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1. How many tricks are you committing your partnership to take when you make each of the following bids? What will be the trump suit in each case?
a) $3 \%$
b) $5 \diamond$
c) 60
d) 7 NT
2. You hold a good hand with lots of hearts and you want to suggest them as trumps. What is the lowest possible bid you can make in hearts if the previous bid was:
a) 1 a
b) $1 \diamond$
3. South, your partner, opens the bidding with $1 \oplus$. West, the opponent on your right, now bids 2 . You want to show your partner that you like hearts too and are prepared to outbid West. What is the lowest possible heart bid you can make?
4. South, your partner, deals and opens the bidding with $1 \diamond$. Your right-hand opponent (West) now bids $2 \diamond$. You want to outbid West and suggest clubs as a trump suit. What is the lowest bid with which you could do this? How many tricks does your bid commit your side to take with clubs as trumps?
5. South bids $1 \odot$, West passes, North bids $2 \odot$ and everyone else now passes.
a) What is the contract?
b) What are trumps and how many tricks do North-South have to take?
c) Who is declarer?
d) Who leads to the first trick?
e) Who puts their hand down on the table?
f) Who plays second and third to the first trick?
6. In the following example:

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 10 | $2 *$ | $2 \odot$ |
| $3 *$ | all pass |  |  |

a) What is the contract?
b) Who is declarer?
c) What suit is trumps, and how many tricks does declarer have to take?
d) Who is the opening leader?

# 2 

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1. For each of the following example hands, add up your high card points.
a) $\uparrow A K Q J \vee Q 32 \diamond 1098 * A 32$
b) $\wedge 105 \wedge A K 92 \diamond Q J 765 * K 2$
c) $\uparrow J 109876 \vee 72 \diamond \mathrm{~J} 1032 \approx 9$
d) $498765 \vee 932 \diamond 982 \approx 83$
2. Count these example hands, this time adding distribution points. Use whichever method you prefer.
a) $A A K Q J \curvearrowright Q 32 \diamond 1098 * A 32$
b) $\wedge 105 \circ A K 9 \diamond Q J 765 * K Q 2$
c) $A J 109876 \vee 72 \diamond \mathrm{~J} 103 * 92$
d) $498765 \vee 932 \diamond 982 \div 83$
3. For each of the following hands, count up your total points, including both HCP and distribution points.
a) $\wedge A K Q \vee A K Q 1096 \diamond 72 * K 3$
b) $\wedge 42 \vee A Q J 76 \diamond A J 10 \approx K Q 9$
c) $\sim K J 97532 \odot-\diamond K Q J * 763$
d) $\uparrow 7 \vee 10 \diamond K Q 1098754 * A 87$
4. Should these hands be opened 1NT? If not, explain why not.
a) AAJ93ッAJ $\Delta K Q 1032 \& 32$
b) $\wedge A 10932 \vee Q J 2 \diamond K 3 \approx K J 3$
c) $\wedge K Q 3 \vee A J 3 \diamond K 3 \div A J 1076$
d) $\wedge K J 3 \circ A J 32 \diamond Q 1032 \div A 2$
5. For each of the following hands, fill in the columns (HCP, distribution and total points) and then indicate your opening bid.
a) $\wedge J 10765 \vee 32 \diamond A K Q J 3 \div 5$
b) $\wedge$ AJ $32 \vee K Q 104 \diamond K 32 * 52$
c) $\wedge 7 \vee K J 7654 \diamond A Q 8723 \approx-$
d) $\wedge Q J 9 \vee A 2 \diamond Q 1054 \div A 1032$
e) $\sim A J 1098 \vee 4 \diamond 3 \approx K Q 7654$
f) AAJ94 $4 \mathrm{KJ} 4 \diamond$ K $32 * A Q J$
g) $\wedge A 10987 \circ K Q 1032 \diamond 43 * 2$

HCP
Distribution
Total
Opening Bid

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1. Partner opens 1 A . Do the following holdings count as adequate trump support? (Remember partner has at least five spades.)
a) $\wedge$ Q 52
b) $\wedge A 2$
c) 763
d) $\uparrow 5432$
2. Partner opens 1A. Count up your dummy points on the following two hands:
a) $A K 932 \circ 5 \diamond A 3 \div 865432$
b) A A 542 ○K432 4 - * Q 7532
3. How many total points do you have on this hand when your partner opens the bidding 10 ?

4. Partner has opened 1 \%. What do you respond with each of the following hands?
a) A A543 $576 \diamond 832 * Q 543$
b) A AJ $32098765 \diamond$ Q $32 * 7$
c) $\wedge 102$ ○J $92 \diamond \mathrm{~J} 105 \div \mathrm{A} 762$
d) $A$ Q 102 ๑J $92 \diamond 5 * K 87632$
5. Partner has opened $1 \diamond$. What do you respond with each of the following hands?
a) A A 543 4 7 $83 *$ Q 105432
b) A AJ $32 \circ Q 876 \diamond 1032 * 75$
c) $A 1032 \circ \mathrm{~J} \diamond \mathrm{KJ} 105 \div 7652$
d) $\uparrow K 985 \circ K 1087 \diamond 8732 * 4$
6. Partner has opened $1 \rho$. What do you respond with each of the following hands?
a) A AJ $32 \circ 876 \diamond 103 * Q 752$
b) $A$ Q 32 ○ $7 \diamond 10985 * K Q J 76$
7. Partner has opened 1 A . What do you respond with each of the following hands?
a) AA543 $572 \diamond 83 \star$ Q9543
b) $A K 10 \circ K 8762 \diamond 109432 * 7$

8. Partner opens $1 \diamond$. What do you respond with each of these hands? Remember to refer back to the chart on the previous page (you couldn't have memorized it yet!). On hand (b), remember that shortness in diamonds does not improve things.
a) AAJ74 $\mathrm{K} 9 \diamond$ Q9832*32
b) $A K 97 \odot 109832 \diamond A 2 * K 2$
c) $104 \circ \mathrm{~K} 32 \diamond \mathrm{~A} 10985 * \mathrm{Q} 109$
d) AK854 คA862 $\vee$ QJ $3 \div 54$
9. Partner opens $1 \rho$. What do you respond with each of these hands? On hands (a) and (c), remember that shortness in hearts is not a plus.
a) A A $10932076 \diamond K 987 \div K 3$
b) AA $10932 \circ$ Q $1054 \diamond 32 * A 2$
c) $A K 32 \circ 102 \diamond K 3 * A 109532$
d) $\uparrow 3 \circ \mathrm{AJ} 2 \diamond \mathrm{Q} 10987 \div \mathrm{K} 1032$
e) A A $1093 \vee Q 54 \diamond 32 \div \mathrm{AJ} 62$
10. You hold: $\uparrow 1076 \vee A Q 3 \diamond K 9 * J 532$

Partner opens:
a) $1 \%$
b) $1 \diamond$
c) 10
d) $1 \wedge$

What do you respond in each case?
4. Partner opens $1 \diamond$. What do you respond with each of the following hands?
a) $A 107 \circ A Q 3 \diamond K J 4 * 6532$
b) K 107 คAQ3 $3 \mathrm{~K} 96 * J 532$
5. On each of the following hands, partner has opened the bidding with 10 . What is your response in each case?
a) $6 \circ \mathrm{~A} 1098 \diamond \mathrm{KQ} 543 * \mathrm{AJ} 2$
b) 16 AQ98 8 KQJ43*AJ2
c) AA3 $442 \diamond A K Q 2 \div K 5432$
d) AKQ3 3 5 5 AKQJ63*AJ2
e) $A$ AQ542 $\circ A K 10 \diamond 5 \div Q 654$
f) AAJ2 $254 \diamond K Q 32$ © KQJ 2


1. Your hand is: A AJJ 654 ○K $104 \diamond$ A $3 \div 6$

You open 1a and partner bids 2a.
a) Has your hand bloomed or wilted?
b) What is your rebid?
2. You have: ^ 76 คAJ 9532 -KJ $7 * A 3$

You open $1 \odot$ and partner raises hearts.
a) Has your hand improved?
b) What is your rebid if partner has bid 20 ?
c) What should you do if partner has bid $3 \odot$ ?
3. You open $1 \odot$ and partner bids 1 NT . What is your rebid on each of these hands?
a) $A 1032 \vee A K J 643 \diamond 6 * 103$
b) A $A \circ A K Q 1054 \diamond K 32 \approx 42$
c) A A $10 \vee A K Q 1098 \diamond A J 2 * 42$
4. You have: $\uparrow A 2 \diamond K 765 \diamond A J 32 * Q 103$

You open $1 \diamond$. What is your rebid in each of the following auctions?
a) You Partner
$1 \diamond 10$
?
b) You Partner
1^
?
c) You
$1 \diamond$
Partner
2*
?
5. You have: $A K \circ K Q J 632 \diamond 72 * K 43$

You open 10 and partner bids 1 A .
a) Has your hand improved?
b) What is your rebid
6. You have: $\sim A K 108 \circ K Q 7 \diamond A Q 1032 * 2$
a) You open $1 \diamond$ and partner bids 10 . What is your rebid?
b) What is your rebid if partner's response is 1 A instead?

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1. Partner opens 1 NT . What do you respond on each of the following hands?
a) A QJ987 ○54 $98732 * 32$
c) $40987654 \diamond$ Q 4.10987
b) $A K 4054 \diamond$ Q $1087 * Q 654$
d) AJ $1054 \circ 1032 \diamond 98764 \div 5$
2. Partner opens 1 NT. How many points do you have on each of these two hands?
a) 443 ค Q $43 \diamond$ A $543 \div 932$
b) $\uparrow 54 \odot Q 43 \diamond A 5432 * 932$
3. Partner has opened 1NT. What do you respond with each of the following hands? How do you plan to continue the auction?
a) $\sim K 10543$ QQ32 $\langle K 102 * 42$
b) $A K 4$ ○J 109876 Q QJ $2 * 104$
c) $463 \circ \mathrm{KJ} 2 \diamond$ Q $1032 * \mathrm{~K} 97$
4. The auction has gone:

| You | Partner |
| :--- | :--- |
| $1 N T$ | $2 \diamond$ |
| $2 \infty$ | $2 N T$ |
| 2 |  |

a) What is partner asking?
b) What would you do now if you held this hand: $A \mathrm{AQ} 3 \vee 42 \diamond$ K QJ $4 \approx \mathrm{AJ} 32$
5. Partner opened with 1NT. What do you respond with each of the following holdings? How do you expect the auction to continue?
a) A QJ 10543
A 42
Q $3 \div 73$
b) $\wedge$ K 3 ค AKQ54 $563 * 532$
6. Your hand is: A A $103 \vee K 53 \diamond$ Q $102 * A Q 102$

The auction has been:

| You | Partner |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1NT | 20 |
| $2 \curvearrowleft$ | $3 N T$ |
| $?$ |  |

What is partner asking and what do you do now?
7. In each of the following suits, how many sure winners do you have?
a) Dummy

You

- K 32
b) Dummy

You
- 643
c) Dummy

You
^10987
d) Dummy

You
^A 54
e) Dummy
AK 54
You
- A Q J 2

8. Count the number of sure winners you have in the following hands.

| Dummy | You |
| :---: | :---: |
| AK 5 | A A 43 |
| © Q 1032 | $\bigcirc$ AK 5 |
| $\diamond$ A 4 | $\diamond$ KQ9 8 |
| *K 10983 | * QJ 5 |

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1. On each of the following hands, you have opened 1 NT and partner bids $2 *$ (Stayman). What do you bid now?
a) $\uparrow A J 2 \vee K J 2 \diamond 43 \approx A Q J 54$
b) $\wedge$ J $1054 \vee \mathrm{AK} 2 \diamond \mathrm{KQJ} 4 \approx \mathrm{~K} 10$
c) $\wedge A Q 32 \vee 10982 \diamond A 4 * K Q 2$
2. Partner opened 1 NT. What should you bid on each of these hands?
a) $\neg K Q 32 \vee Q 542 \diamond 43 * 543$
b) $A A J 54 \vee 32 \diamond A K 2 * Q 543$
c) $\uparrow 76 \vee Q 10872 \diamond A Q 5 * K J 2$
3. Your hand is: ^A $2 \vee K Q 62 \diamond 32 \approx 109432$

What would you bid now in each of these auctions?
a) Partner 1NT
You
2*
20 ?
b) Partner You
1NT
2*
$2 \diamond$
?
4. Partner has opened 1 NT. What do you respond with each of the following hands?
a) $\wedge K J 1074 \vee 432 \diamond 54 * K J 2$
b) $1987 \vee 32 \diamond \mathrm{KQJ} 54 \approx \mathrm{AJ} 2$
c) $\uparrow 7654 \diamond A 2 \diamond K Q 542 \approx 105$
5. Your hand is: ^Q542 5 K $543 \diamond K 3 \approx 532$

The auction has been:

| Partner | You |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1NT | 2\% |
| 2^ | ? |

What do you bid now?
6. Partner has opened 1NT. What do you respond on this hand?
^A Q $3 \wedge K Q 2 \diamond A 1043 \approx K 76$
7. Partner has opened 1NT. What do you respond? What do you expect partner to do?
^K Q 3 ○K $5 \diamond A J 1043 \approx K 76$

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1. Your hand is: ^AKJ32 076 - $532 * 32$

Your opponent has opened $1 *$ and it is your turn. What do you bid and what is your purpose in doing so?
2. The auction has been:

| Opponent | You | Opponent | Partner |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10 | $?$ |  |  |

What do you bid on each of the following hands?
a) $109 \circ 76 \diamond \mathrm{AKQJ} 5 * \mathrm{Q} 853$
c) $\mathrm{K} 10983 \bigcirc \mathrm{~A} 32 \diamond \mathrm{~K} 4 \div \mathrm{K} 53$
b) $46 \odot 103 \diamond$ AQJ $1052 \div 942$
d) A AJ987 $95 \diamond 987 * 9876$
3. This is the auction so far:

| West | North | East | South <br>  <br> 10 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Partner |  |  |  |

What do you bid with each of the following hands?
a) $487 \circ 7 \diamond A 765 * K Q 982$
b) $65 \bigcirc A K 2 \diamond K Q 32 \div J 1098$
c) $A K Q 54 \circ 92 \diamond A K 532 \div 62$
d) $\wedge$ Q9 $\circ K 53 \diamond A K Q 65 * 765$
4. The auction so far is:

| West | North <br> Partner | East | South <br> You |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1 \diamond$ | $2 \diamond$ | pass | $?$ |

Your hand is: \& K QJ 109 A $2 \diamond 54 * 10876$
a) What is the minimum number of points partner can have?
b) What bid should you make now?
c) If you bid $2 \boldsymbol{A}$, can partner pass?
d) If partner then rebids $3 \diamond$, how many diamonds does he promise?
5. Your opponent opens $1 \diamond$. Should you overcall 1 NT on the following hands?
a) $A$ AQ73 5 K 103 - Q $54 * \mathrm{AJ} 6$
b) $A 99 \circ K 1032 \diamond K Q 5 * A 106$
c) $A$ Q 97 คJ $32 \diamond A K Q 5 * J 106$
6. The auction has been:

| West | North <br> Partner | East | South <br> You |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1 \diamond$ | 1NT | pass | $?$ |

You have: A AKJ 1095 © 97 จQ4 $32 \approx 7$
What do you bid now and what is your plan for the rest of the bidding?
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1. Your righthand opponent has opened $1 \diamond$ and it's your turn. What do you bid with each of the following hands?
a) AKJ 109 ค $542 \diamond 83 * \mathrm{AJ} 10$
c) A A987 ○Q987 8 \& Q987
b) AKJ 1098 ค A $54 \diamond 8 \div \mathrm{AJ} 109$
d) $A A Q 2 \circ K J 2 \diamond A Q J * Q 1032$
2. Your right-hand opponent has opened $1 @$. Your hand is: A AKQ98 ๑AK $4 \diamond 8 * A J 109$ You decided to make a takeout double rather than overcall 1^. Why?
3. The auction has started:

| West | North <br> Partner | East | South <br> You |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | dbl | pass | $?$ |

What do you bid on each of these hands?
a) $17654 \circ$ AK $2 \diamond 54 \div 10876$
b) $\uparrow 9876 \diamond 32 \diamond 32 * 98765$
c) $\uparrow 32$ ๑ $109876 \diamond 1074 \div 432$
4. The auction has started as follows:

| West | North <br> Partner | East | South <br> You |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10 | dbl | pass | $?$ |

What do you bid with each of the following hands?
a) AJ 87 คA $1092 \diamond$ QJ $3 * Q 54$
d) A A Q $65065 \diamond$ Q9 $84 *$ Q 32
b) $10987 \circ A 2 \diamond 10987 \approx J 54$
e) $432 \circ Q 8643 \diamond 72 * 832$
c) $A A Q 65 \circ 65 \diamond K Q 98 \div K 32$
f) 45 Q QJ $10876 \diamond$ AJ $2 * 432$
5. เНО
pass

| Partner | RHO |
| :--- | :--- |
| ? | $1 \%$ |

You
dbl

Your hand is: ^A 987 ๑KQ93ヶQ43*K2
What will you rebid in each case if partner bids the following, and RHO passes?
a) 1 NT
b) 2 NT
c) $1 \wedge$
d) 20
6. LHO
pass

| Partner | RHO <br> $1 \diamond$ <br> $1 』$ <br> pass |
| :--- | :--- |
|  |  |

You
dbl
?
Your hand is: ^AJ ©AK $10 \diamond$ K QJ $5 * J 1097$
What do you bid now and why?
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1. What do you open on each of the following hands?
a) A AK $103 \circ \mathrm{KQ} 54 \diamond \mathrm{~A} 3 * \mathrm{~A} 54$
c) $10987 \circ A K Q \diamond A K J * A K Q$
b) $A K Q 10 \curvearrowright Q 109 \diamond K Q 654 \approx A Q$
d) $A K Q 10 \circ Q 109 \diamond K Q 654 \div A 4$
2. Partner has opened the bidding 2 NT. With each of the following hands, what is your response and what is your plan for your next bid (if any)?
a) AK $109876 \vee 7 \diamond Q 1032 * 54$
c) AAK643 $0987 \diamond$ Q $32 \div 54$
b) $A K Q 54 \triangleright Q 876 \diamond 54 \div 1032$
d) AAJ5 $\Delta \mathrm{AQ} 3 \circ \mathrm{~K} 54 * 9876$
3. What do you open on each of the following hands?
a) $A A K Q 2 \propto K J 9 \diamond A Q J \div K 54$
c) A A QJ $10954 \vee \mathrm{~A} 54 * 6 \diamond \mathrm{~A} 5$
b) $A A K J 987 \circ A 5 \diamond A 5 * K Q J$
4. Partner has opened $2 \%$. What do you respond on each of these hands?
a) AAJ5 $1098763 \diamond 42 * 54$
c) A AK54 Q Q $543 \diamond 32 * 932$
b) AAKQ54 $5432 \diamond 42 * 102$
5. The auction has been:

| Partner | You |
| :--- | :--- |
| $1 \wedge$ | $3 \AA$ |
| $4 N^{1}{ }^{1}$ |  |

1. Blackwood.

What do you bid now on the following hands?
a) A A $987 \circ \mathrm{~A} 543 \diamond \mathrm{~K} 103 \div 65$
b) $\uparrow$ KJ87 $\circ$ KJ87 8 K $103 * 65$
6. Your hand is: $A A K Q 1098 \vee K Q J \diamond A K Q * 6$

The auction has been:

| You | Partner |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2 \star$ | $2 \diamond$ |
| $2 \Uparrow$ | $3 \uparrow$ |
| $?$ |  |

What do you bid now and what do you plan to do after that?

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1. You are dealer. What do you bid with each of the following hands?
a) $\wedge K 1076 \vee K Q 8763 \diamond 54 \approx 4$
b) $\wedge K 2 \vee K Q 8763 \diamond 5432 * 4$
c) $\wedge A 2 \vee 643 \diamond A Q J 987 * 32$
2. Partner opens the bidding with $2 \odot$ and the next player passes. What do you respond with each of the following hands?
a) ^KJ543 คA54 $5 \mathrm{KQU} 7 \approx 3$
d) $A A K J 104 \circ 4 \diamond A Q 109 \approx Q 32$
b) $\wedge 32 \vee 10987 \diamond K 10432 \& 53$
e) $A A Q 76 \vee J 32 \diamond K Q 65 * 32$
c) $A$ A $107 \vee \mathrm{~J} 32 \diamond 109872 \approx 32$
3. You are the dealer on each of these hands. What do you do?
a) $A \mathrm{AKJ} 109872 \vee 54 \diamond 532 \approx-$
b) $\wedge Q 1086543 \vee 2 \diamond 987 * 32$
c) $\wedge 3 \vee 42 \diamond Q J 10 \approx K Q J 8643$
4. You are dealer on each of these hands. What do you do?
a) $17 \vee \mathrm{KQ}$ J $9876 \diamond 65 \approx 763$
b) $A A K Q 10987 \vee A 32 \diamond 54 * 2$
c) $\sim 3 \vee A Q J 106543 \vee 54 \div 32$
5. Partner has opened $3 \odot$. What do you do on this hand?
^A $3 \vee K 103 \diamond$ AK $986 \approx 763$
6. You have: ^ $6 \vee K$ QJ $1062 \diamond 9872 * 43$

Your right-hand opponent has opened the bidding with $1 \diamond$.
a) What do you do?
b) What would you do if he had opened 1 a instead?
7. The bidding has gone:

| West | North <br> Partner | East | South <br> You |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1 \diamond$ | $2 \diamond$ | pass | ? |

What do you bid with each of the following hands?
a) $\wedge 4 \vee 1098 \diamond K Q 54$ \& J 9873
b) $187 \diamond$ Q $987 \diamond 43 \approx K$ QJ 32

