

Answers SPS

1) you play the 9 of diamonds as you want a heart
NB a high card asks for the higher of the remaining suits
NB NB the trump suit is automatically excluded from the suits that you ask for

2) you hardly want anything but you play the 2 to ask for a club

3) a heart

4) the J is lowest of a run when receiving the lead

5) (b) ie we use Stayman primarily when we have a FOUR card major.

With a five card major normally we bid the suit (and don't use stayman)

6) and the answer is a diamond. A safe exit (to give it its name) ie you don't risk opening a new suit but prefer to make a lead which u know dummy or declarer can win .
To lead from a club instead is the hallmark of the chancer and is really a beginners play

7) you need to ruff a heart in dummy
NB the usual requirements for ruffing in dummy are evident ie short trumps in dummy and a side suit shortage

Play Ace Hrts –play K hearts –ruff a Heart in dummy –start drawing trumps
In time you will make a 10th trick with a diamond

8) Its sort of the same as 7 above in that a ruff is available in dummy BUT ... the order is different when there are 4 trumps in dummy.
Here you win the Ace hrts and start drawing trumps. Only later (much later) will we ruff a heart in dummy.
Now it is possible that it wont matter when u ruff the heart but it is also possible that it will (matter) !. This is how to play properly when there are 4 trumps in dummy anyway.