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Q. 1 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠K Q 10 5 ♥K Q J 6 5 3 ♦Void ♣K 10 9

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass

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What do you bid now?

A — You have excellent trick-taking potential, but your hand is aceless and your void in partner's suit is disturbing. Therefore, we would take things slowly and simply rebid two hearts. Partner's next bid should give you a better idea of how to proceed.

Q. 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠A K 8 3 2 ♥A Q 3 ♦A 7 6 2 ♣7

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass

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What action do you take?

A — For the moment, all you can do is rebid two diamonds and see how partner reacts.

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

♠A ♥K Q 9 8 4 2 ♦8 7 3 ♣9 4 2

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

3♣ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A — If you play that a rebid of three hearts is forcing, as it should be, that action is clear-cut. If not, you have a problem. A jump to four hearts could result in playing a poor game when you have a laydown slam in clubs; three spades could be misread and lead to catastrophe and four clubs might be passed. That leaves five clubs as the viable action.

Q. 4 — Both vulnerable as South you hold:

♠K ♥Void ♦K 9 8 6 5 3 2 ♣10 7 6 4 2

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A — All you can do is bid one no trump and hope you can bail out in three diamonds unless partner happens to bid two of a minor.

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

♠K Q 7 ♥K 9 8 ♦A Q 6 3 ♣A Q 5

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

A — The correct way to treat this holding is to double for takeout and bid no trump as cheaply as possible at your next turn. That shows a balanced hand too strong for a one-no-trump overcall.

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