



## Lesson 8 - Quiz Answers

### Balanced Hands & Transfers

1 Partner has opened 1NT. What do you bid as responder with these hands?

a) ♠ A J 9 8 7

♥ K 7 5

♦ 2

♣ A J 8 4

2♥ – Transfer to spades planning to rebid 3♣ to show your unbalanced shape & game HCP 13 + 12 = 25

b) ♠ T 9 8

♥ A K 9 7 5

♦ J 5 4

♣ 8 2

2♦ – Transfer to hearts planning to Pass 8 + 12 = 20

c) ♠ A Q T 6 5

♥ 8 7

♦ A 7 8

♣ J 9 6

2♥ – Transfer to spades planning to rebid 2NT – invitational 11 + 14 = 25

d) ♠ Q 6 5

♥ A K 7 5 4 3

♦ K T

♣ Q 4

2♦ – Transfer to hearts planning to rebid 4♥ 14 + 12 = 26  
Opener for his 1NT bid must have at least 2 hearts

e) ♠ J 9 7 6 3

♥ 8 4 3

♦ K 6

♣ J 8 4

2♥ – Transfer to spades planning to Pass 5 + 12 = 17  
No game possible

f) ♠ A K T 9 7

♥ A Q

♦ T 9 5 4

♣ J 8 7

2♥ – Transfer to spades planning to rebid 3NT giving opener the option to convert to 4♠

g) ♠ 8 6 5

♥ A K Q T 9

♦ Q 8 6

♣ Q J 9

2♦ – Transfer to hearts planning to rebid 3NT giving opener the option to convert to 4♥

2 Your partner had opened 1 NT. Your RHO (right hand opponent) passes. What do you respond with these hands?

a) ♠ 9 8 5 4

♥ K 7 5

♦ 2

♣ A J 8 4 3

Only 8 HCP – Pass.  
No 5 card Major

b) ♠ J 5

♥ A J 9 7 3

♦ Q 8 4

♣ 8 5 3

2♦ – transfer to your 5 card major, Hearts.

c) ♠ K Q 8 2

♥ A Q 8 4

♦ 2

♣ T 9 7 6

2♣ – Stayman asking if partner has 4 card major

d) ♠ A Q 4 3

♥ K 6

♦ Q 8 7 3

♣ J 7 2

2♣ – Stayman

e) ♠ Q J 4

f) ♠ K 2

g) ♠ A Q T 9 4 3

♥ A 7 2  
 ♦ A 8 6 4  
 ♣ T 9 5

2 NT with 11 HCP  
 Partner is invited  
 to bid 3NT if he  
 Has 14 HCP

♥ A 8 4  
 ♦ A 9 5 2  
 ♣ Q T 6 5

3 NT – you have enough  
 Points to go to game and  
 no 4 card major

♥ 8  
 ♦ A 8 7  
 ♣ K 8 7

Start with 2♥ - a transfer to  
 Spades. When partner completes the  
 transfer you bid 4♠. You have  
 enough for game.

4 What is the difference between a Natural and a Conventional bid?

*A natural bid represents the suit bid whereas a conventional bid says nothing about the suit bid but instead carries a special meaning. Your partnership must have **agreed** to play that convention. The bid must be alerted by the **bidder's partner**. An opponent is entitled to ask what the convention means but only when it is that opponent's turn to bid or at the end of the auction once the opening lead has been put face down on the table.*

5 The bidding has gone as follows:

Opener	Responder
1 NT	2 ♥
2 ♠	?

What is Responder's rebid holding each of the hands below?

a) ♠ A Q 9 7 2  
 ♥ K J 5 3  
 ♦ A 6 5  
 ♣ T

3♥ Your bidding has described the shape of your hand 5 : 4 in spades and hearts and is game forcing

b) ♠ A K Q 4 3  
 ♥ T  
 ♦ A K 8 6 3  
 ♣ T 7 5

3♦ Your first bid showed your 5 card spade suit. Your rebid shows your 4+ cards in your second suit diamonds.

c) ♠ A Q T 6 5  
 ♥ 8 7  
 ♦ A 7 8  
 ♣ J 9 6

2NT Your first bid showed your 5 card spade suit. Your rebid shows invitational 10 – 12 HCP

d) ♠ A K 7 5 4 3  
 ♥ Q 6 5  
 ♦ K T  
 ♣ Q 4

4♠ Your first bid showed your 5 card spade suit. Your rebid shows game HCP and a 6 card spade suit. Opener for his 1NT bid must have at least 2 spades – you have a known fit

e) ♠ J9763

♥ 843

♦ K6

♣ J84

*Pass Your first bid showed your 5 card spade suit. You have only 5 HCPs – you want to 'escape' from 1NT!*

*No game possible*

f) ♠ AKT97

♥ AQ

♦ T954

♣ J87

*3NT Your first bid showed your 5 card spade suit. Your rebid to game in NTs shows your HCPs and gives opener the option to convert to 4♠*

g) ♠ AKJT9

♥ 86

♦ Q86

♣ JT9

*2NT Your first bid showed your 5 card spade suit. Your rebid shows your balanced shape and HCP count – inviting game if opener maximum. Opener can Pass if minimum; choose hearts for part score or game or raise to 3NT depending upon his hand*

6 Partner opens 1NT. Responder's Right hand opponent bids 2♠  
What is your bidding plan holding these THREE hands

a) ♠ KJ982

♥ 52

♦ 93

♣ J752

*Pass! You are delighted to escape a 1NT contract plus, now very happy to defend 2♠!*

b) ♠ 9

♥ KQ9842

♦ AK9

♣ A4

*4♥ You have 16 HCP. Opener to bid 1NT must have at least 2 hearts – you have a suit fit and enough HCP for game so bid it! Remember you do not use conventional bids if the opponents make an interference bid!*

c) ♠ -

♥ K84

♦ AKJ986

♣ 752

*3♦ you have no defence to 2♠. Opener must have at least 2 cards in diamonds. Your side has the majority of HCP. Remember you do not use conventional bids if the opponents make an interference bid!*

7 Look at the bidding sequence below. What should Opener bid holding the hands below?

Opener		Responder	
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
?			

a) ♠ K 8 6 4 2  
♥ A Q 8  
♦ 9 3  
♣ A J 5

b) ♠ A Q T 4  
♥ K 9  
♦ Q T 9  
♣ Q J 7 5

4♥

*Responder's 3NT rebid shows he has a 5 card heart suit and sufficient HCP to bid to game.*

*With a weak diamond suit and a fit in hearts you can choose to play in 4♥*

Pass

*Responder's 3NT bid shows he has a 5 card heart suit and sufficient HCP to bid to game.*

*With only 2 cards in hearts you do not have a fit so Opener is happy to play in 3NT*

8 Your partner opens 1NT. What do you as Responder bid with the following? RHO passes.

a) ♠ K T 9 6 5 4  
♥ A 7 3  
♦ 9  
♣ A Q 5

b) ♠ A T 8 4 3 2  
♥ 7 6 3 2  
♦ T 9  
♣ J

*Bid 2♥ on both hands – this TELLS your partner he MUST bid 2♠.*

*Responder has enough HCP for game & knows partner must have at least 2 Spades to open 1NT so bid 4♠ on your next bid*

*Responder is very weak but Spades is a better contract than NT so 'escape' to a suit contract!*

9 The bidding has gone as follows (1NT from your partner Opener, 2♦ from you responder). What is your second bid with the following hands?

1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	?	

a) ♠ 9 8 3  
♥ Q T 9 6 5 3  
♦ 7  
♣ A Q 5

*Pass*

b) ♠ A 4 3  
♥ K J T 7 5  
♦ 6  
♣ T 9 7 5

*Pass*

c) ♠ 9 7  
♥ A K J 5 3 2  
♦ T 5  
♣ Q J 3

*3♥ You have 6 cards in the suit. This is an invitation to partner to bid 4♥ if he has more than a minimal hand – you know opener must have 2+ hearts to open 1NT*

d) ♠ K 6  
♥ K Q 9 8 7  
♦ J 8 7  
♣ Q 9 7

*2 NT Opener will know you have 5 cards in hearts & 11 – 12 HCP*

10 What do you, Responder bid on the following if the bidding goes 1 NT, followed by a 2♠ from your RHO?

a) ♠ K 8 3 2  
♥ A Q 8 2  
♦ 9  
♣ 9 8 6 3

*Pass*

b) ♠ A  
♥ K Q T 9 8 4  
♦ A Q 9 5  
♣ J T

*4♥ – you have enough HCP for Game and you know partner must have At least 2 Hearts.*

*After an intervening bid from the opponents, all those conventional bids we have been talking about are OFF and any bid from you is now natural.*

**Remember: Once you agree to play *Stayman* and *Transfers* after a NT opening by partner, *all suit bids by Responder are Conventional Bids.***

**The *only exception* is if the *opponents make an intervening bid* in which case *Conventional Bids are NOT used and responder bids naturally!***