

## REVISION EXERCISE 11

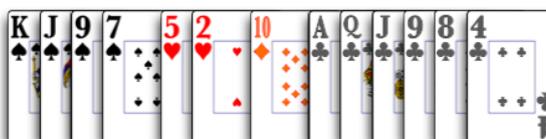
### QUIZ ANSWERS AND COMMENTARY

- Partner opens 1♦. What do you respond?



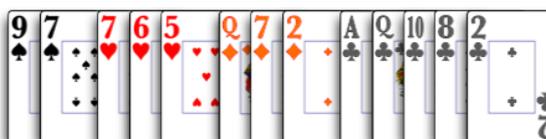
You will be bidding hearts or spades, but you notice spades are much better so you are inclined to bid them. But if you do this and partner has a heart fit in a minimum hand, you will miss the heart fit. Your response is therefore 1♥.

- Partner opens 1♦. What do you respond?



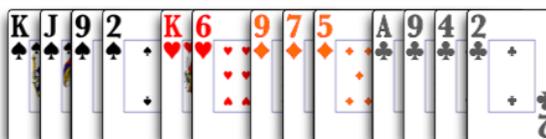
With 13 TPs, you are strong enough to bid 2♣ first and maybe rebid spades depending on opener's rebid.

- Partner opens 1♦. What do you respond?



You have 9 TPs so you are going to respond. With fewer than 10 TPs, a 2-level bid of 2♣ is not correct, so we bid 1NT – the dustbin bid. Although in this case the hand is balanced, in general a 1NT response is made with no regard to hand shape.

- Partner opens 1♦. What do you respond?



You are strong enough for a 2-level bid, so 2♣ could be correct on this basis. But with two 4-card suits, they are bid *up the line* so the next bid in sequence is 1♠, so that is your response. (After the 1♦ start, the 4-card suits are bid up the line in the order hearts, spades, clubs.)

# CHOICE OF RESPONSES WITH NO SUPPORT FOR OPENER

## Responding with 10+ TPs

With this strength of responding hand, there is no problem bidding the preferred suit:

- Longest suit first
- In order up the line (in sequence after opener's suit) with two 4-card suits
- In reverse order with two 5-card suits

It follows that a 2-level (non-jump) bid can always be made if required to comply with the above preferred suit order rules.

## Responding with 6–9 TPs

This strength of hand precludes all 2-level bids, so in this case do the following:

- If there is no suitable suit bid, bid 1NT
- If there is one suitable 1-level suit bid, make this bid
- If there are two possible 1-level suit bids, make the appropriate bid using the two 4-card and two 5-card rules above.

## ANALYSIS OF ANSWERS

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
<b>Suggested answer</b>			
1♥	2♣	1NT	1♠
<b>Answers Given</b>			
1♥	2♣	1NT	1♠
1♥	2♣	1NT	1♠
1♥	1♠	2♣	1♠
1♥	1♠	1NT	1♠

In the questions where only 4-card suits were present, the answers are all correct.

Where there is a 5-card suit, the extra conditions for bidding the 5-card suit have not always been taken into account correctly. It is true that bidding a 4-card major at the 1-level rather than bidding a minor at the 2-level will seldom disturb the final contract, but bidding at 2-level (promising 10+ TPs) having with only 6–9 TPs certainly will.