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Q. 1 – Both vulnerable. South you hold:

♠A Q 10 8 6 5 4 ♥Void ♦A J 6 ♣A K 9

Partner opens the bidding with four hearts. What action do you take?

A – If partner is the type who, at this vulnerability, would open four hearts with a suit that is likely to contain several losers, it time to change partners. If not, raise to six hearts.

Q. 2 – East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠9 5 ♥A 10 8 4 ♦A 10 7 ♣Q J 9 3

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

Pass Pass 1♠ 2♣

?

What action do you take?

A – With four probable defensive tricks, it is unlikely that East can make two clubs, so double – the penalty could be substantial. Two no trump is a poor second choice since you might not have a source of tricks on offense.

Q. 3 – As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠A Q 8 7 5 4 2 ♥A ♦A K ♣A Q 7

The bidding:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

2♣* Pass 2♦** Pass

2♣ Pass 4♣ Pass

?

* artificial game force ** waiting

What action do you take?

A – Partner's jump to four spades shows good trump support but denies an ace, king, singleton or void. Even if you negotiate trump without loss, you could easily have two club losers. We don't like to lose the vulnerable game bonus. Pass.

Q. 4 – As South vulnerable, you hold:

♠A 10 9 ♥A 8 7 6 3 ♦9 5 ♣J 8 7

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

2♣ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A – You have too much to pass but not enough to invite game with two no trump. The advantage of diamonds here is that, with a heart fragment, partner might bid two hearts, in which case your hand could become very good. Bid two diamonds.

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

♠A 9 7 6 ♥A 9 8 7 6 2 ♦K Q 7 ♣Void

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 3♣ ?

What action do you take?

A – Only two options are available to South – a cue-bid of four clubs or a bid of three hearts. Since we prefer probing for a fit before making a cue-bid, our choice is three hearts.

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