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Q. 1 – Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K 8 2 ♥9 6 4 ♦8 4 ♣J 9 5 4 2

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ Pass Pass Dbl

2♠ 3♦ ?

What action do you take?

A – Partner's two-spade rebid announces a sound opening bid and a six-card spade suit. Your honor-third in his suit and doubleton diamond should be worth two tricks to him. Compete with three spades.

Q. 2 – Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠Q 6 ♥A 8 7 ♦A 5 2 ♣A 7 6 3 2

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass

3♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A – A hand containing three aces and a trump honor is enormous facing an opener who made a jump rebid. Therefore, we would make the practical bid of six spades.

Q. 3 – North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠J 6 ♥A Q 8 5 4 2 ♦Q 7 ♣8 4 2

The bidding has proceeded:

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♠ Pass 1NT 2♦

2♠ ?

What action do you take?

A – Should you introduce your six-card heart suit? Perhaps, perhaps not – partner has shown no interest in hearts. However, your doubleton queen in partner's suit is ample support. Bid three diamonds.

Q. 4 – Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A Q 10 6 3 2 ♥A Q 9 ♦A K ♣7 3

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass

?

What do you bid now?

A – If you play that partner's two-over-one response is forcing to game, you need do no more than rebid two spades now – that gives you the most room to probe for the best spot. If, however, the response does not guarantee a rebid, you cannot afford a mere two spades – that could be passed. Therefore, you have to jump to three spades.

Q. 5 – Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A Q 3 ♥A K 10 6 ♦J 7 ♣A Q 10 8

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass

?

What do you bid now?

A – Start with a rebid of two hearts and then raise spades at your next turn.

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