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Q 1 • Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A K ♥7 5 2 ♦K 8 7 6 4 3 ♣A 9

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

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What do you bid now?

A • Three bids come into consideration — a raise to two hearts, a rebid of your six-card minor or a slightly off-shape one no trump. We do not believe in raising partner's major-suit response with three low cards if there is any other option, and here there are two — since all your points are prime, we prefer a rebid of two diamonds to one no trump.

Q 2 • Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠9 5 4 ♥A 8 ♦K 10 4 3 ♣J 7 5 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1♥ Pass 2♥ 2♠

Pass ?

What action do you take?

A • Despite the vulnerability, partner might just be competing, but could also have a hand with strong playing potential. With three-card support, a ruffing value, an ace and a king, your hand is better than partner can expect. Tell him by raising to three spades.

Q 3 • Vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠8 6 ♥A 8 4 ♦A Q 7 6 3 2 ♣9 5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass

1♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A • You do not have enough to bid two hearts, either as fourth suit forcing or a natural reverse — both would be game-forcing. Because you do not want to make a simple rebid when you hold two aces and a fair six-card suit, make an invitational jump to three diamonds despite the poor quality of your suit.

Q 4 • As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠Q 9 2 ♥A Q 9 2 ♦8 3 ♣Q 9 5 4

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

Pass 1NT Dbl ?

What action do you take?

A Your first task is to tell partner that the hand belongs to you. The textbook way to accomplish that is to redouble.

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

♠A K 7 6 2 ♥A Q 6 ♦K 7 ♣10 9 7

What is your opening bid?

A Suppose you open one spade and partner responds one no trump. Two no trump is an overbid and anything else misrepresents your holding. Avoid the problem by opening one no trump. (04/18/11)

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