

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

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

♠ A 9 6 ♥ J 9 7 6 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ A J 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♦	Dbl	3♦	?

What call would you make?

A - Had East passed, we would have made a jump bid to express our values. After East's raise, any bid we make shows values. Bid 3H.

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

♠ 9 7 6 4 2 ♥ 5 4 3 2 ♦ Q 6 ♣ K 10

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦*	Pass	?	

*Denies a four-card major

What call would you make?

A - Had partner shown a four-card major, we would have raised to game in that suit. He has a maximum of three spades and we think 3NT might be the best contract. Bid 3NT.

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

♠ K 4 ♥ A 7 6 5 ♦ A K Q 3 2 ♣ 9 7

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

*Transfer to spades

What call would you make?

A - Once every couple of leap years it will be right to bid 3D. The rest of the time, bid 3NT.

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

♠ Q J 2 ♥ A 7 6 4 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ K Q 8

Partner opens 1S and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A - Playing forcing no trump, we would bid 1NT now and 4S next to show a minimum, balanced, game force. Failing that, you must improvise. We think 2C is best.

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

♠ A 8 7 4 ♥ K 8 6 5 3 ♦ 6 5 3 2 ♣ Void

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♦	3♣	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A - This is ugly, and bidding something might make it better. It also might make it uglier. Pass.

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

♠ 9 4 ♥ K J 2 ♦ Q 9 6 4 ♣ A 9 8 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	1♠	2♥	?

What call would you make?

A - This is a perfect responsive double – reasonable values, length in both unbid suits, and tolerance for partner's suit if he has to rebid it. Double.

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