

## Chess 013: Opening Proficiency for 1200 – 1500 Players Pretest

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The purpose of this pretest is to give potential students an idea of what the level of this class will be and what their strength is relative to the class.

Each problem is worth 1 point if you find the correct move.

You are part of the targeted pool of students if you score between 3 and 8 points on this pretest. If you score less than 3, then this class might be advanced for you and if you score more than 8, then this class may be a bit basic for you.

**You are allowed to spend only 30 seconds per problem.**

This pretest should not be taken too seriously; however, if you score 0 or 10, then this course may not be at the right level for you. Only your opening instinct and basic tactical/strategic skill is tested. Understanding of opening theory is not tested.

Everybody within the 1100 – 1600 ELO rating range should benefit greatly from this class. There will be several optional homework assignments in addition to the required coursework. This means while the core of the class will focus at the 1200 – 1500 level, there will be additional content to explore for both higher rated and lower rated players! This makes the class suitable for players at various levels.



**Problem 3: Black to Move**

FEN: rn2kbnr/ppp1pppp/8/4q3/6b1/2N2N2/PPPPBPPP/R1BQK2R b KQkq - 0 5



What is Black's best move? \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 4: White to Move**

FEN: rn1qkb1r/ppp2ppp/5n2/4p3/2B1P3/5Q2/PPP2PPP/RNB1K2R w KQkq - 0 7



What is White's best move? \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 5: White to Move**

FEN: rnbqkb1r/ppp1pppp/5n2/3p4/2PP4/8/PP2PPPP/RNBQKBNR w KQkq - 0 3



What is White's best move? \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 6: White to Move**

FEN: r1bqk1nr/pp1p1pbp/2n1p1p1/8/3NP3/2N1B3/PPP2PPP/R2QKB1R w KQkq - 0 7



What is White's best move? \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 7: Black to Move**

FEN: r1b1k1nr/pp1pppbp/2n3p1/8/4PP2/2P5/PP1N2PP/R2Q1RK1 b kq - 0 1



What is Black's best move? \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 8: Black to Move**

FEN: rnbqkbnr/pp1ppp1p/6p1/8/3PP3/8/PP3PPP/RNBQKBNR b KQkq - 0 4



What is Black's best move? \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 9: Black to Move**

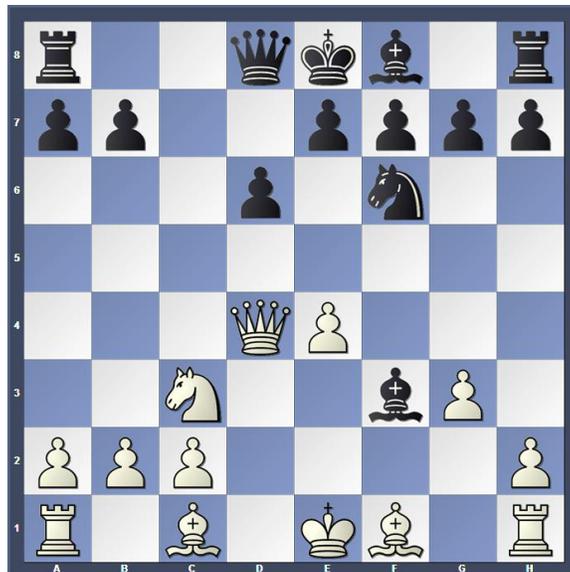
FEN: rnbqkbnr/ppp2ppp/8/3Pp3/2p1P3/8/PP3PPP/RNBQKBNR b KQkq - 0 4



What is Black's best move? \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 10: White to Move**

FEN: r2qkb1r/pp2pppp/3p1n2/8/3QP3/2N2bP1/PPP4P/R1B1KB1R w KQkq - 0 9



What is White's best move? \_\_\_\_\_