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

♠7 3 ♥Q 9 6 5 2 ♦10 6 4 3 ♣A 4

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1 ♦ Dbl Pass 1 ♥

.2 ♦ Pass Pass ?

What action do you take?

A — Bid two hearts.

Q. 2 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K Q 8 6 ♥K 10 5 ♦A K Q 8 6 ♣9

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A — You have by far the best hand at the table, but it is equally certain that partner has the worst. The opponents are in a forcing auction, so we see no gain from immediate action. It is more prudent to let the auction proceed to see whether the enemy is going to get out of their depth. You can always act later.

Q. 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A ♥A K J 9 6 5 3 ♦Q 8 6 4 ♣7

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

A — You are certainly going to game, and there might be slam in the cards. To set partner's mind at rest about where the hand should be played, jump shift to two hearts now. When you rebid the suit next, partner will know he won't have to worry about heart support.

Q. 4 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠J 9 7 6 3 ♥J 10 4 3 ♦7 5 ♣Q 6

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

A — This is not the hand with which to try a Stayman two clubs to see whether he has a four-card major. Should partner deny a major by responding two diamonds, two spades by you now would be invitational. Get to two spades immediately by whatever means you have at your disposal.

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

♠A Q 5 4 ♥K J 7 6 4 2 ♦J ♣8 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ 2 ♣

Dbl Pass ?

What action do you take?

A — On this auction, North is unlikely to have more than three spades and two hearts, so any game by your side is doubtful. Since you have reasonable defensive values and a couple of trumps, a fair penalty is in the offing. Besides, you do not want to acquire a reputation for pulling partner's penalty doubles. Pass.

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