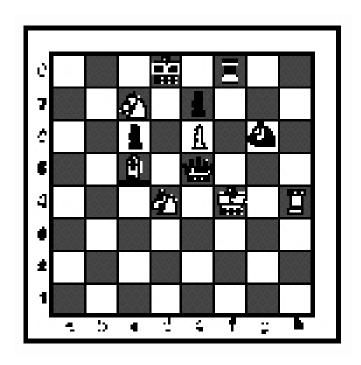
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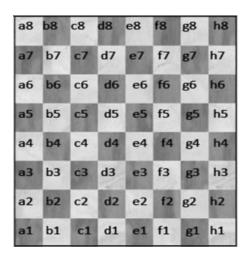
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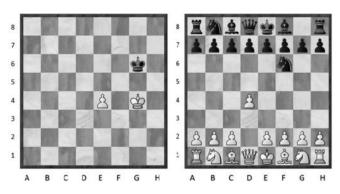


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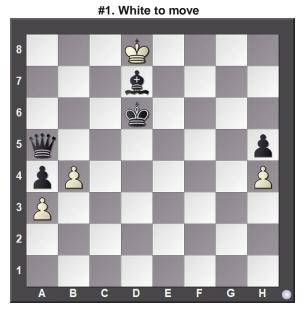
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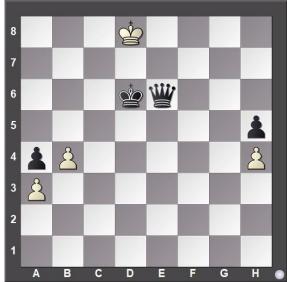
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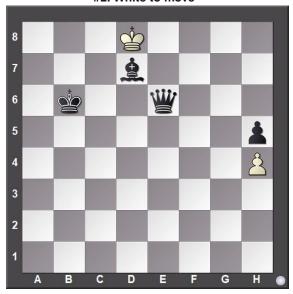




What term best describes this situation?

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- c) White is in checkmate.
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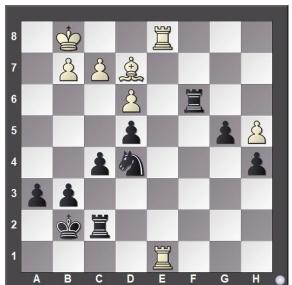
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#4.



Which side has material advantage?

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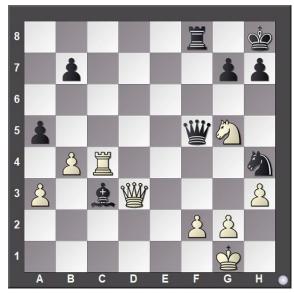
#5. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) e5
- b) f5
- c) 💄b2
- d) 🕸 b5

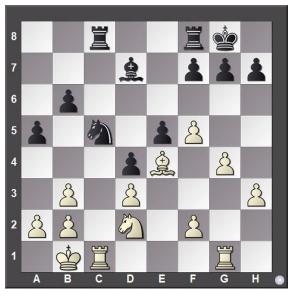
#7. White to move



What piece should White capture?

- a) Black's Queen.
- b) Black's Knight.
- c) Black's Bishop.
- d) Black's Pawn.

#6. White to move



Black just played e7 to e5. Which pawn can be captured?

- a) Black's b-pawn
- b) Black's d-pawn
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- d) White can't capture a pawn.

#8. Black to move

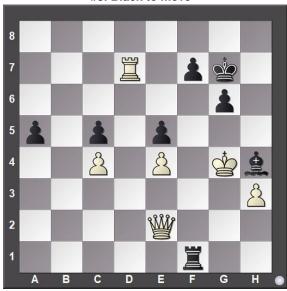


What is Black's best move?

- a) 🖾 d3
- b) 🖾 f3
- c) 🖾 q2
- d) 🖾×h3

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#9. Black to move



How many moves does Black need to checkmate White?

- a) 1 move
- b) 2 moves
- c) 3 moves
- d) Impossible to tell

#11. Black to move



What is Black's best move?

- a) 🖣 ×h2
- b) **≝**×h2
- c) **X**×g2
- d) d×c

#10. White to move



What is White's best move?

- b) <sup>≅</sup>g7
- c) \( \mathbb{\su} \, g8
- d) 豐×h7

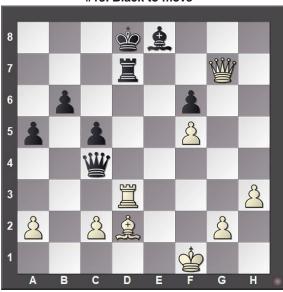
#12. Black to move



If Black can checkmate White in two moves, what is the *first* move?

- a) 🕭 g3
- b) **≝**×h3
- c) **x** × g2
- d) **"**×f2

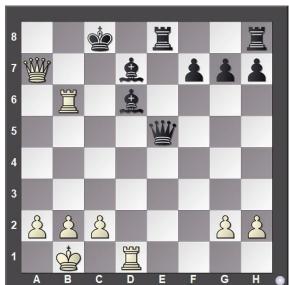
#13. Black to move



What is Black's best move?

- a) **I**d4
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- d) **≝**×d3

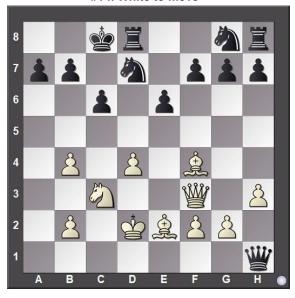
#15. White to move



What piece does White need to sacrifice to checkmate Black?

- a) White b6-Rook
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- c) White Queen
- d) None

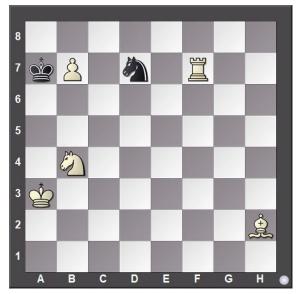
#14. White to move



How many moves does White need to checkmate Black?

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- b) 2 moves
- c) 3 moves
- d) Impossible to tell

#16. White to move



To which piece should White promote the pawn?

- a) Queen
- b) Rook
- c) Knight
- d) Bishop

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## University Interscholastic League A+ Chess Puzzle Contest 2023-2024 Invitational — Grades 2 & 3

#### **ANSWER KEY**

#### <u>Test</u>

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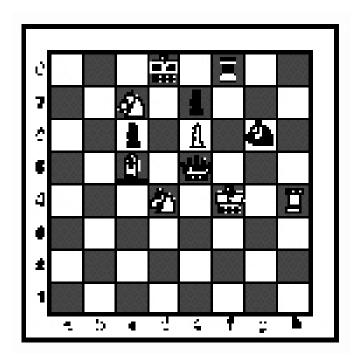
#### **Tiebreaker**

1.	В	5.	С
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#### **INVITATIONAL 2023-2024**

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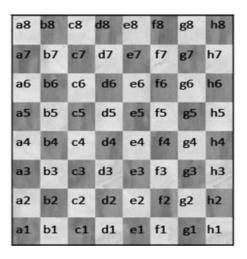


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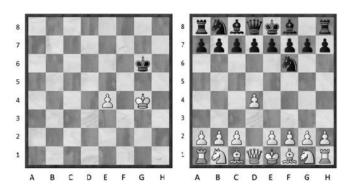


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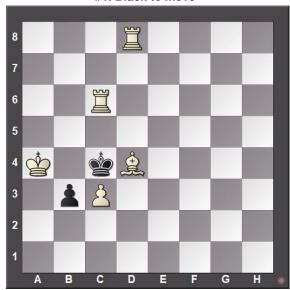
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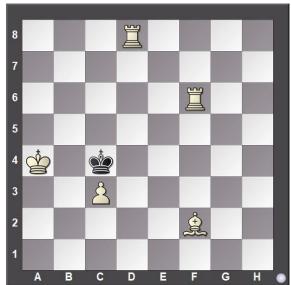
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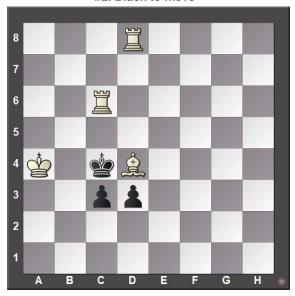
#3. Black to move



What term best describes this situation?

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#2. Black to move



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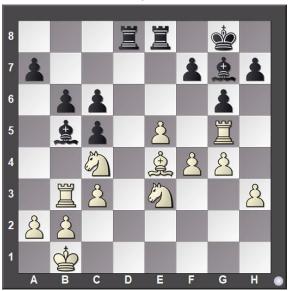
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White just played d2 to d4. Which pawn can be captured?

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- c) Black's g-pawn
- d) None of the above

#5.



Which side has a material advantage?

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- c) Black
- d) It is not possible to tell.

#7. Black to move



If Black can checkmate White, how many moves does Black need?

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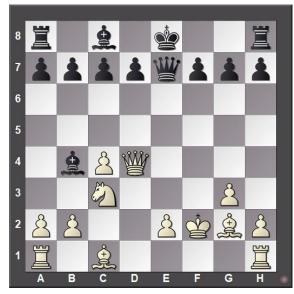
#6. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 豐×f7
- b) <sup>₩</sup>c4
- c) **₩g**3
- d) **⊈**g2

#8. Black to move



What is Black's best move?

- a) **≜**×c3
- b) d5
- c) **"f6**
- d) 🙎 c5

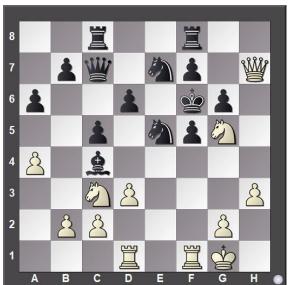
#9. Black to move



What is Black's best move?

- a) **≝**×d3
- b) **Z**ad8
- c) **E**e1
- d) **≜**×d3

#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 🖾 ge4
- b) ②ce4
- c) <sup>≅</sup>×f5
- d) **≌**h5

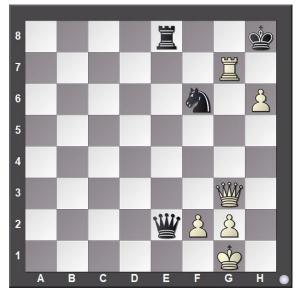
#10. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what is the *second* move?

- b) 豐g7
- c) 💄 g7
- d) 鼻f5

#12. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 🖺 g8
- b) \( \bar{2} \) h7
- c) ≝f7
- d) h7

#13. Black to move



If Black can checkmate White in three moves, what is the *third* move?

- a) **≝**×f3
- b) **≜**×h2
- c) **E**e1
- d) **≝**h3

#15. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 🖾 c7
- b) ②×f6
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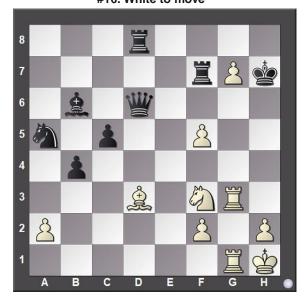
#14. Black to move



What is Black's best move?

- a) **a**eg3
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- d) **≌**h2

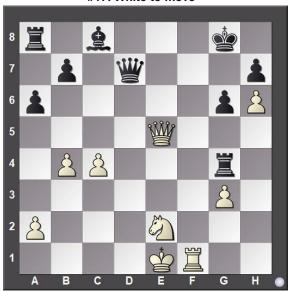
#16. White to move



If White can checkmate Black, how many moves does White need, with the best play?

- a) 1 move
- b) 2 moves
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- d) 4 moves

#17. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) <sup>≅</sup>f8
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- d) ₩h8

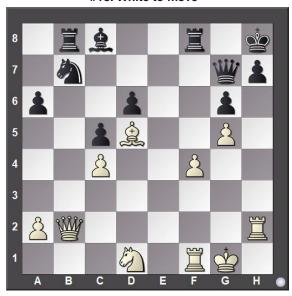
#19. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) d5
- b) 豐×h7
- c) 營g6
- d) <a>□ ×h7</a>

#18. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in four moves, what is the *second* move?

- b) <sup>≅</sup>×h7
- c) 豐×g7
- d) <sup>≅</sup>h6

#20. White to move



#### What is White's best move?

- a) 豐×e7
- b) 豐×a7
- c) <sup>ℤ</sup>d8
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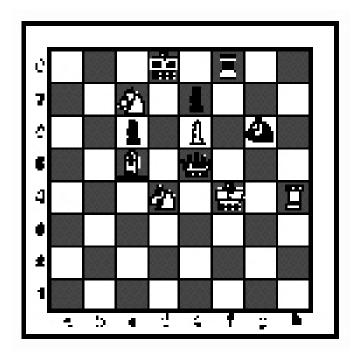
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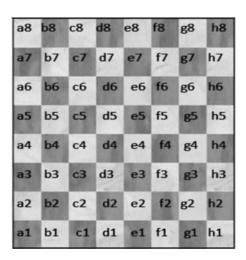
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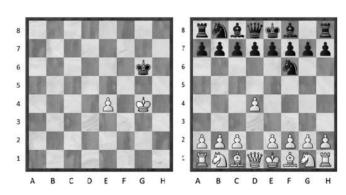


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#3. White to move



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- d) None of the above.

#2. White to move



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#4. Black to move



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- d) All of the above

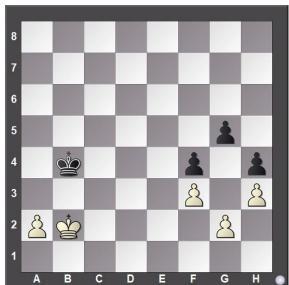
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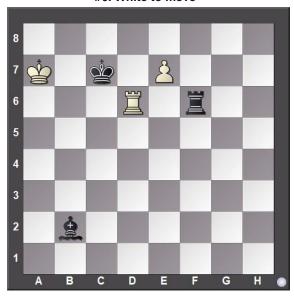
#7. White to move



With the best play, what is the outcome of the game?

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- b) Black wins
- c) Draw
- d) Impossible to tell

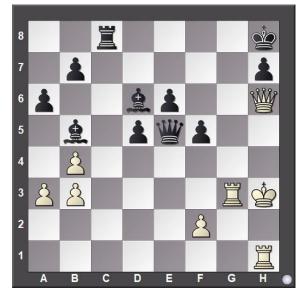
#6. White to move



To which piece should White promote the pawn?

- a) Queen
- b) Rook
- c) Bishop
- d) Knight

#8. Black to move



What piece should White sacrifice to checkmate Black?

- a) White Queen
- b) White g3-Rook
- c) White h1-Rook
- d) None

#9. White to move



If White can checkmate Black, what is the *first* move?

- a) 豐×e7
- b) ≅×e7
- c) <sup>□</sup> c8
- d) White cannot checkmate Black

#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ≅×h6
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- c) 豐×h6
- d) ≜e4

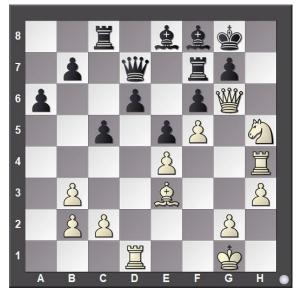
#10. Black to move



What piece does Black need to sacrifice to checkmate White?

- a) Bishop
- b) Rook
- c) Queen
- d) None

#12. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ②×f6
- b) 🖾×g7
- c) &h6
- d) <sup>₩</sup>h7

#13. White to move



How many moves should it take to checkmate Black in this position?

- a) 1 move
- b) 2 moves
- c) 3 moves
- d) 4 moves

#15. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 豐×a4
- b) **≌**a6
- c) 豐×g8
- d) &c6

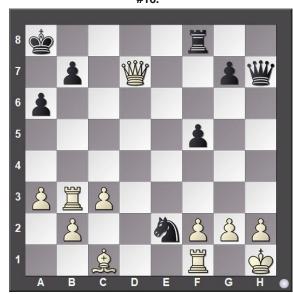
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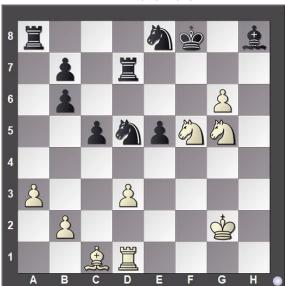
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What is the outcome of the game?

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- b) White wins.
- c) It is a draw.
- d) It depends on whose move it is.

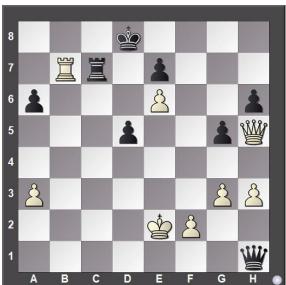
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- c) g7
- d) <sup>□</sup>f1

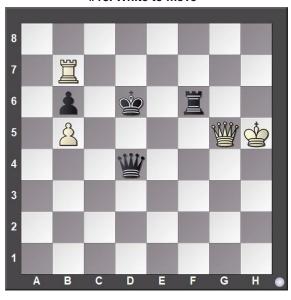
#19. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in three moves, what is the *first* move?

- a) <sup>≅</sup>b8
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- c) 營e8
- d) ≝×h6

#18. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ≝×f6
- b) **"g3**
- c) ≅×b6
- d) <sup>□</sup>d7

#20. Black to move



What is Black's best move?

- a) **X**×h2
- b) **\1**h4
- c) **\***×g5
- d) **≝**×g3

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## University Interscholastic League A+ Chess Puzzle Contest 2023-2024 Invitational — Grades 6-8

#### **ANSWER KEY**

#### **Test**

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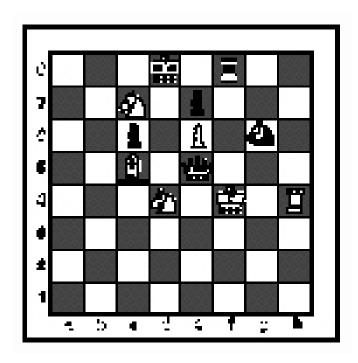
#### <u>Tiebreaker</u>

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# Chess Puzzle Solving TIEBREAKER - ALL GRADES

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#### **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

This is the <u>tiebreaker</u> test for all grades for the Spring District UIL Chess Puzzle Solving Test.

Use the separate answer sheet to write all your answers. You have five (5) minutes to take this part of the test. There are eight (8) questions. Some questions are very difficult.

As before, the symbols for check and checkmate commonly used after moves have been omitted because they would be hints.

Each correct answer earns you one point. There is no penalty for incorrect answers or unanswered questions.

These questions are hard, but the puzzles are interesting! Good luck and have fun!

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What is White's best move

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- b) ≌a8
- c) <sup>□</sup>fa1
- d) ≅×c7

#2. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) b3
- b) **∲**b3
- c) &c3
- d) **⊈**d3

#4. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) e7
- b) <u></u>\$e7
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- d) ≝×f6

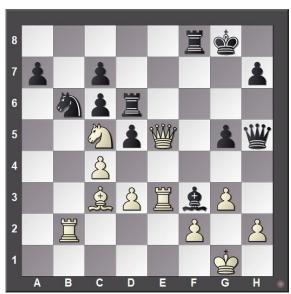
#5. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) g3
- b) 🖾 d6
- c) ≝×e5
- d) ≝×a5

#7. Black to move



If Black can checkmate White in three moves, what is Black's second move?

- a) **≝**h6
- b) **×**f2
- c) **≝**×h2
- d) **≌**d1

#6. White to move



What is White's best move?

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#8. White to move



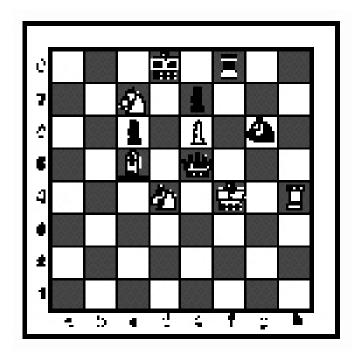
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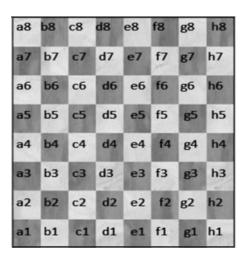
## Chess Puzzle Solving

grades 2 & 3

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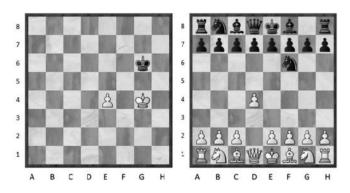


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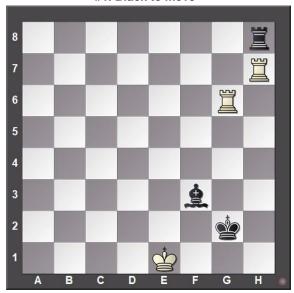
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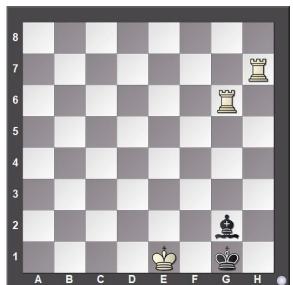




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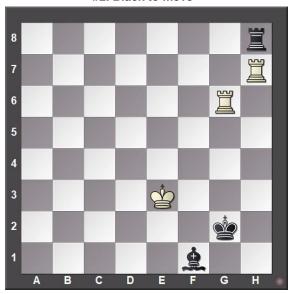
#3. Black to move



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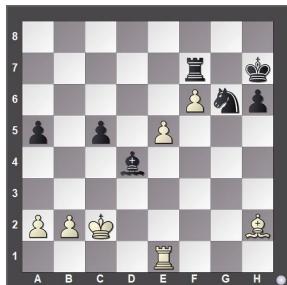
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#4.



Which side has a material advantage?

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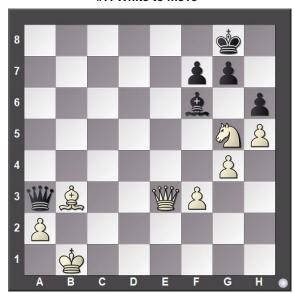
#5. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 🖾 × d5
- b) ≅×e7
- d) 🖾 d7

#7. White to move



What is White's best move?

- b) f4
- c) 營d2

#6. Black to move



White just played f2 to f4. Which pawn can be captured?

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#8. White to move

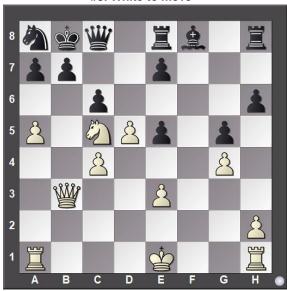


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- a) 營×d8
- b) **≌**a4
- d) 🛭 e5

#### UIL Chess Puzzle Solving—Fall/Winter 2023/24—Grades 2 and 3

#9. White to move



What is White's best move?

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- c) 🖾 a6
- d) a6

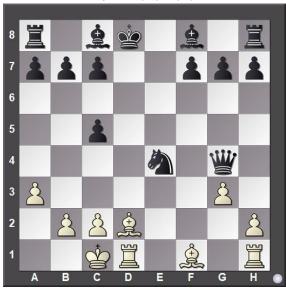
#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ≝ × d8
- b) **≌**h5
- d) 句f3

#10. White to move



If White can checkmate Black, what is the piece that makes the last move?

- a) White d1-Rook
- b) White h1-Rook
- c) White d2-Bishop
- d) White f1-Bishop

#12. White to move

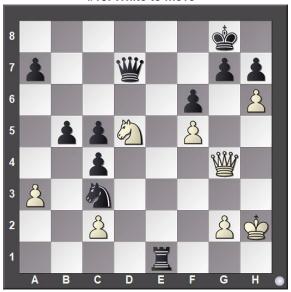


If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what is the *second* move?

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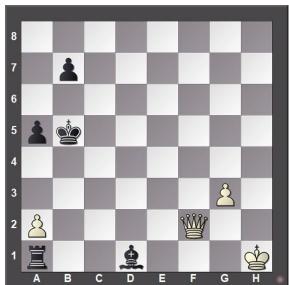
#13. White to move



What is White's best move?

- b) 豐f3
- c) ②×f6
- d) h×g

#15. Black to move



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- c) 3 moves
- d) Impossible to tell

#14. White to move



How many moves does White need to checkmate Black?

- a) 1 move
- b) 2 moves
- c) 3 moves
- d) Impossible to tell

#16. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 🖾 f7
- b) 🖾 e6
- c) 🖺 ×f8
- d) <sup>□</sup>f7

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#### **ANSWER KEY**

#### <u>Test</u>

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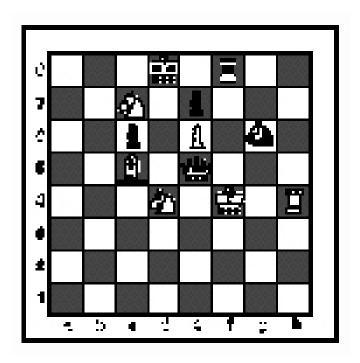
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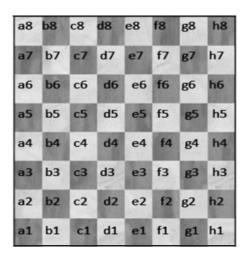
# Chess Puzzle Solving grades 4 & 5

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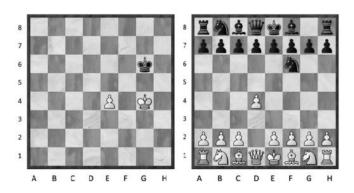
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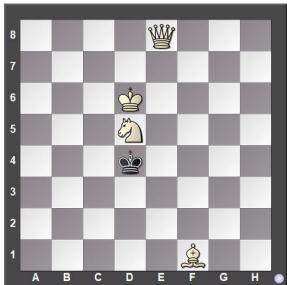




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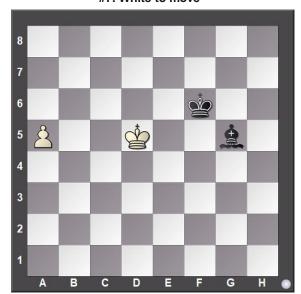
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#6. Black to move



What is Black's best move?

- a) **≜**×e4
- b) **a**c3
- c) **a**3
- d) **I**f1

#8. Black to move



What is Black's best move?

- a) **≝**×f3
- b) **x**×h3
- c) **\$**f2
- d) **≝**×e1

#### UIL Chess Puzzle Solving—Fall/Winter 2023/24—Grades 4-5

#9. Black to move



How many moves does Black need to checkmate White?

- a) 1 move
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- c) 3 moves
- d) Impossible to tell

#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 🖾 e6
- b) 🖾 df5
- c) 4 hf5
- d) b3

#10. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ∅×b4
- b) 🖾 b6
- c) 豐×a4
- d) ≝c7

#12. White to move



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- a) <sup>≅</sup>bd1
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- d) 42f6

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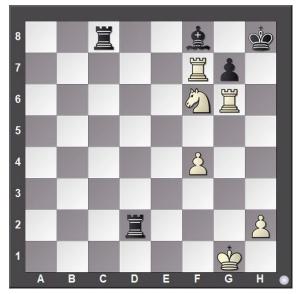
#14. Black to move



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- d) **₩**×h3

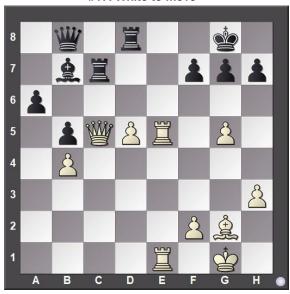
#16. White to move



What piece White should sacrifice to checkmate Black?

- a) White f7-Rook
- b) White g6-Rook
- c) White Night
- d) None

#17. White to move



What is White's best move?

- b) 營f8
- c) 豐×c7
- d) **₩**b6

#19. White to move



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- d) 🖾 f6

#18. Black to move



What is Black's best move?

- a) **"e**3
- b) **≝**f8
- c) **"f**4
- d) **≝**h3

#20. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) <sup>≅</sup>c2
- b) 🗓 g6
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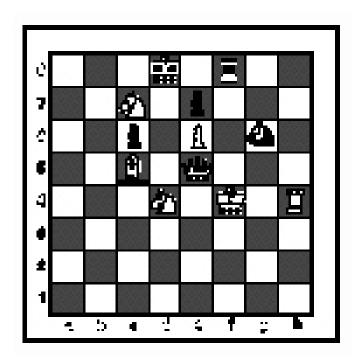
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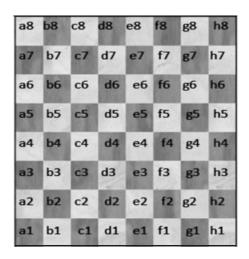
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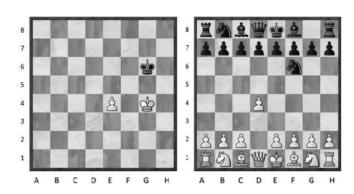


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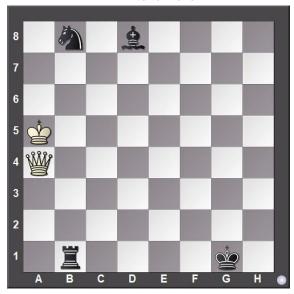
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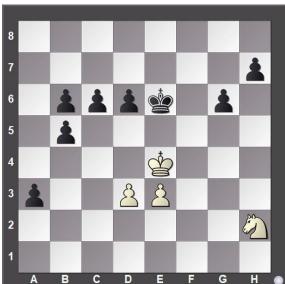
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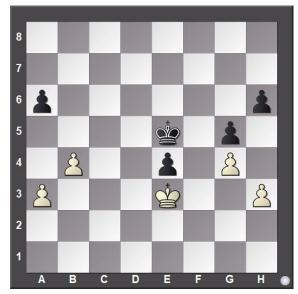
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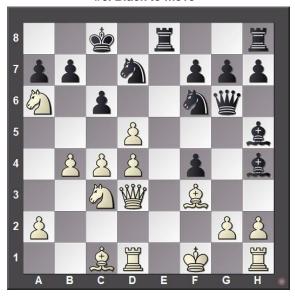
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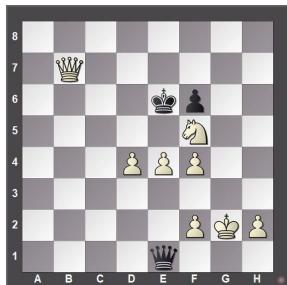
#6. Black to move



What piece should Black capture?

- a) Pawn
- b) Bishop
- c) Night
- d) Queen

#8. Black to move



All moves can make a draw, except?

- a) 營f2
- b) **≝e**3
- c) 營f1
- d) 營g1

#### UIL Chess Puzzle Solving—Fall/Winter 2023/24—Grades 6-8

#9. White to move



What is White's best move?

- c) 營d4
- d) **∲**h4

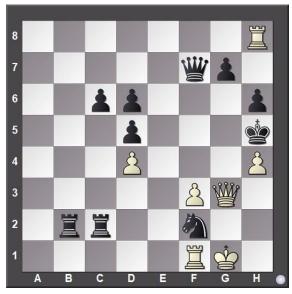
#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 🖾 g7
- b) 營f8
- c) 豐×f6
- d) 🖾 f8

#10. White to move



What is White's best move?

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- b) **≝g4**
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- d) ≅×f2

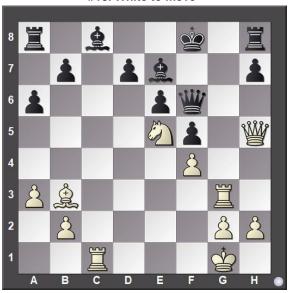
#12. White to move



If White can checkmate Black, how many moves does White need?

- a) 1 move
- b) 2 moves
- c) 3 moves
- d) 4 moves

#13. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ≅×c8
- b) 🖾 ×d7
- c) 🖾 g6
- d) 營e8

#15. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ≝c5
- b) 營h6
- c) 🖾 f7
- d) 豐f6

#14. Black to move



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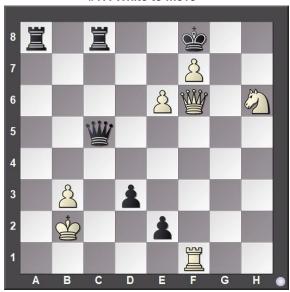
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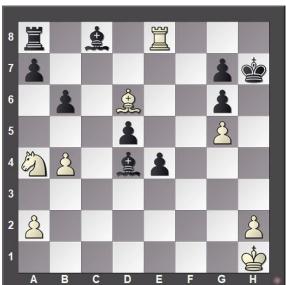
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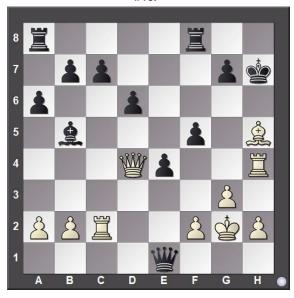
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- d) 🙎 g4

#18.



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#20. Black to move



If Black can checkmate White in three moves, what's the *second* move?

- a) ≝×e2
- b) **≝**×g3
- c) **1**6
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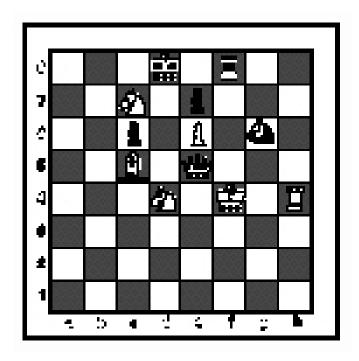
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# FALL/WINTER DISTRICT 2023-2024

**A+ ACADEMICS** 





# Chess Puzzle Solving TIEBREAKER - ALL GRADES

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#### **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

This is the <u>tiebreaker</u> test for all grades for the Spring District UIL Chess Puzzle Solving Test.

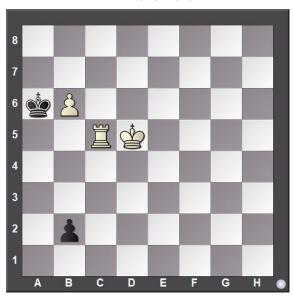
Use the separate answer sheet to write all your answers. You have five (5) minutes to take this part of the test. There are eight (8) questions. Some questions are very difficult.

As before, the symbols for check and checkmate commonly used after moves have been omitted because they would be hints.

Each correct answer earns you one point. There is no penalty for incorrect answers or unanswered questions.

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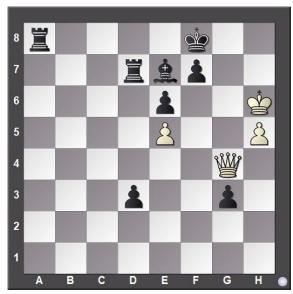
#### #1. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) <sup>≅</sup>c6
- b) <sup>≅</sup>b5
- c) b7
- d) **⊈**c6

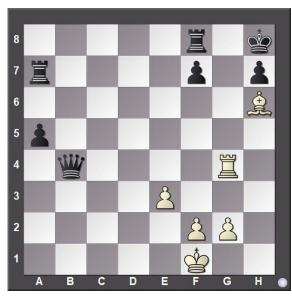
#3. White to move



What is White's best move

- b) **∲**h7
- c) 豐g7 d) 豐g8

#### #2. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what is the *second* move?

- a) 鼻f6
- b) ≜e5
- c) &d4
- d) All of the above

#4. Black to move



With the best play, what is the outcome of the game?

- a) White wins
- b) Black wins
- c) Draw
- d) Impossible to tell

#5. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 豐×e8
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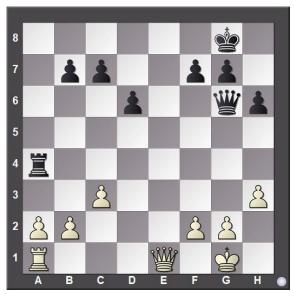
#7. Black to move



What is Black's best move?

- a) **g**1
- b) **≝**g2
- c) **"g**1
- d) **≝**×h2

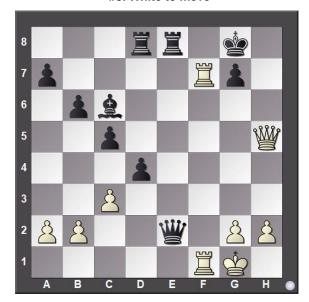
#6. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) <sup>□</sup>d1
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- c) **≌e8**
- d) g3

#8. White to move



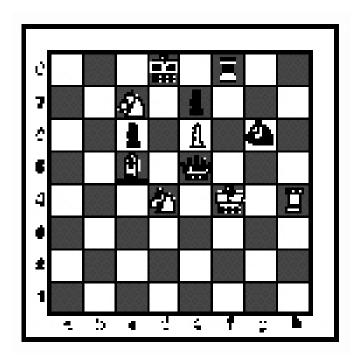
If White can force checkmate in three moves, what is White's second move?

- a) ≅×g7
- b) **≌**h8
- c) <sup>≅</sup>f7
- d) 營f7

# SPRING DISTRICT 2023-2024

# **A+ ACADEMICS**





# Chess Puzzle Solving

grades 2 & 3

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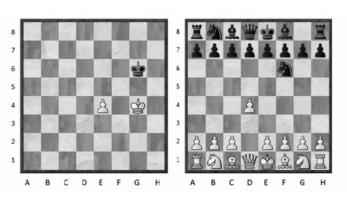
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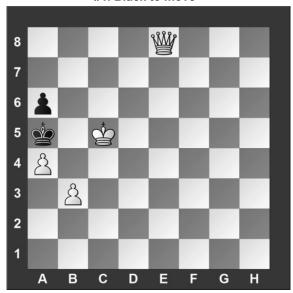
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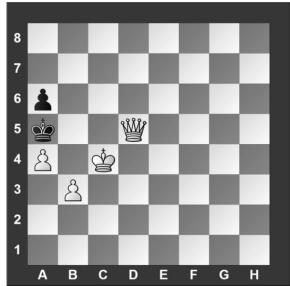
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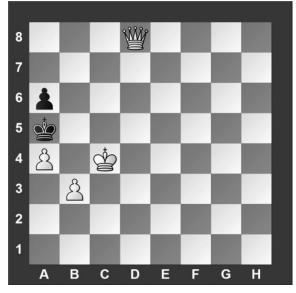
#3. Black to move



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- b) Black is in stalemate.
- c) Black is in checkmate.
- d) None of the above.

#2. Black to move



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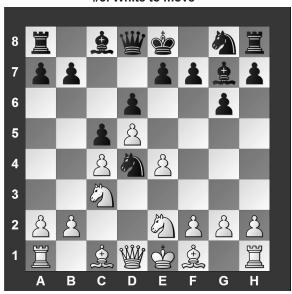
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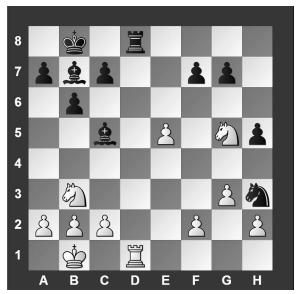
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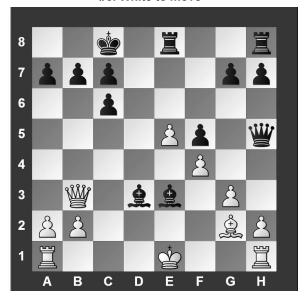
#7. White to move



What piece should White capture?

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- b) Black's Pawn
- c) Black's Bishop
- d) Black's Rook

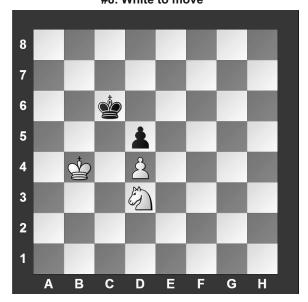
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- d) Take Black's Bishop

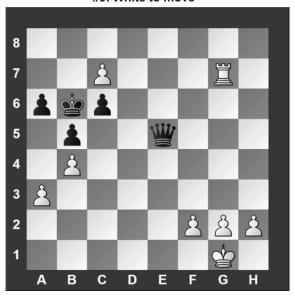
#8. White to move



With the best moves, what is the outcome of the game?

- a) White wins
- b) Black wins
- c) Draw
- d) It is impossible to tell

#9. White to move



What piece should White promote to?

- a) Queen
- b) Rook
- c) Knight
- d) Bishop

#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- b) **②e7**
- c) **₩×g6**
- d) **公h6**

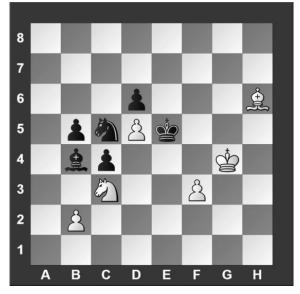
#10. White to move



What piece should White capture?

- a) Black's Bishop
- b) Black's Knight
- c) Black's Rook
- d) Black's Pawn

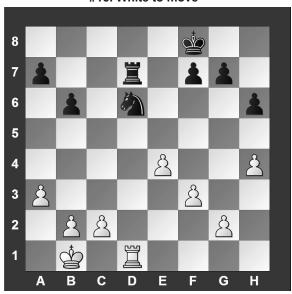
#12. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) **②**×**b5**
- b) **f**4
- c) 🚊 g7
- d) Af4

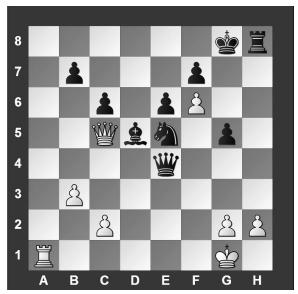
#13. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) **営d5**
- b) c4
- d) e5

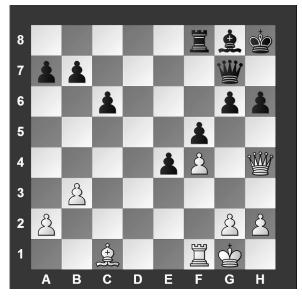
#15. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) c4
- b) **₩f2**
- d) **&f8**

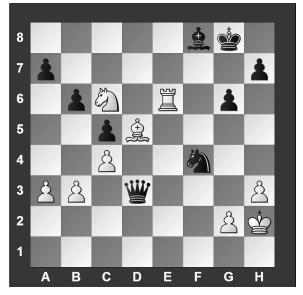
#14. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 🗸 b2
- b) **∜**×**h6**
- c) 罩**d1**
- d) **₩f2**

#16. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what is White's first move?

- a) 2 e7
- c) **営e8**
- d) 買e3

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# University Interscholastic League A+ Chess Puzzle Contest 2023-2024 Spring — Grades 2 & 3

# **ANSWER KEY**

## <u>Test</u>

1.	В	9.	С
2.	Α	10.	В
3.	Α	11.	D
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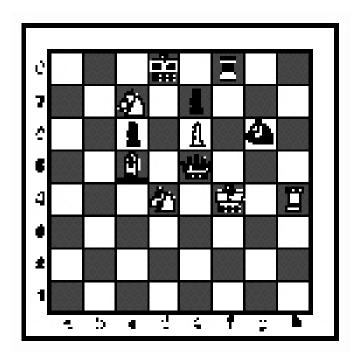
# <u>Tiebreaker</u>

1.	В	5.	В
2.	Α	6.	С
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# Chess Puzzle Solving grades 4 & 5

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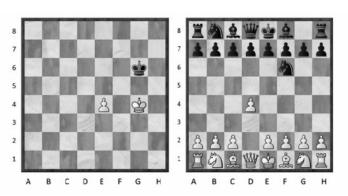
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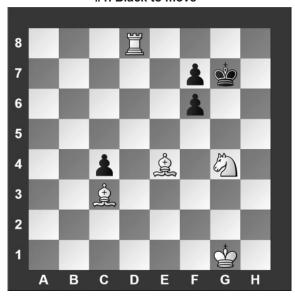
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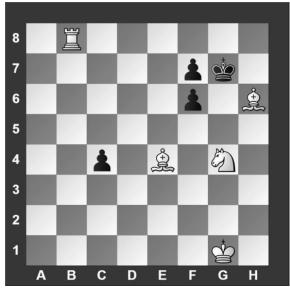
#3 Black to move.



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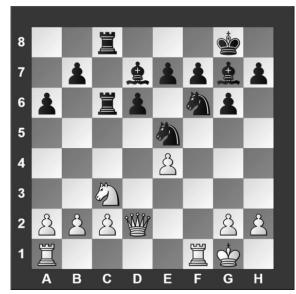
#2. Black to move



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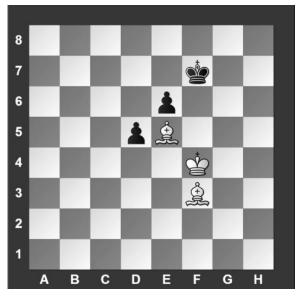
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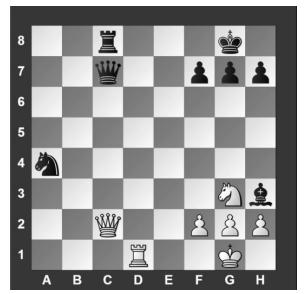
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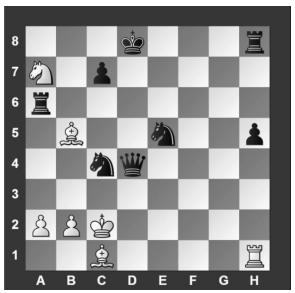
#9. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) **Af6**
- b) **₩g7**
- c) "xd5
- d) 公×f4

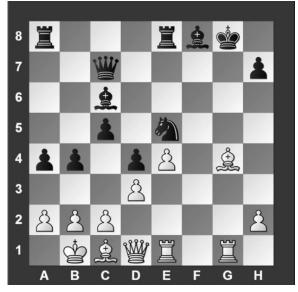
#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 2 c6
- b) **≜**×a6
- c) Ag5
- d) 罩**d1**

#10. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) Ah5
- b) **Ad7**
- c) **Ae6**
- d) **省f3**

#12. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) **₩×h6**
- c)  $g \times f5$
- d) **営a6**

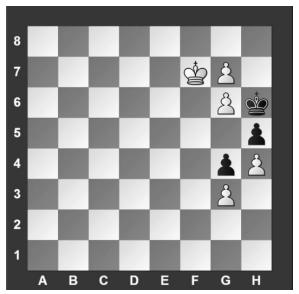
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What piece should White promote to?

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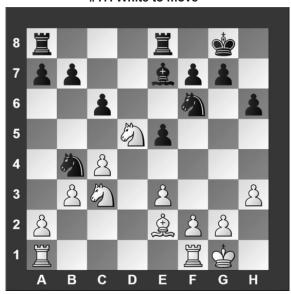
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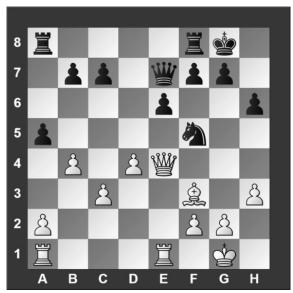
#17. White to move



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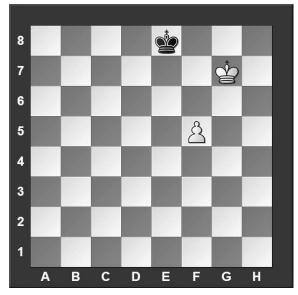
#19. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) **₩**×**b**7
- b) **쌀**×**f**5
- c) **d5**
- d) **g4**

#18. White to move



With the best moves, what is the outcome of the game?

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#20. White to move



What is White's best move?

- b) **買b1**
- c) **公**b5
- d) 2 a4

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# **ANSWER KEY**

## <u>Test</u>

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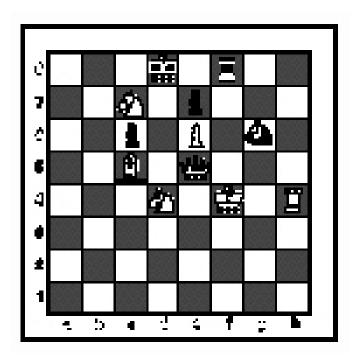
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# Chess Puzzle Solving

grades 6, 7, 8

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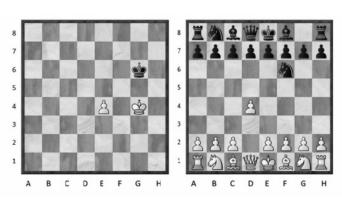
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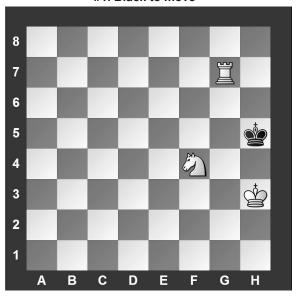
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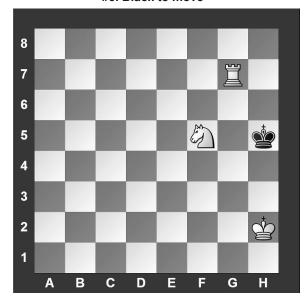
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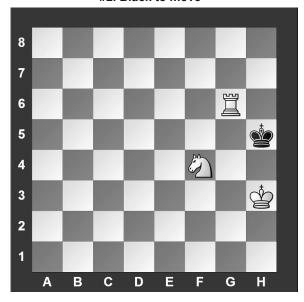
#3. Black to move



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- c) Black is in check.
- d) None of the above.

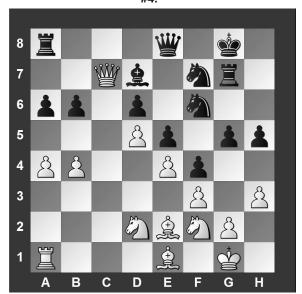
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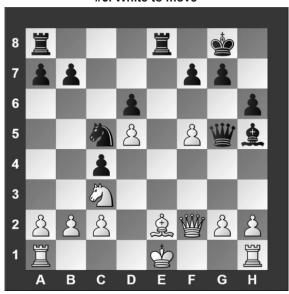
#4.



Which side has material advantage?

- a) White
- b) It is even.
- c) Black
- d) It is not possible to tell.

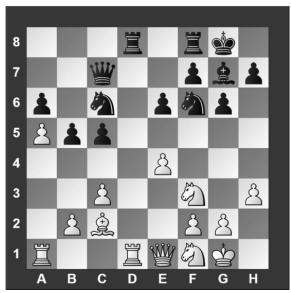
#5. White to move



Which move is possible for White?

- a) Short Castle
- b) Long Castle
- c) Take Black's Bishop
- d) Take Black's Pawn

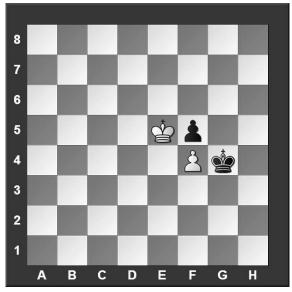
#7. White to move



Black just played b7 to b5. Which pawn can be captured?

- a) Black's a-pawn.
- b) Black's b-pawn.
- c) Black's g-pawn.
- d) White can't capture a pawn.

#6. White to move



With the best moves, what is the outcome of the game?

- a) White wins.
- b) Black wins.
- c) Draw.
- d) It is impossible to tell.

#8. White to move



What piece should White promote to?

- a) Queen
- b) Rook
- c) Bishop
- d) Knight

#9. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) **4**) **h**4
- b) **営h2**
- c) **買g1**
- d) 🚨 × a6

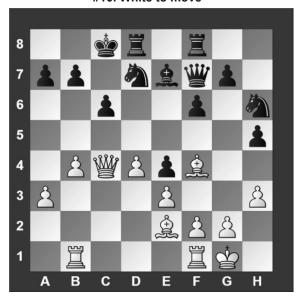
#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) 買×e4
- b) **\ \ \ \ \ e 4**
- c) 🗳 g3
- d) **₩g5**

#10. White to move



White can checkmate Black in two moves, what is White's *first* move?

- a) ∰×**c**6
- b) **b5**
- c) "xf7
- d) **d5**

#12. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) **≜**×**c5**
- b) **Ag5**
- d) g3

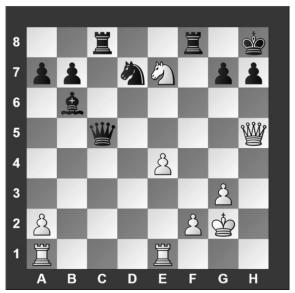
#13. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) \\ a\ xc3
- b) 置c1
- c) 2 e6
- d) **公f7**

#15. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in three moves, what's White's second move?

- a) **置h1**
- b) **쌀**×**h**7
- c) **公g6**
- d) e5

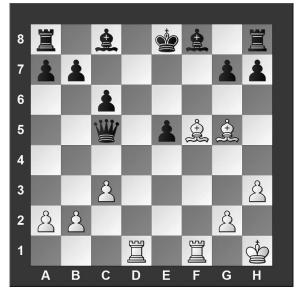
#14. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) **A**×c6
- b)  $e \times d5$
- c) 2 d4
- d) f4

#16. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what's White's *first* move?

- a) **Ag6**
- b) **営d8**
- c) 🗸 × c8
- d) 🚨 × h7

#17. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) **置h5**
- b) **国h3**
- d) Ah5

#19. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what's the *first* move?

- a) **₩f6**
- b) **≜**×e5
- c) ∰×g8
- d) **₩c8**

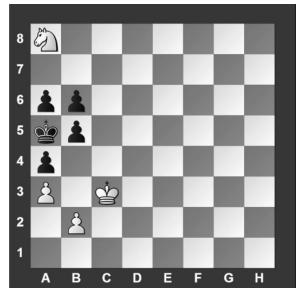
#18. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) **₩×b7**
- c) **国h3**
- d) **₩c3**

#20. White to move



With the best play, how many moves will it take White to checkmate Black?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

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# **ANSWER KEY**

## Test

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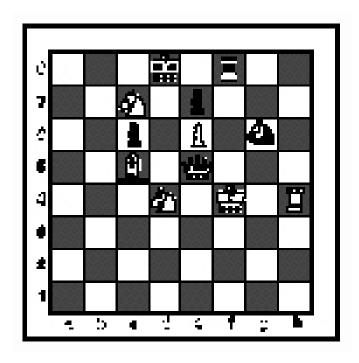
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# Chess Puzzle Solving TIEBREAKER - ALL GRADES

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#### **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

This is the <u>tiebreaker</u> test for all grades for the Invitational UIL Chess Puzzle Solving Test.

Use the separate answer sheet to write all your answers. You have five (5) minutes to take this part of the test. There are eight (8) questions. Some questions are very difficult.

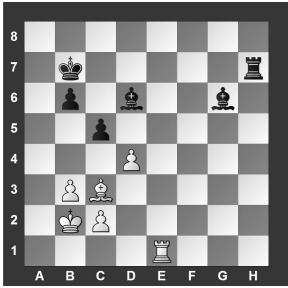
As before, the symbols for check and checkmate commonly used after moves have been omitted because they would be hints.

Each correct answer earns you one point. There is no penalty for incorrect answers or unanswered questions.

These questions are hard, but the puzzles are interesting! Good luck and have fun!

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#### #1. White to move

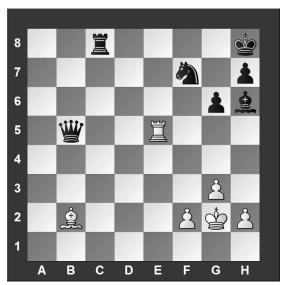


What is White's best move?

- a)  $d \times c5$

- d) **d5**

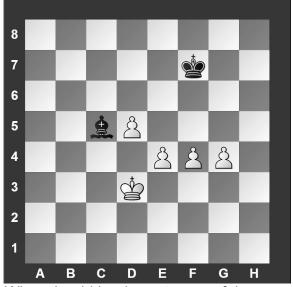
#3. White to move



What is White's best move?

- b) **営h5**
- c) **置e8**
- d) 宜c5

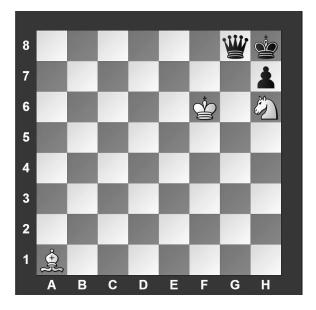
#2. White to move



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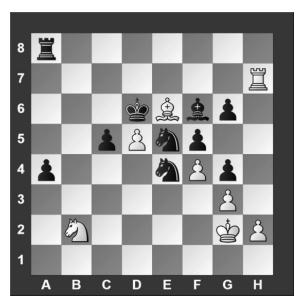


What is White's best move?

- a) **@e7**
- b) **\$f5**
- c) 公×g8
- d) **公f**7

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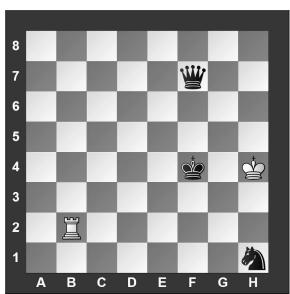
#5. White to move



What is White's best move?

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- b) 2 c4
- c)  $f \times e5$
- d) **公d3**

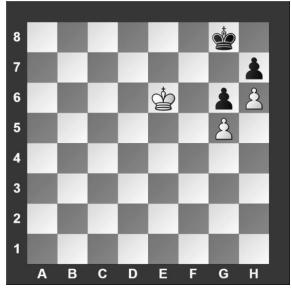
#7. White to move



What is White's best move?

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- b) **閏b4**
- c) **\$h3**
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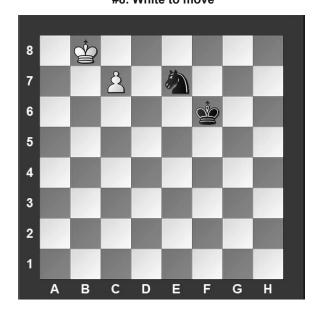
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