

Q1. Opener bids 1NT. Responder holds the following hand. How is the bidding likely to go?

♠ K J T 5 3 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ Q J 9
 ♣ 6 5 2

Q2. Partner opens 1NT. What should Responder bid with this hand?

♠ 5 3
 ♥ A J 8 6 3 2
 ♦ 8 7 2
 ♣ 6 5

Q3. Partner opens 1NT. The hand below is held by Responder. What is the likely bidding sequence?

♠ K J T 3 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ K 8 7
 ♣ Q T 6

Q4. You opened 1NT holding 14 HCP. Responder bid 2♦. You rebid 2♥ then Responder rebid 2NT.

What is Opener's next bid:

- a) holding 2 cards in hearts
- b) holding 3 cards in hearts

Q5. a) Why are conventional bids alerted?

b) Which person in the partnership alerts a conventional bid?

Q6. You opened 1NT and responder bid 2♥. Opener rebid 2♠ and Responder rebid 4♠

What do responder's bids tell you about his hand?

Q7. You have opened 1NT and your left-hand opponent **X** and your partner Responder bids 2♥

What does responder's bid mean in this bidding sequence?

Q8. Partner opens 1NT. Responder bid 2♦ Opener rebids 2♥. What is responder's rebid with this hand?

♠ K 3
 ♥ A J 8 6 3 2
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ 6 5

Q9. You need to make 5 tricks in this suit. How should you play the cards to give yourself the best chance of making them all?

Dummy A Q J 8 2
 Declarer T 9 7

Q10. Every suit bid by Responder after partner opens 1NT is a conventional bid. So, what do the following suit bids by responder mean and what does opener know about his hand?

- i) 2♣
- ii) 2♦
- iii) 2♥

A2. Responder will bid 2♦, a transfer commanding Opener to bid 2♥. Responder will then Pass. Note the contract may not make the required 8 tricks but it will play far better in hearts than in a NT contract.

A4. a) 3NT You are maximum without a heart suit fit

b) 4♥ You are maximum but now you have a heart suit fit

A6. Responder has game points and a 6-card spade suit

A8. Responder has 15 HCP an unbalanced hand and a six card heart suit so rebids 4♥. The partnership has enough HCP for game. Opener must have at least 2 cards in hearts to have opened 1NT so you know there is a heart suit fit

A10 a) 2♣ is Stayman: Responder has 11+ HCP and at least one 4 card major.

b) This is a **Transfer bid into hearts** Responder has at least 5 cards in the hearts.

c) This is a **Transfer bid into spades**. Responder has at least 5 cards in spades Bid the suit below to transfer into the suit above.

A1. Responder has an unbalanced 11 HCP hand. The hand will 'play' better in a suit contract. He bids 2♥ a transfer to spades. Opener MUST bid 2♠.

Responder rebids 3♠ now showing 6 spades. Opener can choose to pass or bid on depending upon his hand.

A3. Responder should start by bidding 2♥ a transfer to spades which opener should duly complete by bidding 2♠.

Responder's rebid is then 3NT showing your game points and leaving opener to pass or convert to 4♠

A5. a) Conventional bids MUST be alerted as the bid says nothing about that suit but carries a different meaning.

b) Partner to the person who makes the conventional bid MUST alert it.

A7. After any interference bidding by the opposition all convention systems are cancelled. So, responder's bid is an 'escape' from 1NTX. Responder has at least 5 cards in hearts and wants to play in 2♥. Opener MUST pass.

A9. Play a **finesse**. Lead the **T** from declarer & unless the **K** appears from your left-hand opponent (LHO) play the **2** from dummy. If the **T** wins, the finesse succeeds, so repeat the play. Lead the **9** (playing low from dummy) You have a 50% chance that the **K** is with your LHO & you can make all 5 tricks! If the **K** is with your RHO you only make 4 tricks.