Homework answers leads

1) 1st 4sp   or   2nd 3 hrts
   (*could well be the 2nd choice is more effective than the 1st in all truth*)

2) 1st 9sp ; 2nd 8 hrts   3) 1st QD ; 2nd 9 clubs

4) 1st 6sp ; 2nd Ace clubs   5) 1st 9sp ; 2nd 8 hrts

6) 1st QD ; 2nd 7 Sp (Why not the 4 clubs if you are going to lead from a K ?
                          Well there is an answer to that which I will share if you
                          give me a reason that you can come up with.   )

7) tricky.
   1st 6sp ; 2nd 3 hrts

8) these are too hard
    1st Ace clubs   ; 2nd 9 spades
(OK I *will* tell you why this time. We lead the Ace clubs , to take a trick *because*
 we also have high hopes of making the Q hearts ie the Q trumps.
It might make a good declarer suspicious that we have led an Ace its true ..

9) 1st Q D   ; 2nd 3 spades

"That's funny I always thought that it was automatic to lead away from a King
against a suit slam and yet you only chose that lead once and then it was a 2nd
choice. "
Eureka !

10) 3 Hrts (low from length and rubbish in partner's suit
11) Ace clubs –lets see what partner signals before we lead hearts
12) J hrts –partner will win –lead it back and we will ruff. Yeah right
13) 9 diamonds
14) K hearts (I know the 5 diamonds *could* work but its not for me)
15) Ace diamonds to be followed by another diamond. I want declarer to ruff !

16) a) Good – a LDD. What ? oh I see. A Lead Directing Double as you own clubs
    b) well…. Not crazy but you don't KNOW that you want a club lead. Better to
    pass and see what partner will lead on their own
    c) impeccable

17) switch. Partner aint got the Q diamonds. J clubs looks best

18) we allow the K diamonds to hold. (We do this smoothly btw not with our usual
    trances and deliberations or imprecations).
        What might happen is that the leader who no doubt led from KQxx diamonds
        will think that as their K held their partner must hold the Ace so they carry on
        with another diamond. Then our J will win.
        Called a Bath Coup.
        But the leader's partner will have signalled they didn't have the Ace won't
        they so this coup can't work. Wanna bet ?