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

K Q 7 4 8 A 10 7 6 K 10 9 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

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What action do you take?

A — Redouble. That tells partner the opponents are in trouble and to pass the bidding round to you.

Q. 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

K 10 7 6 3 8 A 9 8 3 J 6 2

Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

A — If you play transfer bids, bid two hearts and raise to two no trump after partner corrects to two spades. If not, bid two clubs (Stayman). If partner bids two diamonds or two hearts, bid two spades to show five spades and invitational values.

Q. 3 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

A K 8 6 A K 10 6 5 6 K Q 9

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1 Pass 1 Pass

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What do you bid now?

A — The modern way to describe your hand is with a splinter bid of four diamonds, showing a singleton diamond, good spade support and slam interest. If that is not in your armory, a jump shift to three clubs followed by a spade raise would show the same hand.

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

J 8 A Q 7 J 9 6 4 5 A 8 4

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1 Pass 2 Pass

2NT Pass 3 Pass

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What do you bid now?

A — Any move toward slam must come from partner. All you can do for the moment is raise to four spades. Partner will know you probably have only two spades, since you would have preferred an immediate spade raise to two no trump if you had three spades.

Q. 5 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

J 8 3 7 4 A Q 9 3 A Q 4 3

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1 Pass 1 Pass

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What do you bid now?

A — There are two uncomfortable bids available — one no trump and two clubs. The latter suggests an unbalanced hand, the former a spade stopper. Of the two, we think the spade stopper is the lesser evil. Bid one no trump.

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