

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

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

♠ A 5 4 ♥ A J 8 6 ♦ K Q 10 9 ♣ A 9

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♣	Dbf	1♥	Pass
1♠	?		

What call would you make?

A - You always planned to double and then bid no trump unless partner bid hearts. Stick to your plan. Bid 1NT.

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

♠ 9 7 5 3 ♥ K Q 8 6 3 ♦ K Q 7 6 ♣ Void

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A - You don't really have invitational values opposite 12-14 points, and partner cannot pass 2D if you bid it. We like 2H. Partner can still raise with three hearts and a max.

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

♠ K 10 6 5 3 ♥ Q 10 ♦ J 9 ♣ K J 7 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♣
Pass	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A - Double and tear them apart! (Hope to beat them a trick) Should partner pull the double, your hand can stand that action also.

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

♠ 9 8 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ 10 8 7 4 ♣ A J 7 4

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent passes. Playing inverted minors, where 2D would be forcing and at least invitational, and 3D would be pre-emptive, what call would you make?

A - You could not be faulted for bidding 1NT, or even 3D, but we have a sneaking admiration for 1H. Partner cannot pass, so you might get a chance to bid 2D, and hearts might be your best spot if partner raises.

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

♠ A Q J ♥ A J 9 5 ♦ Q J 8 4 ♣ 5 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
?			

*Both majors

What call would you make?

A - It would be a terrible mistake to bid 3NT because you do not like clubs. Pass.

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

♠ Q J 9 6 4 ♥ 10 ♦ 8 6 4 3 ♣ K Q 8

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♦	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A - Your 1S bid only promised four and we think you have another bid coming. Bid 2S.

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