

SECTION C – PROBLEM 1

12+9

#5

Mate in 5

(C+)

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Solution: **1. Qa8!** [threat 2. Qxa1#]

Main variation

1. ... Rxa8 2. Bg1 [threat 3. Se4#]
 2. ... Qh2 3. Sg7 [threat 4. Sxe6#]
 3. ... Re8 4. d8=S [threat 5. Sc6#]

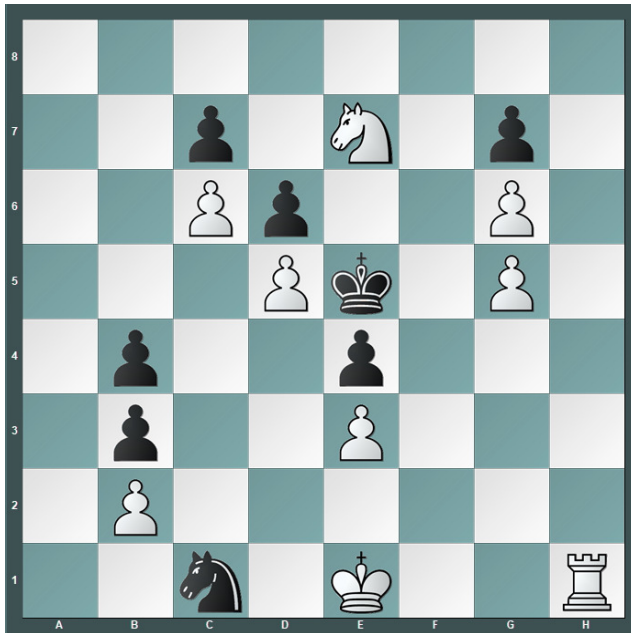
4. ... Rxd8 5. Sgxe6#
 4. ... Qxf2+ 5. Bxf2#

3. ... Qxf4 4. Sg4+
 4. ... Qe3+ 5. Bxe3#

Secondary variation

1. ... Rf1 2. Qa1+
 2. ... Rxa1 3. d8=S [threat 4. Sc6#]
 3. ... Re1+ 4. Kxe1 [ad lib. 5. Sc6#]

FEN: 3QN3/2pP4/1p1bp2q/1RppP3/3k1P2/3P1P2/3PKN1B/r7



SECTION C – PROBLEM 2

9+8

#6

Mate in 6

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Try: **1. Kd2?** [threat 2. Rf1 [ad lib. 3. Rf5#]

1. ... Sd3 2. Rf1 [threat 3. Rf5#]

2. ... Sf4 3. exf4+

3. ... Kd4 4. Rc1 [zugzwang]

4. ... e3+ 5. Ke2 [zugzwang]

But 1. ... Se2!

Try: **1. O-O?** [ad lib. 2. Rf5#]

But 1. ... Se2+!

Try: **1. Rh8?** [ad lib. 2. Rf8 [ad lib. 3. Rf5#]

But 1. ... Sd3+!

Solution: **1. Rf1!** [threat 2. Rf5#]

1. ... Sd3+ 2. Kd2! [threat 3. Rf5#]

2. ... Sf4 3. exf4+

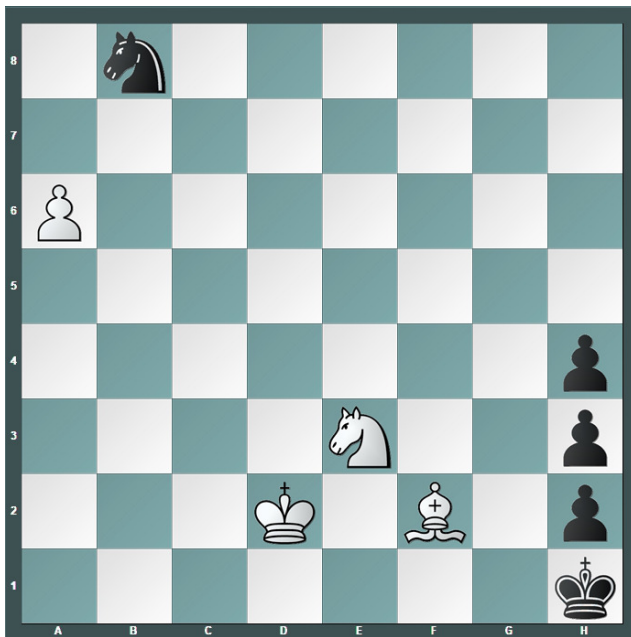
3. ... Kd4 4. Rc1 [zugzwang]

4. ... e3+ 5. Ke2 [zugzwang]

5. ... Ke4 6. Rc4#

(2. ... Ke2? Sf4+! 3. exf4+ Kd4 4. Rc1 e3! **[Refutes]** No waiting moves for White)

FEN: 8/2p1N1p1/2Pp2P1/3Pk1P1/1p2p3/1p2P3/1P6/2n1K2R



SECTION C - PROBLEM 3

4+5

#7

Mate in 7

(C+)

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Solution: **1. a7!** [threat 2. a8=Q+ Sc6 3. Qxc6#]

1. ... Sc6 2. a8=R! [threat 3. Ra1#]

(2. a8=Q? (= stalemate))

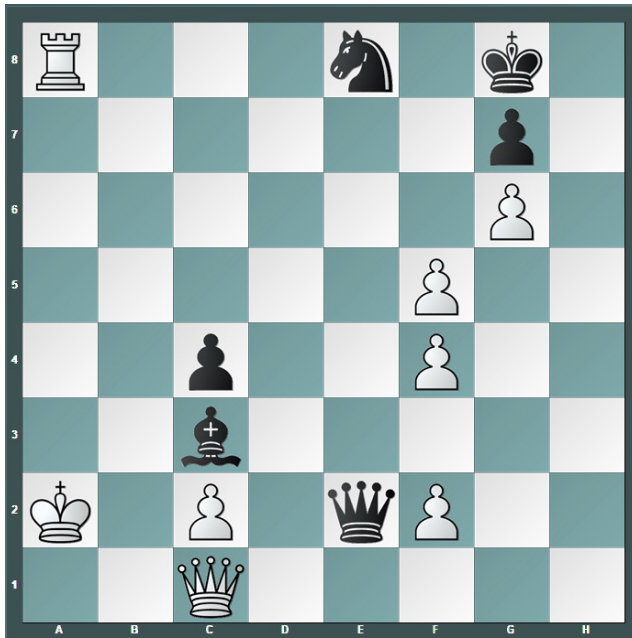
2. ... Sa5 3. Kc3 [zugzwang]

3. ... Sb3 4. Bxh4 [zugzwang]

4. ... Kg1 5. Rg8+

5. ... Kh1 6. Sd1 [ad lib. 7. Sf2# [pure mate]]

FEN: 1n6/8/P7/8/7p/4N2p/3K1B1p/7k



SECTION C – PROBLEM 4

8+6

#8

Mate in 8

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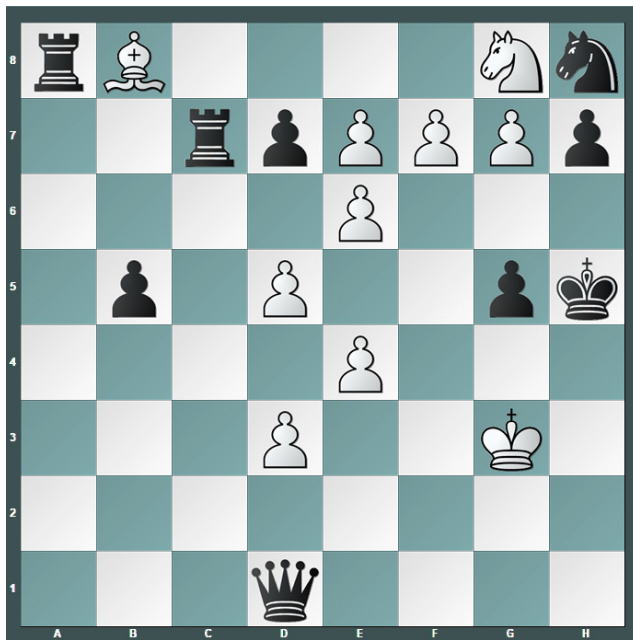
Solution: **1. Qd1!** [threat 2. Qxe2 [threat 3. Rxe8#]]

1. ... Qe7! 2. Qh1 [threat 3. Qh7+ Kf8 4. Qh8#]
(2. Qd5+? Kf8! [Refutes])

2. ... Qe2 3. Qd5+
3. ... Kh8 4. Qd1!
4. ... Qe4 5. Qh1+!
(4. ... Qe7? 5. Qh1+ Kg8 6. Qh7+ Kf8 7. Qh8#)

5. ... Kg8 6. Qxe4 [threat 7. Rxe8#]
6. ... Bb4 7. Qxe8+
7. ... Bf8 8. Qxf8#

FEN: R3n1k1/6p1/6P1/5P2/2p2P2/2b5/K1P1qP2/2Q5



SECTION C - PROBLEM 5

10+9

#17

Mate in 17

(C+ - Tested with Gustav 4.1d with **Brute Force**)

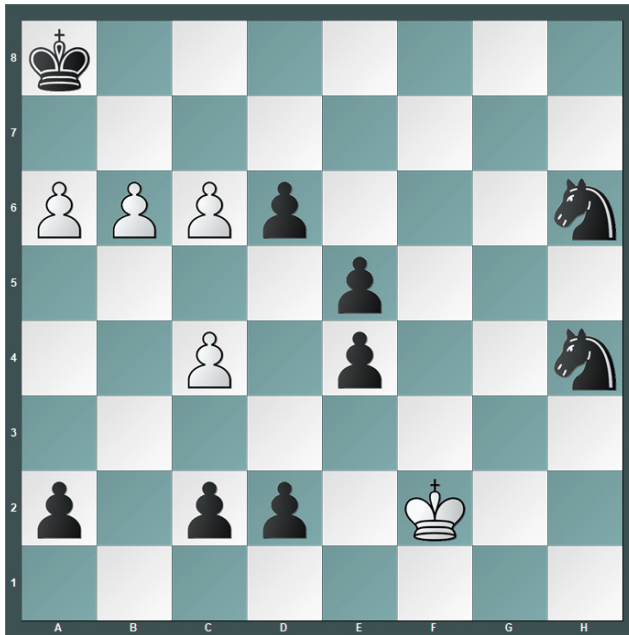
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Solution: **1. Sf6+!**

1. ... Kh6 2. g8=S+
2. ... Kg6 3. f8=S+
3. ... Kg7 4. e8=S+
4. ... Kxf8 5. e7+
5. ... Kf7 6. Sd6+
6. ... Kg7 7. Sf5+
7. ... Kg6 8. e8=Q+
8. ... Sf7 9. Sge7+
9. ... Kxf6 10. e5+
10. ... Kxe5 11. Bxc7+
11. ... Kf6 12. Sg8+
12. ... Kg6 13. Sfe7+
13. ... Kg7 14. Be5+
14. ... Sxe5 15. Sf5+
15. ... Kh8 16. Qxe5+
16. ... Kxg8 17. Qg7# [model mate]

FEN: rB4Nn/2rpPPPp/4P3/1p1P2pk/4P3/3P2K1/8/3q4



SECTION C - PROBLEM 6

5+9

#15

Mate in 15

(C+ - Tested with Gustav 4.1d with **Brute Force**)

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Solution: **1. c7!** [threat 2. c8=Q#]

1. ... d1=S+ 2. Kg1 [threat 3. c8=Q#]

2. ... Sf3+ 3. Kh1 [threat 4. c8=Q#]

3. ... Sf2+ 4. Kg2 [threat 5. c8=Q#]

4. ... Sh4+ 5. Kxf2 [threat 6. c8=Q#]

5. ... Sg4+ 6. Kg3! [threat 7. c8=Q#]

(6. Ke2? c1=S+! 7. Kf1 Se3+! 8. Kg1 Se2+! 9. Kf2 Sd1+! 10. Kxe2 Sc3+! 11. Kd2 Sf3+! 12. Ke3 Sd1+! 13. Kxe4 d5+ 14. Kxf3 e4+! **[Refutes]**)

6. ... Sf5+ 7. Kxg4 [threat 8. c8=Q#]

7. ... Se7 8. c5! [threat 8. b7+ Ka7 9. b8=Q+ Kxa6 10. Qb6#]

(8. b7+? Ka7 9. c8=Q Sxc8 10. bxc8=Q Kb6 11. Qb7+ Kc5! **[Refutes]**)

8. ... dxc5 [Self-block] **9. b7+**

9. ... Ka7 10. c8=Q [threat 11. b8=Q#]

10. ... Kxa6 11. Qa8+

11. ... Kb5 12. b8=Q+

12. ... Kc4 13. Qxe4+

13. ... Kc3 14. Qe3+

14. ... Kc4 15. Qbb3#

Theme: Double King's hunt.

FEN: k7/8/PPPp3n/4p3/2P1p2n/8/p1pp1K2/8