

Test paper answers

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1) 1NT -----3S

**Strong takeout 13+pts  
five + spades**

maj)

2) 1NT -----Pass/2H

**0-10 pts either Pass or  
with 5 D or 5H or 5S can  
bid weak take out**

3) 2NT -----3S

**strong takeout  
NB after 2NT you  
need only 5+pts (  
and five card**

4) 2NT -----3C

**3C Stayman -with  
four maj and 5+ pts  
stayman after 2NT**

5) 1NT -----2C

**correct---Stayman (*weak stayman*)  
9 cards in the majs ( 5/4)  
0-10**

6) 2NT -----3S

**correct**

7) 1H-----1NT  
pass

**correct.  
with 15/16 pass  
1NT**

8) 1S-----2D  
2NT

**correct- cant pass  
obviously as p has  
10+. 2NT is right and  
3NT wrong**

9) 1D-----1S  
3NT

**correct -18/19  
and balanced .  
(balanced-ish)**

10) 1NT-----2C  
2D

**2D- denying a major  
in answer to partner's  
stayman enquiry**

11) 2NT-----3H  
3NT

**correct- only 2H  
so revert to NTs**

12) 1NT-----2C  
2D -----2S  
pass

**partner has 0-10  
and 5/4 in majs**

13) 1NT -----3NT

**need 33 for 6NT**

14) 2NT -----4NT

**correct -4NT asking  
if opener max or min  
(is there a case for Stayman?)  
the problem is if opener bid 3S  
now 4NT sounds like Blackwood.  
Anyway two balanced hands may  
as well play in NTs .**

15) 2NT -----3NT

**strong takeout in  
majs not min**

16) 2NT -----3C  
3D                   3NT

**well Stayman failed so  
back to NTs**

17) 1NT -----2C  
2S                   P

**what else?**

18) 2NT -----3S  
4S

**you like sp so support**

19) 1H-----1S  
1NT                   3NT

**opener has 15 , you have  
10 .**

20) 1S-----2C  
2NT                   3NT

**opener has 15-(17)  
you have 10**

21) 1D-----1S  
3NT                   6NT

**opener has 19 you have 15**

22) 1NT-----2C  
2S                   3C  
**Pass**

**2c followed by 3C  
is a weak takeout in clbs**

23) 2NT-----3H  
4H

**3h was not weak  
(give me strength)**

24) 1NT-----4NT  
6NT

**4NT asks if max or min  
the answers being P or 6**

so what was your score ? less than 100% ?

90% + goodish and players won't raise their eyes when they see you are their partner

70%----89% ok -but your partner will never be quite sure you are to be relied on

55% ---69% bit random but moving in the right direction

50% ---54% you need to learn the bids you got wrong fast

less than 50% no better than tossing a coin . You need to catch up a lot.

Perhaps you think a 90% score deserves higher praise ? well of course it's very good, but " the bidding" in bridge is the one area that you can achieve 100% accuracy . Which should be your target.