

### Question 1.

West is Dealer

S Q643  
H AKQJ  
D K5  
C J32

West	East
1NT	2C
2H	3NT
?	

What is West's next bid?

- a) Pass
  - b) 4NT
  - c) 4H
  - d) 4S**
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d) 4S

East does not have 4H, hence his 3NT bid. West knows that East had to have one 4 card major in order to bid Stayman. So, he must have four Spades.

It is always preferable to play in a trumps ut as it is safer and easierto control a hand. AND if one has an eight card fit in a major, then it is to die for.

West now knows that their side has a 4-4 Spade fit so bids 4S.

### Question # 2

West is Dealer

West	East
	S K875
	H A762
	D K542
	C 8
2C	2D
2NT	3C
3S	?

What is East's next bid?

- a) 4C**
- b) 4NT
- c) 4S
- d) 6S
- e) 3NT

a) 4C.

East has 10 HCP and knows that West has 22-23 HCP (some say 22-24 HCP) so slam is in the air. But which slam. East has BOTH 4 card majors so East must first check to see if an 8 card fit in a major exists. 3C is Stayman. West shows 4 Spades. YEAH! So now East has to find out if their side could possibly be missing two Aces.

After Stayman (or Transfer) has been part of an auction, one cannot use Blackwood. 4NT is quantitative (minimum or maximum partner). So the only way to Ace ask is to use Gerber.

If E finds out that they are not missing two Aces, he/she will go to 6S. If two are missing, then 4S only.

### Question # 3

West

S 64  
H A96  
D AK542  
C Q94

West

1D  
?

East

1H

What is West's next bid?

- a) 2D
- b) 1NT
- c) 2H**
- d) Pass

West must raise to 2H. West may NOT bid 1NT as this GUARANTEES a Spade stopper. It guarantees stoppers in the TWO unbid suits. Sometimes it may be okay to bid 1NT without a minor suit stopper. But the tendency is to lead a major against NT when in doubt...so Spades must have a stopper.

PLUS West has ruffing values. 3 card support for Hearts and thus E can ruff a S or two in dummy.

When you open 1NT, you do not have to have 4 suits stopped or even 3 suits stopped. Opponents do not know which suit to lead. They have a 25% chance of hitting your weak spot. BUT when you have bid D and H, then they now know that they must lead C or S so they now have a 50% chance of hitting your weak spot. Thus Spades for sure must have a stopper.

So, IF you have no other convenient rebid, feel free to raise Responder's suit with only 3 cards, provided you are unable to bid NT.

The rebid of 2D usually shows a 6 card suit as there is usually something else better to do than rebid a minor.

YES, East may have only 4 cards in Heart suit. BUT he may not rebid Hearts unless he has 5 of them in CASE West has only three card support.

Best of all if West has three cards including an honour to raise but it still can be done with only xxx three small cards.