

Counsel for the Defence 105 – Quiz

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q 9 5
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ —
♣ K 7 6 5 2



♠ A
♥ 8 6 4
♦ A K J 8 7 3
♣ Q 9 4

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♦
Dbl	Pass	2 ♠	3 ♦
4 ♠	All pass		

Q1: Do you agree with South's bidding decisions?

Q2: What do you know about each of the other hands from the auction?

You lead a top diamond, which declarer immediately ruffs in dummy. Declarer crosses to hand and ruffs another diamond in dummy, then plays the K♠ from dummy which you win perforce.

Trick 1: you lead A♦: A♦-5♠-2♦-4♦

Trick 2: dummy leads 3♥: 3-2-A-4

Trick 3: declarer leads 10♦: 10♦-J♦-9♠-5♦

Trick 4: dummy leads K♠: K-3-2-A

Q3: If partner's 2♦ at Trick 1 is a signal then how do you interpret it?

Q4: If partner's 2♥ at Trick 2 is a count signal, then what do you know about the heart position?

Q5: What are your general thoughts about the defence, and what do you lead to Trick 5?

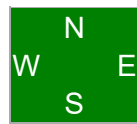
Q6: If, later, declarer leads J♣ from hand, do you cover or not?

Post Mortem

Q7: What do you think about each of the other players' bidding decisions?

Q8: Could declarer have made the contract?

Board 2
West Deals
N-S Vul



♠ A J 8 5 2
♥ K Q 2
♦ 10 9
♣ A 5 4

♠ 4
♥ 6 5 4 3
♦ K 7 5 4
♣ 8 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♠ ¹	2 ♦	4 ♠	All pass

1. 5+

Q1: Was there a monkey on your shoulder telling you to bid Five Diamonds?

Partner leads Q♦, Trick 1 going: Q♦: Q-9-7-A

Q2: Do you agree with the play of the 7 (if your agreement is Standard Attitude)?

Declarer plays two rounds of trumps

Trick 2: declarer leads 7 ♠: 7-3-A-4

Trick 3: dummy leads 2 ♠: 2 ♠-4 ♦-K♠-6 ♠

Q3: You could have chosen several cards at Trick 3 to discard - do you agree with the stated play?

Q4: What is the remaining trump position?

Now declarer plays on hearts, partner winning the second round

Trick 4: declarer plays 7 ♥: 7-8-K-5

Trick 5: dummy plays Q♥: Q-4-9-A

At Trick 6, partner leads J♦: J-10-?

Q5: What are your thoughts about the defence at this point?

Post Mortem

Q6: Do you agree with the opposition bidding?

Q7: Although declarer made her contract, this was a good matchpoint result for the defence - why?

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul

♠ J 5 2
 ♥ A K Q J 9 3 2
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ Q



♠ Q 10 8 7
 ♥ —
 ♦ 10 9 8 6
 ♣ J 10 6 4 3

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 NT ¹	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 NT	All pass

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Q1: What do you know about both opponents' hands from the auction?

Q2: Which leads do you consider, and which do you choose?

Suppose you try the J♣, you see Trick 1 go: J♣-Q-K-A

At Trick 2 through 8, declarer is going to play off winning hearts from dummy (possibly slightly surprisingly turning up with 3 himself in hand).

Q3: Why is it a slight surprise that declarer had three hearts?

Q4: You are going to come under considerable discarding pressure - what is your general approach?

Q5: The carding from partner on the run of the hearts is: following to the first three rounds, then 6

♠-3 ♠-2 ♣-7 ♣. You have agreed to play count discards against slams - has this helped?

Q6: Declarer, after following with hearts for the first three tricks in the suit, discards 5 ♣, 9 ♣ to the next two rounds. What have you chosen to discard? How will you decide what to throw on the next two heart rounds?

Post Mortem

Q7: What do you think about the opposition bidding?

Q8: How would a heart slam have fared?