

Question # 1

Partner has opened the bidding with 1D. You responded 1H. Opener raises to 2H. What will you bid (if anything) with the following hand?

S 942
H KJ76
D 873
C AQ6

- a) Pass
- b) 2NT
- c) 3H

Opener has promised you a minimum hand: 13-15 points. You have 10 and you have a FLAT hand. A flat hand is a flawed hand. No shape, no ruffing, no long suits to set up. 10 is not a happy number; not a number to invite game with and if you bid 3H, you are inviting game. To move on, you should have 11 or more points. Your bid is **PASS**.

Question # 2

Partner has opened with 1C. 1H by you. 3H by partner. What will you bid?

S J874
H Q982
D K32
C 105

- a) Pass
- b) 3NT
- c) 4H

Jumps may sound forcing but they are not. Opener has shown 16-18 pts and 4 card support for your Hearts. You have 6 points. $16 + 6 = 22$. $18 + 6 = 24$. No game here. Your bid is **PASS**.

Question # 3

Partner has opened with 1S. You respond 2C. Partner bids 3C. Your bid now.

S 62
H K52
D Q104
C AKJ64

- a) 3D
- b) 3NT
- c) 4C
- d) 5C

You have an opening bid opposite an opening bid. You must get to game. Game in a minor requires 29 points. Game in NT requires 25 HCP. You do not want to be in 5 of a minor (only once a year) so **bid 3NT**.

Question # 4

Partner opens 1C. You respond 1S. Partner bids 4S..
What is your next bid?

S AK832
H A103
D K64
C 54

- a) Pass
- b) 4NT
- c) 5S
- d) 6S

You only promised 6 or more points and yet partner has bid like a maniac and bid 4. She has 19 or 20 points (to add to your 6 = 26). If she has 20 and you have 14, this is the SOUND OF SLAM. Bid Blackwood: **4NT**.

If you are more experienced, you could have bid 5H over 4S, showing Heart Ace. Another lesson for another day. Correct answer: 4NT.