

80/20 Tactics: The London System: Advanced



1. Black has everything covered, doesn't he?

White to play.



2. How can you take advantage of Black's misplaced pieces?



3. Can you spot the best continuation for White here?



4. Can you take advantage of the position of Black's queen?



5. How can we take advantage of Black's lack of mobility?



6. Black is attacking the bishop on h4.

How should White respond?



7. And what should we do about this attack on our bishop?



8. Black should have played ...Bd7 instead of ...Bb7.

Why?



9. How would you respond to ...exd4?



10. How can White continue this attack?



11. How can you open up some lines of attack against the enemy king?



12. How can White exploit ...f6?



13. What would you do if Black takes on g3?



14. What is the right plan for White here?



15. There's a hidden tactic here.

Can you find it?



16. What should we do about ...Bf5, attacking the queen?



17. Black threatens ...Nxf2 followed by...g5. What's a good counterblow?



18. Why was ...b4 a mistake?



19. How can White exploit his space advantage?

20. How can White decide the game?

Solutions

1	1.Qg7+ Ke8 2.f7+!! and White either promotes on f8 or wins the queen.
2	1.e4! Nxd4 2.cxd4 Bxe4 3.Nxe4 winning a piece.
3	1.Bxg5 Qxg5 2.gxf5 Nxf5 3.Rg1 Qe7 4.Rxg7+ Qxg7 5.Rg1 winning the queen.
4	1.Nxc6! Rxc6 2.Nxd5 Qxd2 3.Nxf6+ Bxf6 4.Bxc6+ winning a whole rook.
5	1.c6! Qxc6 2.Rac1 Qe8 3.Bc7 Rd7 4.Qb5 Nd6 5.Qxd5+ Kg7 6.BxN Rad8 7.Qe6 winning a piece.
6	1.Qa4!! Qxa4 2.Nc7 mate.
7	1.Ne5! Qc8 2.Bxc6 bxc6 3.Qa4 winning the pawn.
8	1.Qa4 Qc7 2.Bxd6 Qxd6 3.Ne5 Rc8 4.Qxa7 Qc7 5.dxc5 bxc5 6.Nxc6 Bxc6 7.Qxc5 Bxb5 8.Qxb5+ and White is two pawns to the good.
9	1.Nxe4 dxe4 2.Nd6+ winning the exchange.
10	1.Ng5 fxc5 2.Bxh7+ Kxh7 3.hxc5+ Kg6 4.Qh5+ Kf5 5.Qh3+ Kg6 6.Qh7+
11	1. Nxf7 Kxf7 2.Ne5+ Kf6 3.Re1 Qf5 4.Bh4+ g5 5.g4 Qf4 6.Bg3 Qd2 7.Qb1 Rg8 8.Qh7! followed by mate.
12	1.Qh6 Bf8 2.Nxf6+ winning the queen.
13	1.Bxh7+ Kh8 2.hxc3 Nxe5 3.Bd3+ Kg8 4.Rh8+!! Kxh8 and mate in two moves.
14	1.b5! cxb5 2. Nxb5 Rc8 3.Nd6+ Bxd6 4.Bxd6 leaving the enemy king stranded in the center while keeping the better pawn structure.
15	1.Ng6 Qxg3 2.hxc3 winning the exchange.
16	1.Qxf5 Qxb2 2.Qxd5 Qxa8 3.Qb5 0-0-0 4.Bxc4 e5 5.Ne2! exf4 6.0-0 fxe3 7.fxe3 Nf6 and 8.Nd2 wins the queen.
17	1.Nxd5! Nxf2 2.Kxf2 e5 3.Bc4 Be6 4.Ne7+Nxe7 5.Bxe6+Kh8 6.Rxh7+ Kxh7 7.Qh1+ Bh6 and 8.Qxh6 mate (If 5...Rf7 then 6.Bxf7+ and our f4 remains alive!)
18	1.axb4 axb4 2.Nxc6 Qxc6 3.Ba4 winning the exchange (If 2...Nxe5 then 3.fxe5 with an outside passed pawn and strong attack against f7).
19	1.Bxa6! bxa6 2.Nxc6 Rb7 3.Ne7+Kh8 4.Nxf5 devastating Blacks pawn structure ...exf5 5.Rxa6 and White will pile his rooks up on the a-file and push the queenside pawns.



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1.Rxf8! Kxf8 (if Rxf8 then the queen is lost) 2.Qh8+ Ke7 3.Qg7+ Kd8 4.Nf7+ Kc8 5.Nd6+ Kd8 6.Nxb7 Kc8 7.Nd6+ Kc8 8.Nxe8 White is winning.