

## LEVEL I

1. How would you play a contract of 6NT with the following cards:

♠ AKQ ♥ AQ10 ♦ J1098 ♣ AKQ  
♠ J109 ♥ 432 ♦ AKQ7 ♣ J109

Opening lead: a spade.

2. What would you open with the following hand:

♠ AQJ53 ♥ KQ4 ♦ 10987 ♣ 2

3. The opponents bid: 1NT – 3NT. You lead the king of spades from:

♠ KQJ102 ♥ 543 ♦ 432 ♣ 53

Dummy comes down:

♠ 43 ♥ AKQ ♦ J1098 ♣ J1098

Partner and declarer both follow with small cards. How do you continue?

4. What contract would you like to play with the following cards:

♠ 1073 ♥ Q97 ♦ AK92 ♣ K52  
♠ A ♥ AKJ102 ♦ 83 ♣ AQ764

5. You are playing 3NT after the opening lead of the king of spades. You have:

♠ 32 ♥ AKQ ♦ 432 ♣ KJ975  
♠ A54 ♥ 432 ♦ AKQ ♣ Q1086

6. You are playing 7NT after a spade lead with:

♠ AKQ ♥ AQ32 ♦ K54 ♣ 432  
♠ 432 ♥ K54 ♦ AQ32 ♣ AKQ

7. Your right-hand opponent opened 4♥. You bid 4♠, which you now play.

♠ K543 ♥ 32 ♦ 8765 ♣ 543  
♠ AJ1098 ♥ 4 ♦ AKJ109 ♣ A2

The lead is the 10 of hearts, right-hand opponent wins with the jack and continues with the ace of hearts. How do you play the hand?

8. You are declarer and in one suit you hold KJ1098765 opposite A4. You have already played the ace, but unfortunately, in a moment of distraction, you did not notice what the defenders followed with. You now play the 4, and left-hand opponent follows with the 3. What do you do? A world championship medal is at stake.

9. You opened 1♠ with:

♠ KQJ10987 ♥ 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A432

Partner bid 4♣, a splinter showing 12–15 HCP, at most a singleton club, and at least 4-card support. How do you react?

10. You are playing in spades. Both hands still have trumps, while the defenders no longer do. Hearts and clubs have been cashed. The problem lies in diamonds, where you have K1032 opposite A854. How do you play to guarantee yourself three tricks in the suit?

## LEVEL II

1. Return to problem 1 from Level I. Can you improve your chances in any way?

2. You are playing 7NT after an uncomplicated auction: 1NT – 7NT. Lead: 7♠

♠ AQJ ♥ AQJ ♦ AJ9 ♣ A1098

♠ K109 ♥ K109 ♦ K108 ♣ KQJ7

3. The opponents bid: 1♠ – 2♦ – 3♦ – 4♠. You are on lead with:

♠ 32 ♥ A109 ♦ A1062 ♣ J1098

4. Return to problem 4 from Level I. How would you play 7♥ after the lead of the king of spades?

5. Contract: 6♠. Lead: jack of clubs. Trumps break 3-2.

♠ KQJ5 ♥ A10 ♦ AK95 ♣ AKQ

♠ A1042 ♥ 42 ♦ Q842 ♣ 432

6. After the auction (1♠) pass (pass) 3♥ (pass) 4♥ pass... you are declarer.

♠ Q1092 ♥ Q42 ♦ 432 ♣ A32

♠ 3 ♥ AK87653 ♦ AQ5 ♣ 54

Opponent leads the king of spades asking for a count signal. The second defender plays the 8, showing an odd number by reverse count. At trick two, the defense switches to the king of clubs. How do you play?

7. Contract: 6♠. Lead: king of diamonds. Trumps do not break 4-0.

♠ KQJ2 ♥ Q2 ♦ A32 ♣ K432

♠ A10983 ♥ AK3 ♦ 54 ♣ AJ10

8. You are playing 6♦ after the lead of the queen of hearts.

♠ K4 ♥ AK65 ♦ AKQ97 ♣ Q4

♠ AQ7 ♥ 104 ♦ J832 ♣ A976

When you play the ace of diamonds, right-hand opponent discards a spade. How do you continue?

9. Your auction goes as follows: 1♠ – 2♣ – 2♦ – 2♠ – 3♥ – 3♠ – 4♣. What does partner hold in clubs, and why?

10. You are playing a small slam in hearts after a spade lead.

♠ AQ10 ♥ A92 ♦ KJ10 ♣ 5432

♠ KJ ♥ QJ543 ♦ AQ9 ♣ AQ6

### LEVEL III

1. Return again to problem 1 from Level I. This time, your left-hand opponent opened 2♠, showing 0–7 HCP, five spades and a four-card minor. The contract and lead remain the same. However, replace the queen of clubs with the jack. How do you play?

2. Contract: 6♥. Lead: king of spades.

♠ A432 ♥ AQJ2 ♦ A2 ♣ 432  
♠ 5 ♥ K43 ♦ KQ543 ♣ AK65

3. Contract: 4♥. Lead: 3♠. The second defender plays the 9.

♠ 762 ♥ AJ1063 ♦ A974 ♣ 2  
♠ AQJ ♥ Q9742 ♦ K85 ♣ K7

4. Return once again to problem 4 from Level I. You played two rounds of hearts and a club to the king, planning to ruff the fourth club if the singleton was with short trumps. Bad news: left-hand opponent did not follow suit. Good news: they did not ruff, but discarded a spade instead. What next?

5. Your right-hand opponent opened 1NT showing 10–12 HCP, and you are playing 6♥. Lead: spade, jack won by the king, then another spade.

♠ AQJ ♥ 42 ♦ AQJ9 ♣ AQ52  
♠ 642 ♥ AKQJ1075 ♦ 1083 ♣ -

6. Contract: 6♠. Lead: king of clubs.

♠ 53 ♥ AJ10654 ♦ AQ104 ♣ 4  
♠ AQJ642 ♥ KQ ♦ 82 ♣ A65

7. You are playing 3NT after the auction: 1♣ (1♠) 2♠ (pass) 2NT (pass) 3NT pass...

♠ 32 ♥ AKQ ♦ AQ987 ♣ J32  
♠ AK4 ♥ 432 ♦ J65 ♣ KQ109

Lead: queen of spades. How do you play? Assume the defenders lead and defend optimally.

8. You hold:

♠ 32 ♥ J109 ♦ J10987 ♣ J62

The opponents are playing 6♠, and partner leads the king of diamonds. Dummy appears with:

♠ KQJ4 ♥ A5 ♦ A76 ♣ K543

Declarer wins, draws two rounds of trumps, plays hearts three times discarding a diamond, and then plays a diamond. You are on lead. What now?

9. The opponents bid: 1NT – 3NT. You lead the king of spades from:

♠ KQJ10 ♥ 543 ♦ 432 ♣ 654

Dummy comes down:

♠ 43 ♥ AKQ ♦ J1098 ♣ J1098

Partner and declarer both follow with small cards. How do you continue?

10. You are playing 6NT after the lead of the queen of spades, holding:

♠ 104 ♥ 102 ♦ AJ107632 ♣ 108  
♠ AK3 ♥ AQ9 ♦ K4 ♣ AKQ92