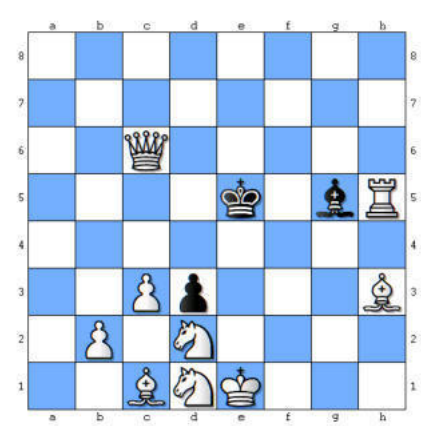




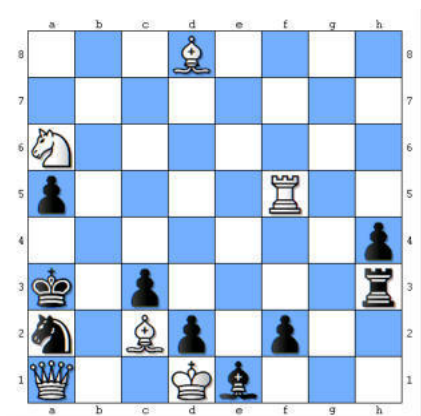
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S#10 (C+ - Brute Force tested)

1st Commendation

Highly precise and complex manoeuvres highlight this problem. There is a good alternance between checking and quiet moves, the overall impression is of solid construction and clarity.

Solution: 1. **b4!** Kf4 2. Qf3+ Ke5 3. Qf8! Kd5 4. b5! Ke5 5. Qf7! Kd6 6. Ne4+ Ke5 7. Bf4+ Kxe4 8. Qf5+ Kf3 9. Bh2+! Bf4 10. Bf1 **d2#**



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S#11 (C+ - Brute Force tested)

2nd Commendation

White constructs the final mating mechanism through a sequence of quiet logical manoeuvres. The repeated oscillation of the black Rook is systematically exploited while White builds the decisive battery, each phase preparing the next one with remarkable economy. The

absence of white pawns further emphasizes the purity of the construction. Although the mechanism becomes somewhat predictable after the initial stages, the study remains an elegant example of logical selfmate strategy.

Solution: 1. **Rc5!** [threatening 2. Rxc3+ Rxc3 3. Qxc3+ Nxc3#]

1. ... Rh1 2. Rb5! [threatening 3. Qxc3+ Nxc3#]

2. ... Rh3 3. Rb3+

3. ... Ka4 4. Rb8+

5. ... Ka3 5. Rc8! [threatening 6. Rxc3+ Rxc3 7. Qc3+ Nxc3#]

5. ... Rh1 6. Bc7 [threatening 7. Qxc3+ Nxc3#]

6. ... Rh3 7. Bf4!

7. ... Rh1 8. Rg8!

8. ... Rh3 9. Rg3! [threatening 10. Rxc3+ Rxc3 11. Qxc3+ Nxc3#]

9. ... Rh1 10. Be3! [threatening an inevitable mate with 11. Qxc3+ Nxc3#]