

Pros' Answers to Weekly Bridge Quiz #11
March 16

Question 1: Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S – A 8 6 H – 10 9 D – 8 7 5 4 2 C – Q 4 2

North	East	South	West
1C	Pass	1D	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Partner has shown 18 – 19 HCP. You only have six, but the five-card suit might be useful. Bid 3 No Trump.

Question 2: North – South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S – A 8 7 H – A 6 4 D – A K 10 3 C – A 10 8

As Dealer (South), what call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: Aces are undervalued in the 4-3-2-1 point count arrangement. Promote this hand with all four of them. Open 2 No Trump.

Question 3: East – West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S – K 5 3 2 H – A 9 D – K 10 8 5 3 C – J 10

North	East	South	West
1D	Pass	1S	2C
2S	Pass	?	

As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: Your Partner might have raised with only three-card support. Bid 3 Diamonds. Should he go back to 3 Spades, raise to game.

Question 4: Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S – 10 7 5 H – A K 10 D – 10 6 3 C – A J 7 2

Your right-hand opponent (East) opens 1 Club. As South, what call would you make?

Pros' Answer: You do have three-card support for all unbid suits, but there is no suit partner can bid that would make you proud to put this hand down as a Dummy. Pass.

Question 5: North – South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S – Q 10 8 4 H – K 8 D – 9 6 5 3 C – A 8 3

West	North	East	South
1D	1H	1S	?

As South, what call would you make ?

Pros' Answer: You don't really have a Diamond stopper, but you are too strong to Pass. Bid 1 No Trump.

Question 6: East – West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

S – 10 6 H – Q J 10 3 D – K 10 8 7 5 4 C – 9

Partner (North) opens 1 Diamond. Your right-hand opponent (East) overcalls 1 Heart. What call would you make, as South?

Pros' Answer: Your Heart holding is probably useless after the overcall. Therefore, a bid of 3 Diamonds pre-emptive seems in order.

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