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## HELP TRIAL BIDS – An introduction

### EXERCISES

#### QUESTION 1 Bidding is 1H – 2H

Should Opener invite to Game with the following hands?

##### Hand 1

♠ KJ6  
♥ AQ1032  
♦ 864  
♣ AK

YES  NO

##### Hand 2

♠ KJ6  
♥ AKQJ10  
♦ 86  
♣ AK4

YES  NO

##### Hand 3

♠ AK  
♥ AQ987  
♦ 765  
♣ J42

YES  NO

##### Hand 4

♠ 543  
♥ 76543  
♦ AK  
♣ AKQ

YES  NO

#### QUESTION 2 Bidding is 1H – 2H

Using HELP TRIALS what does Opener bid next with these hands?

##### Hand 5

♠ AK2  
♥ KQ1098  
♦ A2  
♣ 654

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##### Hand 6

♠ 654  
♥ KJ1098  
♦ KQ2  
♣ AK

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##### Hand 7

♠ AJ2  
♥ AK1098  
♦ KJ10  
♣ AQ4

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##### Hand 8

♠ A2  
♥ 98765  
♦ KQ  
♣ AQ85

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#### QUESTION 3 Bidding is 1S– 2S – 3C.

What should Responder reply with the following hands?

##### Hand 9

♠ Q72  
♥ Q532  
♦ KJ2  
♣ J52

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##### Hand 10

♠ J9732  
♥ 532  
♦ 6532  
♣ A

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##### Hand 11

♠ 9872  
♥ Q872  
♦ K8532  
♣ -

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##### Hand 12

♠ 643  
♥ KQ7  
♦ KJ8  
♣ 8532

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**QUESTION 4** What should Responder rebid with the following hands when the bidding is:

1H- 2H

3D

**Hand 13**

♠ A873

♥ QJ8

♦ J532

♣ 105

1H – 2H

3C

**Hand 14**

♠ 105

♥ QJ8

♦ J532

♣ A873

1H – 2H

2S

**Hand 15**

♠ 6

♥ QJ8

♦ J7532

♣ Q873

1H – 2H

3H

**Hand 16**

♠ 652

♥ AQ5

♦ 853

♣ 8532

**QUESTION 5** What should Opener's next bid be with the following hands?

1H- 2H

**Hand 17**

♠ KQ83

♥ AQJ87

♦ 853

♣ A

1H – 2H

**Hand 18**

♠ Q

♥ KQJ98

♦ A853

♣ 876

1S – 2S

**Hand 19**

♠ KQJ98

♥ A

♦ A853

♣ 876

1S – 2S

**Hand 20**

♠ AKJ532

♥ AKQ98

♦ 82

♣ -

**QUESTION 6** What should *Opener* rebid with the following hands, when the bidding is:

1C- 1H

2H - 3D

**Hand 21**

♠ Q8

♥ AQJ8

♦ KQ5

♣ 10953

1D – 1S

2S - 3C

**Hand 22**

♠ KQ54

♥ AQ

♦ J853

♣ 852

1H – 1S

2S - 3D

**Hand 23**

♠ 9862

♥ KQJ32

♦ AQ

♣ 98

1D – 1H

2H – 2S

**Hand 24**

♠ 6

♥ AJ52

♦ 98732

♣ AK5

## **ANSWERS**

### **QUESTION 1**

**Hand 1.** YES. 6 Losers or the right points. Opener has only one problem (Clubs) so invites to Game by asking for help.

**Hand 2.** YES. 5 Losers or the right points. Opener can go straight to Game with this hand.

**Hand 3.** NO. 7 losers. Partner has made a basic raise and Opener's hand is basic too = STOP.

**Hand 4.** NO. 6 Losers and the points are right BUT there are two problems (Spades and the Trump quality). Responder is highly unlikely to be able to help with them all and four tricks could be lost immediately, even five or six.

### **QUESTION 2**

**Hand 5.** **3C** asking for help in Clubs. 6 losers and only one problem.

**Hand 6.** **2S** asking for help in Spades. 6 losers and one problem. NB. The 2S is not a Reverse

**Hand 7.** **4H.** 6 losers but no real problem – Opener can go straight to Game.

**Hand 8.** **3H** asking for help in the Trump suit quality. 6 losers and Trumps the only problem.

### **QUESTION 3**

**Hand 9.** 3S. Responder cannot help in Clubs so return to three of the Major fit.

**Hand 10.** 4S. Opener is not asking how bad your hand is, only if you have ♣ help.

**Hand 11.** 4S. Your Void in Clubs is helpful, even more so with the extra Trump.

**Hand 12.** 3S. Despite the top end of your response (9 points) this hand should not go to Game because it cannot help in the HELP SUIT – Clubs.

### **QUESTION 4**

**Hand 13.** 3H.

**Hand 14.** 4H.

**Hand 15.** 4H.

**Hand 16.** 4H. Responder can help with the Trump quality, so obeys the question.

### **QUESTION 5**

**Hand 17.** 4H. 5 losers and no reason not to go straight to Game.

**Hand 18.** PASS. 7 losers. Opener only has a basic hand even with shortage points.

**Hand 19.** **3C.** 6 losers and one problem. Opener has an invitational hand and uses a HELP TRIAL BID.

**Hand 20.** Definitely Game, maybe slam. 3 losers. If you play Control Bids for Slam, use 4C and see if partner then shows control in Diamonds. Otherwise, you could ask for help in D's. If partner says NO you can still go to Game.

### **QUESTION 6**

**Hand 21.** 4H. We did not explore this in the lesson. Responder, with an invitational hand, can also use a HELP ASK if bidding is the Major has been raised to the two-level.

**Hand 22.** 3S.

**Hand 23.** 4S.

**Hand 24.** 4H.