

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 5 3 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ A 9 4 2 ♣ Q 6

Partner deals and opens one heart and right-hand opponent overcalls two clubs. What call would you make?

A - Start by making a negative double. You would prefer to play in a 4-4 fit, if you have one, rather than a 5-3 fit. You can raise hearts later if you don't find a spade fit.

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 2 ♥ Q 10 7 5 4 2 ♦ K 10 8 2 ♣ 10

As dealer, what call would you make?

A - We don't like to pre-empt with two control cards, aces or kings, outside of our suit. The hand is not quite worth a one-heart opening bid, so we would pass.

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 10 6 5 ♥ 2 ♦ A J 6 4 ♣ A K 7 5 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

A - Should you open one club, you will have a rebid problem over a one heart response. You could open one diamond and rebid two clubs, but we would like a stronger four-card suit to bid like that. Open one club and hope for the best.

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 8 7 6 ♥ J 2 ♦ Q 10 8 6 5 ♣ K Q

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass Pass Pass ?
What call would you make?

A - If the major suits were reversed, we would pass, worried that the opponents could easily outbid us in spades. Holding four spades, we would open one diamond.

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 8 4 3 ♥ 7 6 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ A K Q

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
?

What call would you make?

A - It is rare to rebid a five-card suit, but here the alternative is to bid two no trump with three low diamonds. Bid two spades.

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 7 2 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ 6 ♣ A J 7 6 4 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
3♦ 3♠ Pass ?
What call would you make?

A - There is too much potential in this hand to pass. Bidding four clubs might work well, but we like bidding four spades.