Answers preserving the tenace – the layout of these answer sheets isnt very good-sorry

1) the point of the question is *when* you get around to playing hearts , you should play the hearts as follows :-

K hrts; then QHrts ; then you will be left with :- A10 ---------------- 87 (hearts)

And if necessary , you will be able to finesse for the missing J.
So if the hearts had been dealt like this :-

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              4
A1032 ------I------- KQ87
        J965
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You can play so as to not lose a trick in the suit.

2) You win the Ace hrts (or hold up if you want) but then have to broach diamonds
The correct play is : Ace diamonds first (just in case there is Jxxx on your left).
Heres the distribution you are catering for :-

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            J982
AQ7654 ---------I--------K103
          (void)
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After the Ace lead you can tell whether you need to finesse the 10 or not.

3) Same again. Play the diamonds so there is a tenace to lead up to.
Play the Ace diamonds first. This will gain when the suit is like this :-
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            J987
AK6542 ---------I--------Q103
          (void)
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4) (a) play the K clubs first –then the Q clubs

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              9
A1062---------I---------KQ83
          (J754)
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So after the Q clubs you know where the J is. Now play 3 clubs to the 10

5) Well although spades still offer the best hope of tricks it is for your partner to lead the suit now and not you. (This is because you know declarer has AQ in hand). So you switch. To what ? Well a heart is my answer. Go safe and don't risk leading either clubs or diamonds.

6) a)   mad – why not the obvious 1NT ?
   b)   mad – why not the obvious 2H ?
Ok that was glib but can you see what Im getting at ?

7) never ask questions you don't know the answers to aspiring barristers are told. Same should go for bridge teachers. I don't KNOW the best auction but these are possible.

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2C-----------2D        2C----------2D        2C---------2D
2S-----------2NT       2S---------3C         2S---------2NT
3H----------4H         3H----------4H        3H---------5H
6H                     6H                     6H
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Are those fanciful ?
Not really – opener , whatever they think partner has must still fancy their chances of a slam

Remember they held

AKQ87
AKQ43
A43
Void

How many losers is that " really " ? Probably only two.(the two little diamonds)

You can make 12 tricks with that hand opposite this rubbish.

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