

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

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

♠ 9 ♥ K J 8 6 5 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ K Q J 10

Right-hand opponent opens one spade. What call would you make?

A - Double or two hearts? We like two hearts, intending to double next if they compete to two spades. Doubling now and bidding hearts later would show a stronger hand.

Q 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 10 6 4 3 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ A 4 ♣ A 8 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Dbl	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A - Pass might work, but the trump holding is pretty soft “under” the bidder. Bid one no trump.

Q 3 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 9 3 ♥ K Q 10 9 8 4 ♦ 9 3 ♣ 10

As dealer, what call would you make?

A - The spade suit is decent, but we wouldn’t want to suppress this excellent heart suit. Open two hearts.

Q 4 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K ♥ J 7 5 ♦ J 4 3 2 ♣ 10 8 7 6

Partner opens one club and right-hand opponent bids one spade. What call would you make?

A - If you are willing to bid three clubs later should the opponents compete to two spades, you can bid one no trump now. If not, bid two clubs now.

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

♠ 9 6 5 4 ♥ Q J 7 6 ♦ 6 ♣ 10 8 5 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A - If two diamonds was negative, you can bid an encouraging three spades, or even a splinter bid of four diamonds. If two diamonds was “waiting,” you have no good bid now. We would then bid four spades.

Q 6 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Void ♥ A K Q 8 7 5 4 3 ♦ 10 9 ♣ K J 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

A - Some players would open two clubs as a way to “start the party.” An expert wouldn’t think of it. Bid one heart.

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