> <p>♣ AK7</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center; width: 100px; height: 100px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A952</p> <p>♥ K53</p> <p>♦ QJ93</p> <p>♣ 43</p>
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W		E										
	S											
	<p>♠ KJ74</p> <p>♥ 9</p> <p>♦ 1076</p> <p>♣ J10986</p>											

Teams, North plays 4♠ after uncontested bidding.

He takes ♦Q lead with the Ace and plays ♠10 to the Queen. A diamond switch was taken by the King and the play of a small spade to the Jack revealed the trump's position.

Declarer played a small club and finessed with ♣7.

The ending:

<p>♠ --</p> <p>♥ J10642</p> <p>♦ 85</p> <p>♣ Q5</p>	<p>♠ 86</p> <p>♥ AQ87</p> <p>♦ --</p> <p>♣ AK</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center; width: 100px; height: 100px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A9</p> <p>♥ K53</p> <p>♦ J9</p> <p>♣ 4</p>
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	S											
	<p>♠ K7</p> <p>♥ 9</p> <p>♦ 10</p> <p>♣ J1098</p>											

Now he plays ♣A and when both defenders follow, plays ♣K and claims: "You take only two trump tricks – the Ace and a ruff".

East objects, because he doesn't have to ruff. TD!

How many tricks will declarer take?

A. 10 tricks B. 9 tricks

Question 9.

<p>♠ --</p> <p>♥ --</p> <p>♦ 9543</p> <p>♣ 9</p>	<p>♠ --</p> <p>♥ --</p> <p>♦ QJ1086</p> <p>♣ --</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center; width: 100px; height: 100px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ --</p> <p>♥ 9</p> <p>♦ 2</p> <p>♣ 874</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	<p>♠ J86</p> <p>♥ 104</p> <p>♦ --</p> <p>♣ --</p>											

South plays 4♠ and already took 6 tricks.

As the play was slow and in the auction NS agreed both major suits, declarer is convinced he plays a heart contract. Also defenders seem to be tired...

In 5-card ending (on the left) declarer plays ♦QJ10 and "discards" spades from hand. Now he plays ♦8 and, when East plays ♥9, claims: "I take two trumps, 11 tricks".

At that moment everyone realizes what happened and calls the TD.

How many tricks will the TD give to declarer?

A. 11 tricks B. 10 tricks C. 9 tricks



Question 10.

S/EW

♠ J4		
♥ AQ8763		
♦ 9853		
♣ 9		
♠ 2		♠ Q10986
♥ KJ10		♥ 94
♦ QJ104		♦ K72
♣ AQ876		♣ 1054

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AK753
♥ 52
♦ A6
♣ KJ32

W	N	E	S
			1♠
2♣	2♥	3♣	pass
pass	3♥	All pass	

2♥ – non forcing

Lead ♣5. Declarer asked for ♣J, but dummy played ♣2. It was not noticed by players. West took the trick with the Queen and the play continued.

♥J to ♥Q, ♥A, a spade to the Ace, a club ruffed and a heart to the King. West played ♦Q. Declarer took it with the Ace and played ♣K covered with the Ace and ruffed.

In the ending:

♠ J		
♥ 8		
♦ 985		
♣ --		
♠ --		♠ Q1098
♥ --		♥ --
♦ J104		♦ K
♣ 87		♣ --

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K75
♥ --
♦ 6
♣ J

Declarer entered dummy with ♠K to played ♣J. Now West called the TD, because ♣J had been already played in the first trick.

What's your ruling?

- A. 8 tricks, ♣J was played in trick 1.
- B. 9 tricks, ♣J was not played in trick 1.
- C. Split score

Question 11.

S/EW

♠ 32		
♥ 982		
♦ K1097		
♣ 10964		
♠ Q76		♠ KJ1054
♥ AK5		♥ Q1063
♦ J652		♦ 8
♣ Q72		♣ K53

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A98
♥ J74
♦ AQ43
♣ AJ8

W	N	E	S
			1NT
pass	...pass	...pass	

West leads ♠7. When East see dummy, calls the TD. East feels misled by North's hesitation before passing. East claims he would normally re-open the bidding, but he was sure North-South would find a better contract.

North explains he needed to plan his bidding and draws attention to the fact that also East thought before passing.

South took 6 tricks.

What is your ruling?

- A. Score stands. East draws conclusions from North's pass at his own risk.
- B. 1NT by S, 7 or 8 tricks. The spade lead was suggested by East's hesitation before his pass.
- C. Weighted score based on part scores in majors for EW. East was illegally misled by North.



Question 12.

N/NS	♠ KJ98765	
	♥ A6	
	♦ --	
	♣ AK82	
♠ 10		♠ 42
♥ KJ8543		♥ 109
♦ Q8764		♦ KJ1092
♣ Q		♣ 7543

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AQ3
♥ Q72
♦ A53
♣ J1096

W	N	E	S
	1♠	pass	2♣ ^A
2♥	pass	pass	4♠
5♦	5♥	pass	5♠
pass	6♠	7♦	dbl*
pass	7♠	All pass	

2♣ – 2/1, semi natural

When East bid 7♦, South started thinking. No longer than 3-4 seconds later North made a comment: “Go ahead, whatever you do, I bid 7♠”.

The TD was called and after collecting facts, asked to continue the play. South doubled and North bid 7♠, as he had said. The slam was won, but 7♦x was a good sacrifice.

If the TD decides to poll players, he will learn that South has an automatic pass over 7♦ showing 1st class control and after a forcing pass North bids 7♠, no logical alternative. However, after 7♦ doubled, four out of six players passed with North's hand.

12.1. What is your ruling?

- A. Score stands, 7♠ by North, 13 tricks
- B. Change to 7♦x by West, 9 tricks
- C. 60%/40%

12.2. Regardless of what your ruling is, what do you think about North's behavior?

- A. He did a very good job trying to protect his partner against transferring UI.
- B. That's OK. Nothing good, nothing bad.
- C. He deserves a penalty. He is not supposed to make such comments during the bidding.

Question 13.

	♠ Q106	
	♥ --	
	♦ 4	
	♣ --	
♠ --		♠ J2
♥ 10		♥ --
♦ --		♦ K7
♣ J92		♣ --

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ --
♥ --
♦ Q
♣ 1087

South plays 3NT and has already taken 7 tricks. Declarer knows the distribution of the remaining cards.

In the ending (on the left) declarer plays a diamond from dummy and claims: “After two diamond tricks you're end-played”. East-West agreed the 3NT was made. The score was entered to a bridge game.

Sometime later West asks: “What would happen if my partner ducks a diamond?”

What will the TD rule if EW finds the winning defense...

13.1. ...before they starts bidding in the next board at the same table?

9 tricks 8 tricks

13.2. ...two rounds later before the end of the tournament?

9 tricks 8 tricks



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Question 14.

N/EW

♠ 63

♥ 9765

♦ J543

♣ 1063

♠ AKQ10975

♥ A8

♦ K10

♣ AK

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 4

♥ KJ432

♦ 92

♣ Q9872

♠ J82

♥ Q10

♦ AQ876

♣ J54

2♥ – 5+♥-5+ minor

6♠ – after 2-minute hesitation

7♠ – faster, but also slow

Result: 13 tricks

W	N	E	S
	pass	pass	2♥
dbl	4♥	pass	pass
...6♠	pass	...7♠	All pass

After the play, North-Souths called the TD because they didn't like their opponents reaching the grand slam after a hesitation.

What is your ruling?

A. Score stands

B. Adjust to 6♠

C. Weighted score

Question 15.

W/EW

♠ 43

♥ 1093

♦ 10753

♣ KJ74

♠ A

♥ AKQ7654

♦ K86

♣ 96

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ KQJ10975

♥ J8

♦ 94

♣ A3

♠ 862

♥ 2

♦ AQJ2

♣ Q10852

Pairs

W	N	E	S
2♦	pass	2♥	2♠
3♥	pass	pass	3♠
4♥	pass	pass	4♠
dbl	All pass		

2♦ was explained as multi and when South asked about 3♥, East said that it probably showed a good weak two maybe with 7 hearts.

4♠x went two off and NS called the TD to tell that the explanation given did not fit with West's hand. TD!

What is your ruling?

A. Score stands

B. Adjust to 3♥ by W, 12 tricks

C. Adjust to 3♠ by S, 8 tricks

D. 60%/40%



Question 16.

E/NS	♠ 10 4 3 2	
	♥ A 2	
	♦ A 2	
	♣ AKQ 10 2	
♠ A 9 8		♠ K J 7 6
♥ J 4 3		♥ 10 9 7 6
♦ J 5 4 3		♦ K 10 9
♣ 8 6 5		♣ 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ Q 5
♥ K Q 8 5
♦ Q 8 7 6
♣ J 9 7

W	N	E	S
		pass	pass
pass	1♣	1♠	dbl
2♠	3♠	pass	4♥
pass	5♣	All pass	

East leads ♠6. West takes with the Ace and switches to a diamond. Declarer takes with ♦A and plays ♥AKQ discarding a diamond from dummy. In the next trick he plays ♠Q to the King and...

... in the ending:

	♠ 10 4	
	♥ --	
	♦ --	
	♣ AKQ 10 2	
♠ 9		♠ J 7
♥ --		♥ 10
♦ J 5 4		♦ K 10
♣ 8 6 5		♣ 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ --
♥ 8
♦ Q 8 7
♣ J 9 7

East plays ♥10, South ♥8 and West starts thinking. After a few seconds, South shows his hand and says: "I have all high trumps, 11 tricks."

East calls the TD and says that after such a claim, declarer loses: ♥10-♥8-♣5-♣10, a spade ruffed high, a diamond ruffed high, and again a spade and a diamond ruffed high promotes a trump trick...

... as shown below:

	♠ --	
	♥ --	
	♦ --	
	♣ A 2	
♠ --		♠ --
♥ --		♥ --
♦ --		♦ --
♣ 8 6		♣ 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ --
♥ --
♦ Q
♣ 7

How many tricks will declarer take?

A. 11 tricks B. 10 tricks



Question 17.

S/NS	♠ 9 4 3	
	♥ 9 5 2	
	♦ 8 7 4 2	
	♣ A 10 5	
♠ A		♠ K J 10 6 5
♥ K Q 10 7		♥ A 8 6 4
♦ K J 5		♦ 10
♣ K J 9 6 4		♣ Q 3 2
	♠ Q 8 7 2	
	♥ J 3	
	♦ A Q 9 6 3	
	♣ 8 7	

Pairs.

W	N	E	S
			pass
1♣	pass	1♠	pass
2♥	pass	3♥	pass
3♠	pass	4♦	pass
4NT	pass	5♦	pass
5♥	pass	6♥	All pass

After the 5♦ bid South asked about its meaning and West replied that it showed 0 or 3 key cards.

When dummy came down after ♦2 lead, the TD was called and told about the explanation. The TD instructed to play the hand and came back later. The contract went one down.

17.1. What will the TD decide?

- A. Score stands
- B. Adjust the score

17.2. Is there any reason to give a penalty?

- A. No, EW were self-inflicted, that's enough
- B. Penalty for North-South
- C. Penalty for East-West
- D. Penalty for both pairs

Question 18.

This board was played in Pairs.

At the table with pairs 12-6, the TD adjusted the score: changed 3♣ to the weighted score:

- 1 out of 5, 2♠E, 8 tricks
- 2 out of 5, 2♠E, 7 tricks
- 2 out of 5, 2♠E, 6 tricks

Calculate the result in match points and per cent for:

- pairs 12 and 6
- pair 7
- pair 20

NS	EW	C	D	L	T	NS	EW
22	17	3♣	S	♣K	+1	130	
16	20	2♠	E	♠6	=		110
2	15	4♣	S	♥3	=	130	
19	21	1BA	E	♥10	+2		150
7	14	2♠	W	♥6	-2	100	
10	13	2♠	E	♣7	-2	100	
18	9	1BA	E	♥D	+1		120
11	1	2♠	E	♣8	-1	50	
12	6	3♣	S	♣K	+1	130	
5	4	2♠	W	♥6	-2	100	
8	3	2♠	E	♣8	-1	50	