

Answers -reverses

1) 1D-----1S
2D

opener hasnt got 17 , needed for the reverse , and has to fall back on rebidding 5 card suit with 12-14. [And yes -there is the question of what to do with 15/16 which will be answered one day ; and thats a tricky answer I will say now so dont be too keen to know]

2) correct ; opener is showing 17+ pts and 5-4 in shape

3) 1D-----1S
2H

opener is strong enough to "drive" the bidding upwards

4) correct -opener has only 12-14 so repeats long suit

5) NO !

either

1D-----1NT
2D

or

1D-----1NT
Pass

6)correct

7) 1H-----1NT
2S-----4H

8) 1C-----1S
2H-----4H

both times responder knows of 25 pts so goes to game

9) (i) establish the heart suit. Like this :-

1) Ace sp 2) Ace H 3) K H 4) 5 h *which the opponents win*

and now you have 9 Top Tricks

(ii) establish the DIAMOND suit. Like this :-

1) Ace sp 2) Ace D 3) K D 4) 5 D *which the opponents win*

and now you have 9 Top Tricks (assuming the diamonds suit broke favourably)

Why go for the 4-3 diamond suit rather than the 4-3 spade suit ?Think about it.

10) You have to signal your interest/disinterest whenever partner leads an honour.

A high card is encouraging and a LOW card discouraging.

Well ? you have the 5 -----2 whats your play ?

Ans The 5 because you are interested you want partner to continue with the K and then give you a ruff. (an shorter answer would have been you have a doubleton so play Hi-LO when partner leads an Ace (followed by a K)

11) in 4Sp:-

- 1) Ace hearts *can't draw trumps (yet) as have 4 losers*
 - 2) Q cl
 - 3) K cl
 - 4) Ace clubs throwing a heart
 - 5) now draw trumps
- makes 10 tricks

in 3NT

- 1) 2 hearts *can't play Ace (yet) as weak in hearts (w.w.w)* [opps win trick]
 - 2) 7 hearts (w.w.w) [opps win trick]
 - 3) Ace hearts
 - 4) K sp*loses to Ace* [opps win trick]
 - 5) win whatever suit is led
 - 6) K diamonds ...*loses to Ace* [opps win trick]
 - 7) win whatever suit is led
- makes 9 tricks

It is a duplicate and 4Sp scores 620 and 3NT 600 so knowing Stayman paid off (this time)