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

A Q 8 4 8 4 K J 10 7 6 2 5

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1 Pass 1 Pass

1 Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A – To do anything less than jump to game is asking partner to do your work for you. Since a jump to three spades is invitational, not forcing, bid four spades.

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

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

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1 Pass 2 Pass

2 Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A – You want to be in game, and the most likely one is three no trump. However, why risk it should you have no club stopper? The easy way to find out is to probe with two spades.

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

9 7 A K 9 3 10 6 5 2 A Q J

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1 Pass 1 Pass

2 Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A – It looks as if four hearts is automatic but, should partner have raised with three-card support, hearts might not be the easiest game. Should partner have a balanced hand, a spade stopper and three-card heart support, three no trump might be right, so probe with three clubs.

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

K 10 A 7 A K 10 9 5 J 7 6 2

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1 Pass 2 Pass

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What do you bid now?

A – We doubt that your four clubs headed by a jack would be of much interest to partner. More important is to show him your source of tricks. Bid three diamonds.

Q. 5 – Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

J 10 8 7 5 2 K 8 A 10 4 A 6

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1 Pass 1NT* Pass

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*forcing

What do you bid now?

A – While you have a stopper in every suit, at no trump your suit might take too long to establish. You can find out more about the hand by rebidding your six-card major, and help partner place the contract. Bid two spades.

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