

"The Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen Patented Bridge Quiz": Questions

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Bidding

1. Sitting 1st, you hold:

S: J,T,9,8,5 **H:** K,Q,J,T,5 **D:** A **C:** 8,3

What should you **bid**?

2. Your LHO as Dealer, sitting Vulnerable, opens 1**D**. You are also Vulnerable, and hold:

S: K,Q,J,6 **H:** A,J,T,5 **D:** 5,2 **C:** K,7,3

What should you **bid**?

3. Your LHO as Dealer bids 1**NT**, Partner **DOUBLES**, your RHO Passes. You hold:

S: T,9,8 **H:** Q,J,T,5,3 **D:** K,9 **C:** 9,6,3

What should you **bid**?

4. Your Partner as Dealer opens 1**S**, and your RHO Passes. You hold:

S: K,9,8,6 **H:** K,J,T,4 **D:** A,K **C:** 8,6,2

What should you **bid**?

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5. Your LHO bids 1**H**, Partner Passes, your RHO bids 2**H**. You hold:
S: K,8,6 **H**: -- **D**: A,Q,J,9,7 **C**: K,Q,J,9,7
 What should you **bid**?
6. Your Partner as Dealer opens 1**C**. Your RHO Passes. You hold:
S: A,K,Q,J **H**: T,8,6,4,3 **D**: 8,4 **C**: 7,5
 What should you **bid**?
7. Sitting as Dealer, you hold:
S: J,9 **H**: A,Q,T,8,6,4,3 **D**: K,J,4 **C**: A
 What should you **bid**?
8. Your RHO Passes. You hold:
S: T,9 **H**: A,Q,T,3 **D**: K,J,7 **C**: A,J
 What should you **bid**?
9. Your RHO opens 1**D**. You hold:
S: A,K,8 **H**: A,Q,5 **D**: J,7,4 **C**: K,J,8,6
 What should you **bid**?

Leading

10. Partner opens 1**H**, your RHO bids 1**S**, you Pass, your LHO bids 2**S**, and the contract is set at 2**S**. You hold:
S: J,9 **H**: Q,9,3 **D**: J,T,7,6,2 **C**: Q,7,4
 What should you **lead**?
11. Partner and you both Pass throughout the auction, and Opponents set the contract at 4**S**. You hold:
S: 9,8,5 **H**: A,K,7,2 **D**: 9,6,2 **C**: T,8,4
 What should you **lead**?
12. Your LHO opens 1**NT**, Partner Passes, your RHO bids 3**NT**, and the contract is then set. You hold:
S: 9,8,5 **H**: A,Q,7,2 **D**: 9,6,2 **C**: T,8,4
 What should you **lead**?
13. Your LHO bids 1**S**, Partner Passes, your RHO bids 3**S**, you Pass, your LHO sets the contract at 4**S**. You hold:
S: T,8,5 **H**: Q,7 **D**: 9,5,3,2 **C**: T,9,7,4
 What should you **lead**?
14. Your LHO bids 1**S**, Partner Passes, your RHO bids 3**S**, you Pass, your LHO sets the contract at 4**S**. You hold:

S: T,8,5 **H:** Q,7,5 **D:** 9,5,2 **C:** T,9,7,4

What should you **lead**?

15. Your RHO opens **1NT**. You Pass. Your LHO bids **2C**, Stayman, asking for a 4-card Major, and showing 1 or 2 4-card Major(s), and **9** or 10 HCPs. Partner Passes. Your RHO bids **2D**, denying a 4-card Major, and the final contract is set at **3NT** by your RHO. You hold:

S: J,T,8,5 **H:** T,6,5 **D:** K,5,2 **C:** 8,5,4

What should you **lead**?

Signaling on Defense

16. Your RHO bids **1H**, you Pass, your LHO bids **2NT!** ("Jacoby **2NT**" showing opening HCPs and 4+ Hearts), and Opponents set the contract at **4H**, with you and Partner Passing at every turn. Partner leads the Ace of Spades, and the Dummy comes down showing a Spade K,x. You hold:

S: T,7,4 **H:** Q,7,5 **D:** 9,5,2 **C:** A,K,7,4

What should you **play**?

17. Your LHO opens **3S**, Partner Passes, and your RHO bids **4S**, and the contract is set. The Declarer takes the first Trick in Declarer's hand. Declarer then draws all Trump, and then leads to a non-Trump Ace in Dummy. Partner leads a low Diamond on Dummy Ace non-Trump winner. What is **Partner saying to you**?

Play as Declarer

18. Opponents Pass throughout the auction. You open **1NT**, Partner responds **3NT**, and the contract is set. Your LHO leads a low Heart, indicating that Hearts is that Opponents "longest and strongest" suit, and allowing you to invoke the "Rule of 11" to know how many higher Hearts your RHO holds, and perhaps even what these cards are. Dummy holds 9,6,4 of Hearts, and you hold A,8,7 of Hearts. What should you **play** on the first Trick?

19. You open **2NT**, and Partner responds **3NT**, with Opponents Passing at each turn. Dummy holds:

S: T,9,8,7,4 **H:** K,7,5 **D:** 9,2 **C:** Q,7,4

You hold:

S: J,6,5,2 **H:** A,5 **D:** A,K,Q,J **C:** A,K,8,2

You take the first Trick in your Hand. What should you **do next**?

20. You opened by bidding 1**C**. Your LHO Overcalled 1**S**. Partner responds 2**H**, and you set the contract at 4**H** with no further bidding by the Opponents. Dummy holds:

S: J,T,9,8 **H:** A,6,5,4 **D:** A,K **C:** Q,7,4

You hold:

S: A **H:** Q,J,T,5 **D:** Q,J,9,7 **C:** A,K,8,2

After winning the first Trick in Declarer's hand, what should Declarer then **play**?