

Board 1 ♠ A K 5
 North Deals ♥ 6 2
 None Vul ♦ Q 10 6 3
 ♣ A Q J 8



♠ 8 2
 ♥ A K 10 9 8 7 5
 ♦ K 7 2
 ♣ 9

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	4 ♣	4 ♥

All pass

Q1: Do you agree with the stated NS bidding sequence?

West leads 5 ♣

Q2: What do you know about the club position, and how do you start?

Say you win the Ace in dummy, and table a trump - you will see East discard . . .

Trick 1: West leads 5 ♣: 5-A-7-9

Trick 2: Dummy leads 2 ♥: 2 ♥-2 ♣-A ♥-3 ♥

Q3: What is the remaining trump position?

Q4: Can you (virtually) guarantee your contract from here? What is your general plan?

Q5: How specifically do you proceed?

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Q6: What do you think of East's aggressive pre-empt?

Q7: How would East have fared in 4 ♣X?

Board 2 ♠ 7
 East Deals ♥ A Q 9 7
 N-S Vul ♦ K 10 9 4
 ♣ A 8 5 2



♠ K Q 5
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A Q J 7 5 3 2
 ♣ K Q

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♦
1 ♠	Dbl	2 ♠	3 NT
Pass	4 NT ¹	Pass	6 NT
All pass			
1. slam invite			

Q1: What do you think about each of the NS bidding actions?

East leads 10♠, and you are slightly surprised to win the first trick which completes 10♠: 10-7-2-Q

Q2: Why should you be slightly surprised?

Q3: Do you agree that you have a further 11 top tricks meaning that your contract is guaranteed?

Q4: Do you agree that you could take a heart finesse which might yield you an overtrick, but that this carries more than a scintilla of risk?

Q5a: How else can you play to give yourself a fair chance of 13 tricks, with zero risk of failing to make your contract?

Q5b: What will you need to happen in the layout for 13 tricks to come to pass?

Q5c: How specifically do you play?

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Q6: What do you think of the opposition bidding?

Q7: What would you have led as West?

Board 3 ♠ 9 8 5
 South Deals ♥ 10 6 4
 E-W Vul ♦ K 9 8
 ♣ A K 6 2



♠ A K 6
 ♥ K Q 3
 ♦ Q 4 3
 ♣ Q 10 5 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	3 NT	All pass	1 NT ¹
1. 15-17			

Playing a strong NT range, you have a straightforward auction to 3 NT.

West leads 2 ♥ (standard fourth highest)

Q1: What do you know about the heart position?

Q2: In what circumstances will it win to play the 10♥ from table, and in what circumstances will it cost? What do you choose to do at Trick 1?

Q3: Clearly at some point in the play you wish to score 4 club tricks - how exactly will you attack the suit to give yourself best chances of achieving this?

Q4: What is your overall plan?

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Q5: Do you agree with West's lead choice?