

QUARANTINE QUIZ # 12

Question # 1:

Partner opens 1S. You have:

S 3
H KQJ842
D 853
J J84

What is your response?

- 1) 2H
- 2) 3H
- 3) **1NT**
- 4) Pass

You had 9 points when you picked up this hand. (2 points for length in H.) Partner bid 1S and this devalues your hand now. It is flawed, Shortness of any kind in partner's suit is always a bad thing. Subtract 2 length points to adjust for the flaw.

With 6-9 points, you may NOT bid a new suit at the 2 level. You have permission to:

Raise partner's suit 1-2 (impossible here)
Bid a new suit at the ONE level (impossible in this scenario)
Bid 1NT

THOSE are your ONLY options. Choose one, whether you like it or not. **Bid 1NT.** Does this hand look like 1NT? No, 1NT by responder (PLAYING STANDARD) is merely an all-purpose bid to show 6-9 points and says you do not like her major.

Question # 2

Partner opens 1D. This is your hand:

S AQJ2
H 8732
D K86
C 97

What will you bid?

- 1) 1S
- 2) 1NT
- 3) **1H**
- 4) 2D
- 5) 2NT

Responder with 4 card suits bids them UP THE ladder. The bidding ladder. **Bid 1H.** In case partner has a matching 4 card major with you. It is about quantity NOT quality.

Interestingly enough: Responder with FIVE card suits bids the higher ranking one first.

UP WITH FOUR...DOWN WITH MORE.

Question # 3:

You open with 1D. Partner responds 1H. What will your rebid be?

S 8652
H A64
D KQJ7
C K8

- 1) 2H
- 2) 1S
- 3) 1NT

Partner may have only four Hearts. If you can bid another suit, you do. Bid 1S.

Question # 4

You open 1D. Partner responds 1H. Your hand is:

S K873
H AK54
D QJ10
C 54

- 1) 3H
- 2) 2H
- 3) 1S
- 4) 1NT

Bid 2H. You want to show her that you have a minimum hand only even though you like her Hearts. Do not get carried away and bid 3H which would show 4 card support and 16-18 points. Smile when you bid 2H! Just kidding!