

QUIZ

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OPENING LIGHT IN 3RD SEAT

Question 1. Partner has passed. Right-hand opponent has passed. Should you open in 3rd seat? What is your call with the following hands (NV).

HAND 1

♠ Q83
♥ KJ52
♦ K1053
♣ Q8

Answer

HAND 2

♠ Q83
♥ KQ853
♦ J10
♣ K73

Answer

HAND 3

♠ AQJ
♥ KQ52
♦ 854
♣ 8753

Answer

HAND 4

♠ AKQ10
♥ J873
♦ 85
♣ J105

Answer

HAND 5

♠ AKQ10
♥ J873
♦ K5
♣ J105

Answer

HAND 6

♠ A76
♥ KQJ10
♦ 942
♣ 853

Answer

HAND 7

♠ J10874
♥ A7
♦ A75
♣ 853

Answer

HAND 8

♠ KQ1085
♥ 85
♦ AQ3
♣ 843

Answer

HAND 9

♠ Q103
♥ AK3
♦ Q85
♣ 9853

Answer

HAND 10

♠ 5
♥ K9653
♦ KJ5
♣ K752

Answer

HAND 11

♠ A8754
♥ 2
♦ K72
♣ K832

Answer

HAND 12

♠ AKQJ10
♥ 2
♦ 872
♣ 8732

Answer

ANSWERS

- HAND 1** 1D. You can handle anything partner says and pass next
- HAND 2** 1H. As above. If partner responds 2C Drury rebid 2H to say "STOP". Pass any other response.
- HAND 3** 1C. You have a full opening hand and would normally open in 1st and 2nd. When you rebid, partner will know you opened on a full hand.
- HAND 4** 1S If Vulnerable, open 1C. Opening with a good quality 4-card Major is OK in 3rd seat if NV. It is more obstructive as well as lead-directing.
- HAND 5** 1C This hand is not light. Only open a 4-card Major when you intend To pass the response. Open 1C just as you normally would.
- HAND 6** 1H Lead-directing and can cope with any response partner makes.
- HAND 7** 1S PASS if Vul. Although not helpful for lead-direction, the spades have good obstructive value but the quality is fairly poor.
- HAND 8** 1S This is a full opening hand - you would open 1S with this hand in 1st and 2nd seat, so do the same in 3rd seat. This hand makes the Adjusted Rule of 20 (nothing to minus and +1 for 2.5 Quick Tricks).
- HAND 9** PASS It is hard to find one of the reasons for opening. 1C is not going to be overly obstructive or lead-directing and a Major contract looks unlikely. There does not seem to be a good reason to open light in 3rd. You have some defensive values so happy to defend.
- HAND 10** PASS If partner responds spades things will get too tough. You cannot cope with anything partner might say.
- HAND 11** PASS If you open 1S, partner is likely to say 2H.
- HAND 12** 2S A very good quality 5-card suit is good enough for a Weak 2 opening. 2S is obstructive, lead-directing and you may make the contract.

Question 2.

Partner has opened 1S in 3rd seat. What should you bid as Responder?

Quiz assumes you are using a basic 2C DRURY.

HAND 13

♠ A76
♥ KQ102
♦ 942
♣ 853

Answer

HAND 14

♠ J32
♥ AKQJ
♦ 75
♣ 8543

Answer

HAND 15

♠ -
♥ 8543
♦ AQJ43
♣ 8765

Answer

HAND 16

♠ -
♥ J32
♦ 98
♣ KQJ76543

Answer

HAND 17

♠ 32
♥ K93
♦ KJ5
♣ Q7532

Answer

HAND 18

♠ KQJ10
♥ K
♦ J5
♣ J10987

Answer

ANSWERS

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| HAND 13 | 2S | A fit and a basic raise. |
| HAND 14 | 2C DRURY | A fit and an invitational hand. |
| HAND 15 | 2D | A 5-card suit at the two-level (less than 10HCP is OK). |
| HAND 16 | 3C | More descriptive than 1NT (2C would be DRURY). |
| HAND 17 | 1NT | Reasonably balanced and better than a 3C response. |
| HAND 18 | 2C DRURY | A fit and an invitational-plus hand – partner might be light though, so no Game yet. |

Question 3.

You have opened in 3rd seat. Responder has bid 2C DRURY.
What should you do next?

HAND 19

♠ KJ6
♥ AQ532
♦ KJ532
♣ -

Answer

HAND 20

♠ 973
♥ QJ1072
♦ KQ
♣ 875

Answer

HAND 21

♠ KQJ9876
♥ AK
♦ K2
♣ 52

Answer

HAND 22

♠ 832
♥ AKQJ
♦ 85
♣ 9872

Answer

HAND 23

♠ 54
♥ KQJ652
♦ 3
♣ AQJ10

Answer

ANSWERS

HAND 19 **2D** Bidding 1H – 2C – 2D

You have not opened light. Let partner know by rebidding your second suit.

HAND 20 **2H** Bidding 1H – 2C – 2H

You have opened light in 3rd seat. Simply revert back to the Major fit at the two-level.

HAND 21 **3S** Bidding 1S – 2C – **3S** shows slam interest .

Jump to show a slam interest bid if this is your partnership agreement, otherwise 4S.

HAND 22 **2H** Bidding 1H – 2C – 2H

A 7-card fit is OK at the two-level. Your 2H rebid tells partner you were light and says STOP.

HAND 23 **3C** Bidding 1H – 2C – 3C

3C shows your second suit and shows you are not light. Be careful not to rebid **2H** to show a 6-card suit because that would tell partner you are light. Likewise, do not jump to **3H** as that will show slam interest.

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