

# 21st International Solving Contest 2025 Cat 1

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## 1. [#2] Walter Byas 2 HM, Evening News, 1964

1. ♖ba5! [5]

1. ♘f3, ♘b7? ♘xa6!

1. ♗ab6? ♗xa8!

1. ♖bb6? ♘xc5!

## 2. [#3] Hubert Gockel Die Schwalbe, 1997

1. ♗xf5! ~ 2. ♖c5+ @  
 1... ♖xf5 2. ♗xf5+ @  
 1... ♘xb3 2. ♗d3+ @  
 1... ♗e5 2. ♗d3 @  
 1... ♖a7 2. ♘c6+ @  
 1... ♖c6 2. ♘xc6+ @  
 1...gxf5 2. ♘f4 @

@	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pts.	1	1,5	2	3	3,5	4	5

## 3. [#6] Milan Vukcevic 1 st Prize US Problem Bulletin 1993 (correction)

1. ♗g4@ ~ 2. ♗b6+ ♗xb6 3. ♗xf6‡  
 1... ♗a1 2. ♘e4 ♖c2 3. ♘c3 ♗xc3 4. ♗b6+ ♗xb6 5. ♘c6+ [2]  
 1... ♗h4 2. ♘d3 ♖h5 3. ♘g5 ♗xg5 4. ♗b6+ ♗xb6 5. ♘b5+ [2]  
 3... ♗c7 4. ♖d8+ ♗c6 5. ♖xd6+ [1]

## 4. [+] Arvydas Mockus, Martin Minski Original for ISC 2025

1. b7! [0,5]  
 1... ♖f1+ 2. ♗h2 ♖h1+! 3. ♗xh1 [1.5]  
 3... f2 4. ♖e5+! [2.5]  
 4... ♗f6/♗f4 5. ♖f5+!! [4]  
 5... ♗xf5 6. ♘d7+ ♗e4/~ 7. ♘xh3 1-0 [5]

(1. ♘d7? ♗f4! 2. b7 ♖f1+ 3. ♗h2 ♖f2+  
 4. ♗h1 ♖f5+ 5. ♗h2 ♖f2+ =)  
 (1... ♗xe6 2. b8=♗ ±)  
 (2... ♗g4 3. ♖g6+! ♘xg6 4. ♘d7+ ±)  
 (3. ♗g3? ♖g1+ 4. ♗xf3 ♘e4+ 5. ♗e3 d4+! ♗xd4 ♘xb7= )  
 (5... ♘xf5 6. ♘b5 ±)

## 5. [H#4] Christopher Jones, Brian Cook Original for ISC 2025

a) 1. ♗d2 ♗c2 2. ♘c4+ ♗d3 3. ♗e5+ ♗d4 4. ♗d6 ♘d5‡ @  
 b) 1. ♖e6 ♘g6 2. ♗e5 ♗d2 3. ♗d5 ♗e3 4. ♖c5 ♘e4‡ @

@	1	2
Pts.	2,5	5

## 6. [S#3] Walther Martinus Johannes Jorgensen Skakbladet Prize Skakbladet, 1972

1. ♘g2! ~ 2. ♗e4+ ♗xc5 3. ♘d6+ @ cxd6‡  
 1... ♘ac2 2. ♖h4+ ♘d4 3. ♘e4+ @ ♘xc6‡  
 1... ♗xf2 2. ♘xa6+ ♗c5+ 3. ♗b5+ @ ♗xb5‡  
 1... ♗xe2 2. ♗xa6+ ♗xc5 3. ♗b5+ @ ♗xb5‡  
 1... ♘xb7 2. ♘xb3+ ♘xc6 3. ♘d6+ @ cxd6‡  
 1... ♘e7 2. ♘e3+ ♗d4 3. ♘xb3+ @ ♘xb3‡

1. ♘f3? ♘xb7!  
 1. ♘h1? ♗xh1!

@	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pts.	1	2	2,5	3	4	5

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## 7. [#2] Josef Kupper, Neue Zurcher Zeitung, 1987

1. ♖b1! [5]  
 1. ♖e2? ♖d3!  
 1. ♖xd5? ♖e4!  
 1. ♖a4? ♖c4!  
 1. ♖e3? h4!  
 1. ♖xa6? ♖d2!  
 1. ♖xd4? ♖e6!

## 8. [#3] Jan van den Strydom (version for solving) The Problemist, 1964

1. ♖h2! ~ 2. f8=♖ @  
 1... ♖h4 2. ♖xc5 @  
 1... ♖d5 2. ♖xd5 @  
 1... ♖e5 2. ♖b6 @  
 1... ♖e4 2. ♖d6 @  
 1... ♖f4 2. ♖d2+ @  
 1...b2 2. ♖c2+ @

@	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pts.	1	1,5	2	3	3,5	4	5

## 9. [#4] Machatadse, Dschemal Commendation Chess Life, 1969

1. ♖h7! zz  
 1... ♖b6 2. ♖c1+ ♖b4 3. a3+ [1]  
 1... ♖h5 2. ♖xe4 ♖g6+ 3. ♖xg6 [0,5]  
 1... ♖g4 2. ♖xe4 ♖f5+ 3. ♖xf5 [0,5]  
 1... ♖h1/ ♖g2 2. ♖g8 ~ 3. ♖e6 [1]  
 2... ♖f3 3. ♖xe4 [1]  
 2...e1=♖/e1=♖ 3. ♖c2+ [1]

## 10. [+] Rainer Staudte, Michael Schlosser, Martin Minski Original for ISC 2025

1. ♖g4! [0,5]  
 1... ♖c4! 2. ♖xc4 [0,5]  
 a) 2... ♖f7+! 3. ♖xf7 [1] g1=♖ 4. g8=♖+! [1] ♖g5 5. ♖g7+ ±  
 b) 2... ♖d5+! 3. ♖xd5 [1] g1=♖ 4. g8=♖! [1] ♖a7+ 5. ♖d8/~ ±  
 (1. g8=♖? ♖xc4= )  
 (1... ♖f7+ 2. ♖e8 ♖xg7 3. ♖h3+ ♖g6  
 4. ♖xg2+ ♖f6 5. ♖c6+ ♖g5 6. ♖c1+ ♖g6  
 7. ♖g1+ ♖h7 8. ♖h2+ ♖g8 9. ♖a2+ ♖h7  
 10. ♖f8 ♖g4/ ♖g5 11. ♖h2+! ♖g6 12. ♖d6+ ±)  
 (2. ♖xg2? ♖g8= )  
 (4. g8=♖? ♖a7+! perpetual check or stalemate)

## 11. [H#3] Karel Sobek Sachova skladba, 1992

1. ♖c3 ♖xe5 2. ♖b2 ♖e1+ 3. ♖a2 ♖a1‡ @  
 1. ♖c4 ♖xh6 2. ♖c5 ♖e3 3. ♖dd5 c3‡ @  
 1. ♖e4+ ♖xh8 2. ♖d5 ♖c8 3. ♖ee6 c4‡ @  
 1. ♖c6 ♖e6 2. ♖c5 ♖f6 3. ♖e3 ♖f4‡ @

@	1	2	3	4
Pts.	1,25	2,5	3,75	5

## 12. [S#5] Fritz Loepert Mate 1982 (correction)

1. ♖a4! ~ 2. ♖e6+ ♖e5 3. ♖d3+ ♖xd3 4. ♖c4+ ♖e3 5. ♖c3+ [2,5]  
 1... ♖b4 2. ♖b3+ ♖c3 3. ♖a5 g2 4. ♖g5 g1~ 5. ♖xg1 [2,5]