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Poker Skills Measure (PSM)

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This measure presents you with 35 scenarios. There is one scenario per page, presented in both pictorial and text versions.

The first pictorial you will see, is a tutorial. This tutorial identifies the components of the pictorial representations that you will encounter in this test (e.g., what folded cards look like, the dealer button, etc.).

There is a glossary of terminology and phrases to aid you in understanding the scenarios.

You are to choose one, and only one, of the multiple choice options provided. Indicate your answer by filling in the appropriate bubble on the answer sheet provided.

Your goal in this task is to make the one decision, given the information presented in the scenario, that would allow you to maximize profits AND minimize losses.
1: Dealer button
2: P1 is player one (small blind)
3: P2 is player two (big blind)
4: P3 is player three
5: P4 is player four
6: P5 is player five
7: P6 is player six (button)
8: Hole cards
9: In play cards (big cards)
10: Folded cards (small cards)
11: Community cards
12: History of action
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<td>Bet</td>
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<td>Big Blind</td>
<td>The individual in the big blind position (player 2) is seated immediately left of the small blind position (player 1). This person is required to put into the pot the biggest of the blind bets that serve as the price to play. The big blind position is the last to act preflop and the second to act postflop.</td>
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<td>Also known as BB. Unit of measurement based on the size of the big blind (see Blind). In a $1/$2 game, 100 Big Blinds would equal $200.</td>
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<td>Blind</td>
<td>A fee for playing a hand. Usually the blind is structured (e.g., 1 / 2, or 10 / 20), with the big blind being twice the size of the small blind. Blind bets are used to ensure there is a pot to win.</td>
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<td>Button</td>
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<td>Call</td>
<td>To match the current bet amount, to put the same amount into the pot.</td>
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<td>Check</td>
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<td>Come(s) Down</td>
<td>Term referring to the dealing of cards. For example, 'the flop comes down' means the flop cards are dealt.</td>
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<td>Community Cards</td>
<td>Cards which are dealt, face up, that each player can use in the creation of their own best five card hand.</td>
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<td>First to act</td>
<td>The person that makes the first decision preflop. This person (player 3) sits immediately to the left of the big blind (player 2).</td>
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<td>Flop (the flop)</td>
<td>Refers both to the first three community cards dealt and to the action which follows the dealing of these cards until the next community card (the turn) is dealt.</td>
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<td>Fold</td>
<td>To discard your hand, to remove yourself from play during the current hand.</td>
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<td>Private card(s), two are dealt to each player (face down) at the beginning of each hand (preflop).</td>
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<td>Limp(s)</td>
<td>To bet only the minimum required to remain in a hand.</td>
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<td>Raise</td>
<td>To put more into the pot than is required to remain in a hand.</td>
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<td>River (the river)</td>
<td>The 5&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; and final community card that is dealt after the 4&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; community card (turn card) and the betting round following the dealing of the turn card. One round of betting follows the dealing of the river card. The river card is also known as 5&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; street card.</td>
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<td>Small Blind</td>
<td>The individual in this position (player 2), is seated directly left of the button. The individual in the small blind position is normally required to put in a preflop blind bet that is typically one half the value of the Big Blind. The individual in the small blind position has the 5&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; option to act preflop and the 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; option to act postflop.</td>
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<td>Turn (the turn)</td>
<td>The 4&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; community card that is dealt after the flop cards have been dealt and the betting round that follows the flop cards coming down. There is one round of betting that follows the dealing of the turn card.</td>
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<td>On the button</td>
<td>The individual 'on the button' is player 6. This individual has the 4&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; option to act (choice to bet) after the blind bets have been posted preflop and the is the last to act postflop since betting begins with the small blind after the flop.</td>
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<td>Posted</td>
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<td>Postflop</td>
<td>The betting rounds which follow the flop being dealt. Includes three rounds of betting, one after the flop, one after the turn, and one after the river.</td>
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<td>Pot (the pot)</td>
<td>The pool that players put their bets into and which the winner of the hand takes.</td>
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<td>Preflop</td>
<td>Indicates the period of play, round of betting, after hole cards are dealt but before the flop comes down.</td>
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<td>Stack size</td>
<td>The amount of chips a player has available for betting.</td>
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- Fold
- Raise
You are player 3, the first to act after the player 1 and 2 have posted their blind bets preflop. With 7 of hearts and 2 of hearts for hole cards, your decision should be to:

- [ ] Call
- [ ] Fold
- [ ] Raise
You are player 2, the big blind. Players 3, 4, and 5 have folded, the button (player 6) raises the pot to 3 times the big blind amount and player 1 (the small blind) folds. With Jack of clubs and 3 of clubs as hole cards, your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
You are player 2, the big blind. Players 3, 4, and 5 have folded. Player 6 (the button) raises the pot to 3 times the big blind amount and player 1 (the small blind) folds. With Jack of clubs and 3 of hearts for hole cards, your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
Scenario 5

You are on the button (player 6). Players 3, 4, and 5 have folded preflop. With Ace of clubs and Ace of hearts for hole cards, your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
Scenario 6

You are player 5. Players 3, and 4 have folded preflop. With Queen of clubs and Queen of hearts for hole cards, your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
You are player 3, the first to act after the player 1 and 2 have posted their blind bets preflop. With 9 of diamonds and 9 of hearts for hole cards, your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
Scenario 8

After players 1 and 2 posted their blind bets, players 3, 4, and 5 folded preflop. With 6 of clubs and 7 of clubs for hole cards, you had raised preflop to 3 big blinds on the button (you are player 6). Player 1 folds. The big blind (player 2) calls and you see a flop. The big blind (player 2) checks. Your decision should be to:

- Fold
- Bet
- Check
Scenario 9

After players 1 and 2 posted their blind bets, players 3, 4, and 5 folded preflop. With 6 of clubs and 7 of clubs for hole cards, you had raised preflop to 3 big blinds on the button (you are player 6). Player 1 folds. The big blind (player 2) calls and you see a flop. The big blind (player 2) checks. You bet, and then the big blind calls. After seeing the turn, the big blind checks again. Your decision should be to:

A Fold
B Bet
C Check
Scenario 10

After players 1 and 2 posted their blind bets, players 3, 4, and 5 folded preflop. With 6 of clubs and 7 of clubs for hole cards, you had raised preflop to 3 big blinds on the button (you are player 6). Player 1 folds. The big blind (player 2) calls and you see a flop. The big blind (player 2) checks, you bet, and then the big blind calls. After seeing the turn, the big blind checks, you bet and the big blind calls. On seeing the final community card (the river), you bet and the big blind now raises the bet to around 4 times the original size, that is 2 times the size of the pot. Your decision should be to:

A Call
B Fold
C Raise
Scenario 11

You are player 6 (on the button) with Ace of spades and Ace of clubs for hole cards and all community cards visible. Players 1, 2, 3, and 4 have folded. Your opponent (player 5), bets. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
Scenario 12

Players 3, 4, and 5 folded preflop. You (player 6), raise preflop to 3 times the big blind amount with 9 of spades and 7 of spades for hole cards. Player 1 (the small blind) folds and player 2 (the big blind) calls and you see the flop. Your opponent (player 2) checks to you. Your decision should be to:

- Fold
- Bet
- Check
Scenario 13

Players 3, 4, and 5 folded preflop. You (player 6), raise preflop to 3 times the big blind amount with 9 of spades and 7 of spades for hole cards. Player 1 (the small blind) folds and player 2 (the big blind) calls and you see the flop. Your opponent (player 2) checks to you. Your decision should be to:

- Fold
- Bet
- Check
After players 1 and 2 have posted their blind bets, player 3 folds (preflop). With Ace of clubs and King of clubs for hole cards, your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
Preflop, players 3 and 4 folded. You (player 6), with 7 of hearts and 8 of hearts for hole cards, called after player 5 raised to 3 big blinds. Player 1 (the small blind) folded. Player 2 (the big blind) called as well. The flop comes. Player 2 (the big blind) checks, and player 5 also checks. Your decision should be to:

- Fold
- Bet
- Check
You (player 3) have 7 of clubs and 8 of hearts for hole cards. Players 1 and 2 have posted their blind bets preflop. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
You (player 3) have 5 of diamonds and 6 of diamonds for hole cards. Players 1 and 2 have anted up the blind bets preflop. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
You are player 2 (the big blind), with 6 of spades and 6 of diamonds for hole cards. Player 3 folds. Player 4 raises it to 3 big blinds, then player 5 raises to 11 big blinds. Player 6 (on the button) and player 1 (the small blind) fold. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
You are player 2 (the big blind), with 9 of hearts and 9 of diamonds for hole cards. Player 3 folds. Player 4 raises it to 3 big blinds, then player 5 raises to 11 big blinds. Player 6 (on the button) and player 1 (the small blind) fold. Your decision should be to:

- [ ] Call
- [x] Fold
- [ ] Raise
Scenario 20

After the blind bets have posted their blind bets, players 3, 4, 5, and 6 fold preflop. You are player 1 (the small blind) with Ace of diamonds and 8 of diamonds for hole cards. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
After the preflop blind bets have been posted, players 3, 4, 5, and 6 fold. Player 1 raises to 3 big blinds. You, player 2, have Ace of diamonds and 8 of clubs for hole cards. Your decision should be:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
The preflop blind bets have been posted. Player 3 raises to 3 big blinds. Player 4 folds. Player 5 then raises to 11 big blinds. You, player 6, have King of hearts and King of clubs for hole cards. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Re-raise
After the blind bets have been posted, player 3 and 4 fold preflop. Player 5 bets only enough to remain in the hand (limps). Player 6 (on the button) folds. Player 1 calls. You, player 2, with King of hearts and 2 of hearts for hole cards, check. The flop comes down. You decide to bet the flop, and you get raised by player 5. Player 1 (the small blind) folds. Your decision should be to:

A Call  
B Fold  
C Raise
After the blind bets have been posted, player 3 and 4 fold preflop. Player 5 bets only enough to remain in the hand (limps). Player 6 (on the button) folds. Player 1 calls. You, player 2, with King of hearts and 2 of hearts for hole cards, check. The flop comes down. You decide to check the flop, and then player 5 bets. Player 1 (the small blind) folds. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
You, player 5, with Ace of diamonds and Jack of diamonds for hole cards, have check/called both the flop and the turn. Players 1, 2, 3, and 4 have all folded. With all community cards displayed, you check and then your opponent (player 6) bets. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
You are Player 2 (the big blind) with 8 of diamonds, 4 of clubs. Player 6 (the button) decides to call. You decide to check and the flop comes down (first 3 community cards are dealt). Your decision should be to:

- Fold
- Bet
- Check
You are player 4 with Queen of diamonds and Queen of clubs for hole cards. You have 100BB available to bet with. Player 5, player 6 (button), and player 1 (small blind) all start the hand with 100BB, but player 2 (the big blind) has 18BB. Player 3 folds. Your decision should be to:

A Call
B Fold
C Raise
You are on the button (player 6) with Jack of diamonds and Jack of clubs for hole cards and 30BB available to bet with. Player 1 (the small blind) and player 2 (the big blind) both have 30BB available to bet with. Players 3, 4, and 5 fold. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
Everyone at the table has 100BBs available to bet with. You are player 2 with Ace of clubs and 8 of spades for hole cards. Player 5 raises to 3 big blinds preflop. Player 5 has a preflop raise percentage of 45%. You decide to call player 5's raise and the flop is dealt: 8 of clubs, 7 of spades, and 3 of hearts. You check to Player 5 who decides to bet 4BBs into a pot of 6.5BBs. His continuation bet (betting on the flop after raising preflop) percentage is 93%. Your decision should be to:

A. Call  
B. Fold  
C. Raise
You (player 2) have 17BBs to bet with and have Jack of hearts and Jack of diamonds as hole cards. Player 3 has been playing extremely tight, raising 7% of hands over 100 observed hands. The button (player 6) has also been playing tight, raising 12% of hands over 100 observed hands. Everyone except you have 100BBs available to bet with. Player 3 raises to 2.5BBs, it folds to the button (player 6) who calls. Player 1 folds. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
Scenario 31

Everyone starts the hand with 100BBs. You are the button (player 6) with 8 of spades and 8 of clubs as hole cards. After players 1 and 2 post their blind bets, players 3, 4, and 5 fold. The small blind (player 1) re-raises 9% of the time and the big blind (player 2) re-raises 15% of the time both over 300 observed hand samples. Your decision should be to:

A) Call  
B) Fold  
C) Raise
Scenario 32

You are in the small blind (player 1) with Ace of spades and Ace of clubs for hole cards. Everyone starts the hand with 100BBs available to bet with. Player 5 bets the minimum amount necessary to remain in the hand (limps). You have noticed that player 5 has a tendency to do this (limp) over the last 100 hands. Player 6 (the button) folds. Your decision should be to:

☐ Call
☐ Fold
☐ Raise
You are in the small blind (player 1) with Jack of spades and Jack of clubs for hole cards. Everyone starts the hand with 100BBs available to bet with. Player 5 bets the minimum amount required to remain in the hand (limps). You have noticed that player 5 has a tendency to do this (limp) over the last 100 hands. Player 6 (the button) folds. Your decision should be to:

- Call
- Fold
- Raise
You are player 3 with 4 of spades and 5 of clubs for hole cards. Everyone has 100BBs available to bet with. You have been really active over the past hour raising 22 hands out of 100. The rest of the table is playing pretty tight aggressive, raising approximately 15% of hands each. Your decision should be to:

A  Call
B  Fold
C  Raise
You are player 3 with Ace of spades and 6 of clubs for hole cards. Everyone at the table has 100BBs available to bet with. You have been really active over the past hour raising 22 hands out of 100. The rest of the table is playing pretty tight aggressive, raising approximately 15% of hands each. Your decision should be to:

- [ ] Call
- [ ] Fold
- [ ] Raise
PSM Answer Sheet

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