



## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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### **FINAL TEST**

- Note:** As long as not otherwise specified, all questions come from high level competition by regular partnerships and are played in a team's event. When screens are in use, it will be visible within the hand-diagram.
- Note:** For each question, please state on the answer sheet provided the decision you take together with a brief reasoning. You don't have to state the law you are applying.
- Note:** State if you need to consult or poll and take your personal opinion as the outcome of this poll.

F 1)

		♠ K J 9 3	Board W / none
		♥ ---	
		♦ K J 9 6 5 4	
		♣ 5 4 2	
♠	10 7	N W E S	♠ 8 6 5 4
♥	A Q 10 7		♥ K J 9 4
♦	Q 8 2		♦ A 7
♣	A Q 9 6		♣ 10 8 7
		♠ A Q 2	
		♥ 8 6 5 3 2	
		♦ 10 3	
		♣ K J 3	

W	N	E	S
1NT	X	pass	pass
XX	2♦	All pass	

1NT: 12-14

X: 4M + 5+m or any 13+, not alerted

pass (from E): demands XX, either weak bal. or wants to play there

North made 9 tricks. EW then called the TD because North's hand was unexpected; the double had not been alerted. East said that not having redoubled, he could have doubled 2♦ for takeout without promising game interest.

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F 2)

	♠ A 9 4 3	Board N / EW
	♥ 10 9 6 5	
	♦ A J 9	
	♣ J 6	
♠ K Q J 10 2	N W E S	♠ 8
♥ 8 7		♥ 4
♦ 7 4		♦ K Q 10 5 3 2
♣ K Q 10 5		♣ A 9 8 4 3
	♠ 7 6 5	
	♥ A K Q J 3 2	
	♦ 8 6	
	♣ 7 2	

W	N	E	S
	pass	1♦	2♥
2♠	4♥	pass	pass
... 4♠	pass	5♣	All pass

The contract was one down. North called the TD because West had taken more than three minutes to bid 4♠, which had helped East in finding the best trump suit.

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F 3)

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

W	N	E	S
2NT	pass	3♦	pass
3♠	pass	3NT	All pass

2NT: 20-21

3♦: 4+ ♥, alerted

3♠: 3-card support, not alerted

North led the ♣Q, after which West cashed his nine winners. North then called the TD because he did not understand West bidding 3♠ on a weak doubleton. When asked by the TD, West explained that it showed 3-card support for hearts.

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F 4)

		♠ A J 4 3	Board E / All
		♥ K Q J 6	
		♦ 8	
		♣ 10 8 7 4	
♠	10 6 2	N W E S	♠ K Q 9 8 7 5
♥	8 4 3		♥ 10 9
♦	10 9 4 3 2		♦ K 5
♣	9 3		♣ A 6 2
		♠ ---	
		♥ A 7 5 2	
		♦ A Q J 7 6	
		♣ K Q J 5	

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

South made 12 tricks. EW called the TD because they found it very suspicious how South could bid 6♥ on a 4-card suit without partner having shown hearts.  
South says North must have hearts when she made a cuebid of 2♠ before bidding 3NT.

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F 5)

	♠ Q J 8	Board E / none
	♥ 10 8 6 5	
	♦ K J 6 5	
	♣ 4 3	
♠ 6 3	N W E S	♠ A 10 7
♥ A K 3		♥ Q J 7 4
♦ 8 3		♦ A Q 9 7
♣ K 9 8 7 6 5		♣ A 10
	♠ K 9 5 4 2	
	♥ 9 2	
	♦ 10 4 2	
	♣ Q J 2	

W	N	E	S
		1NT	pass
3NT	pass	All pass	

1NT: 15-17

South led the ♠2. East looked at the convention card, which said “4th best”, so he confidently won the opening lead and developed clubs, letting the opponents take their spade tricks and then claimed the rest. Unfortunately, that meant one down. East called the TD, and it turned out that NS played 3rd and 5th.

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F 6)

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

W	N	E	S
1♣	pass	1♦	pass
1NT	pass	2♦	pass
... 3♦	pass	3NT	All pass

1NT: 12-14, not denying majors

2♦: sign off

North led a spade, and when she held the ♦Qx and ♠A, declarer made the contract in comfort, developing a spade after she had cashed the diamonds.

North then called the TD because West had been thinking for about a minute before bidding 3♦, and she didn't think East was now allowed to bid 3NT.

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F 7)

		♠ J 4	Board S / EW
		♥ K 10 8	
		♦ J 9 5 3 2	
		♣ A J 10	
♠	8 3 2	N W E S	♠ Q 7 6 5
♥	9 6 5		♥ A 7 3
♦	A 10 8		♦ Q 7 6 4
♣	7 6 3 2		♣ Q 9
		♠ A K 10 9	
		♥ Q J 4 2	
		♦ K	
		♣ K 8 5 4	

W	N	E	S
			1NT
pass	2NT	pass	3♦
pass	3NT	All pass	

1NT: 14-16

2NT: asks for a weak doubleton

3♦: yes, weak doubleton in ♦

West led a diamond to South's ♦K. South turned his attention to hearts, East ducking twice, and South led the ♠J from dummy, East following with a small card. Winning the next spade with the ♠10, South played a third heart from hand. East won and continued diamonds, South discarding a club and West ducking. South won in dummy, cashed his top tricks, and made 12 tricks when the ♣Q fell.

West called the TD because she only led a small diamond because she was told that South held a small doubleton.

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F 8)

	♠ K 3	Board E / EW
	♥ 9 3 2	
	♦ A 9 8 5	
	♣ A 10 8 7	
♠ 9 8 6 5 4	N W E S	♠ J 7
♥ K 10 5		♥ A J 8 6 4
♦ 6 4		♦ K Q J 7 2
♣ Q J 4		♣ 2
	♠ A Q 10 2	
	♥ Q 7	
	♦ 10 3	
	♣ K 9 6 5 3	

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

The ♦K was led. North won, drew the ♣K and ♣A, then claimed down two. When he discovered that the ♠J would fall without anyone being able to ruff in time, he called the TD and said it should be down one only.

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F 9)

		♠ K 10 7 6 3	Board E / all
		♥ 8 7 3	
		♦ 9 5	
		♣ A Q 5	
♠	8 4	N W E S	♠ Q J 9 5 2
♥	A Q J 9 6		♥ 10 5
♦	J 10 4 2		♦ K Q 7 6
♣	10 9		♣ 7 4
		♠ A	
		♥ K 4 2	
		♦ A 8 3	
		♣ K J 8 6 3 2	

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

West led the ♥Q, giving South an overtrick. Then West called the TD because 2♥ had not been alerted, causing him to believe that the ♥K was in dummy; had he known that declarer had a stopper, he would not have led a heart.

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**F 10)**

	♠ ---	Board E / All
	♥ 9 7	
	♦ A K Q 7 5	
	♣ K Q J 8 6 2	
♠ K Q 9 8 3	N W E S	♠ A 7 6 4 2
♥ K Q		♥ A 6 5 4 3
♦ 9 8 6 4		♦ J 10
♣ 4 3		♣ A
	♠ J 10 5	
	♥ J 10 8 2	
	♦ 3 2	
	♣ 10 9 7 5	

W	N	E	S
		1♠	pass
3♦	4♣	4♠	... pass
pass	4NT	X	5♣
pass	pass	X	All pass

3♦ = invitational raise.

The contract was down one. East called the TD because South had thought for about 90 seconds, after which North reopened with 4NT, and East was not sure that should be allowed.

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F 12)

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

W	N	E	S
	2♦	pass	2♥
3♦	3♠	All pass	

2♦: Multi

East led the ♦Q, won in dummy. Declarer then led a spade to the ♠K followed by the ♠Q to West's ♠A. West tried to cash the ♦K, but North ruffed and played a spade to East's ♠J. East chose the unsuccessful return of the ♥J, and when West later discarded all his diamonds, North scored the ♦6 in the end for a total of 11 tricks.

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F 13)

		♠ J 9 6	Board E / EW
		♥ K 9 7 6 2	
		♦ J	
		♣ A K 8 2	
♠	10 5 4	N W E S	♠ K 7 3 2
♥	Q J 3		♥ A
♦	A 8 6 2		♦ Q 10 5 4 3
♣	6 5 3		♣ Q J 9
		♠ A Q 8	
		♥ 10 8 5 4	
		♦ K 9 7	
		♣ 10 7 4	

W	N	E	S
		1♦	pass
1♥	pass	1♠	pass
2♦	All pass		

The contract went down one. North called the TD because 1♥ had not been alerted that it could be a 3-card suit, making it difficult for NS to reach their heart partial making nine tricks. West explained that the system bid was 3♦ (playing inverted raises), but she did not want to bid that with a flat hand.

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F 14)

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

W	N	E	S
	1♠	pass	1NT
2♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
pass	pass	5♥	... pass
pass	5♠	All pass	

1NT: forcing, denies 3-card support

The contract made, but East called the TD. South had hesitated for about 40 seconds over 5♥, and East did not think North could bid 5♠ under those circumstances.

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F 15)

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

W	N	E	S
	pass	1NT	X
XX	2♣	pass	pass
X	XX	pass	2♥
X	All pass		

1NT: 15-17

XX (by North): SOS

The contract was down four. South was unhappy that West did not alert his double of 2♣. East said it was a penalty double. When asked later, West confirmed this.

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## F 16) Teams

		♠ 9 8 5	Board 13 E / All
		♥ J 7 5 2	
		♦ ---	
		♣ K Q J 10 9 7	
♠	Q 2	N W                      E S	♠ 10 3
♥	8 6 4		♥ A K 10 9 3
♦	A K Q J 10 5 3		♦ 9 7 4
♣	2		♣ 6 5 4
		♠ A K J 7 6 4	
		♥ Q	
		♦ 8 6 2	
		♣ A 8 3	

W	N	E	S
		2♦	2♠
3♦	3♠	4♦	4♠
5♦	pass	pass	... X
pass	5♠	X	All pass

2♦: Multi

Before his double on 5♦ South took a long time.

After the opening lead of the ♦A declarer took all the tricks. West calls the TD wondering whether North is allowed to bid 5♠.

The TD organized a poll which shows that pass instead of 5♠ is a Logical Alternative for North, and further that the double by East is considered a Gambling Action as described in Law 12C1e. All other tables that played in a diamond contract made 10 tricks.

At this table Team A is sitting NS and Team B is sitting EW. The result at the other table is 6♠ +1.

Calculate the result in IMPs for both teams.

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F 17)

	♠ 9 7 2	Board E / EW
	♥ Q 7 6 3	
	♦ Q 6 4	
	♣ A 5 4	
♠ A K Q J 6 5 4	N	♠ 10 8 3
♥ 10 4	W	♥ A J 9 5 2
♦ A J 10	E	♦ K 3
♣ 8	S	♣ K 10 7
	♠ ---	
	♥ K 8	
	♦ 9 8 7 5 2	
	♣ Q J 9 6 3 2	

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

2NT: 5+5+ minors, less than 7 losers

North led a diamond into the tenace, and West played three rounds of trump, ending in dummy, then led a sneaky club towards his hand, going down one.

West called the TD because the strength for 2NT was explained by his screenmate as “less than 7 losers”, and this hand had lots of losers. That was why he had decided to try to induce South to hop up with the ♣A that he was presumed to hold, rather than playing North for the ♣A.

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F 18)

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

W	N	E	S
		pass	1♦
1♠	3♣	4♠	... pass
pass	5♦	All pass	

1♦: unbalanced; 5+♦ or 4♦ (4-4-1)  
 3♣: limit raise

The contract was an easy down one, but East called the TD because South had hesitated for a minute over 4♠.

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## Answers Final Test Budapest 2021

- F 1)** Weighted score, the contract being 2♥, with 8, 9 and 10 tricks. East's statement makes perfect sense, although he might have doubled for takeout anyway, but one can understand why he does not double when North has made a purely strength-showing double.
- F 2)** 5♣ is incredible and East deserves an educational penalty. But the score stands. There is no damage, as going down more than one in 4♠ seems very unlikely.
- F 3)** Down one. Clearly the failure to alert diverted North from the spade lead. With the right information it is obvious.
- F 4)** Score stands. EW may be suspicious, but what is the infraction or who did create UI?
- F 5)** Wrong information. Weighted score with at least 50% 3NT making. On the surface, East makes easily by way of the diamond finesse. However, there is an alternative plan in ducking twice, then developing clubs.
- F 6)** Score stands. The only alternative that West could have considered is passing, so the hesitation suggests passing if anything. No UI.
- F 7)** Score stands. South has made a sensible bridge decision, opening 1NT on a (4441) with a minor-suit singleton king and fitting HCP strength, then being caught on the wrong foot after partner's rare 2NT response. He has clearly improvised after 2NT and partner has explained the agreement properly. No infraction.
- F 8)** Down two. While it is likely that North would have played spades to obtain two heart discards, players are sometimes lazy and just knock out the high trump. This is surely bad play, but within the limits of "normal" play (Law 71).
- F 9)** Score stands. Clearly West cannot assume that 2♥ is natural when West has overcalled in the suit, and bidding the opponents' suit to show a stopper is very unusual, so West has to ask.
- F 10)** Score stands. Pass is not a logical alternative.
- F 12)** Weighted Score with 40% 8 tricks and 60% 7 tricks. If North follows to the ♦K, West can cash two clubs and continue with a diamond to give North a 50-50 guess in spades (from the play, West would not expect East to hold the ♠J, but if East holds the ♠10, this plan is also best). A 60-40 weighting seems appropriate, balancing the facts that North is the offender and that West needs to play accurately and might fail to do so.  
Since North had ruffed diamonds, West's discard of the ♦J cannot be described as an extremely serious error.
- F 13)** The explanation given is not in accordance with the methods used. Apparently there is no systemic call with this West hand. Wrong information. Are NS damaged? It looks difficult to reach 2♥ if West bids 1♥ (semi-real). A small weight may be?

- F 14)** Score stands. As confirmed by a poll, South's problem is likely whether she should pass or double, so the pass – which is surely forcing as NS are likely to hold around 23+ HCP and East has clearly sacrificed – conveys the same information as the hesitation; if anything, it suggests doubling. No UI.
- F 15)** Score stands. At this vulnerability, West decided that the sheer strength would see EW through if they had a game on. In addition, which kind of clubs did South really expect West to have, looking at AKQJx himself? No infraction.
- F 16)**  $R_T$  (Table result):  $+1250 \rightarrow (+1250 - 1460) = -210 \rightarrow -5$  IMP  
 $R_E$  (Expected result):  $+710 \rightarrow (+710 - 1460) = -750 \rightarrow -13$  IMP  
 $R_N$  (Normal result):  $+200 \rightarrow (+200 - 1460) = -1260 \rightarrow -15$  IMP
- NS (Team A, offender) get  $R_N$  that is  $-15$  IMP  
EW (Team B, non-offenders) get  $R_T + (R_N - R_E) = 5 + (15 - 13) = 7$  IMP
- F 17)** Score stands. There is no Standard Loser Count. West should have protected himself by asking more about the strength.
- F 18)** A weighted score with at least 80% of  $4\spadesuit =$  and the rest  $4\spadesuit -1$ . Although North has an extra diamond and partner is unbalanced, pass is a logical alternative because North has already shown his hand. West needs to guess the spades to make the contract.