

# The Foundation System

## Part II. System Practice: Minor Suit Bidding

### REVIEW

Opener's 1C or 1D bid has shown one of two basic hand types: (a) a balanced hand with either 12-14 HCP or 18-19 HCP; or (b) an unbalanced hand with 11-21 HCP and a LTC of 4-7 (inclusive). Opener can have a 4-card major or even both 4-card majors, but will hold a 5-card major only with exceptional distribution, such as 65, 75, or with a 55 which is not strong enough to open the minor with plans to bid and rebid the major.

Responder's options after the 1C or 1D bid include:

- **1NT** with 8-10 HCP Balanced (over 1C), or 6-10 HCP Balanced (over 1D)
- **2NT** with 11-12 HCP Balanced
- **3NT** with 13-15 HCP Balanced
- **1D** (over 1C) with 6-7 HCP Balanced with 3+diamonds, or 11+HCP with 4+diamonds and a 4-card major, or 6+HCP and 4+diamonds
- **1H or 1S** with 5-10 HCP and a 4-card major (perhaps with a 5+card minor), or 5-10 HCP with a 5+card major, or 11+HCP with a 4+card major and no other unbid suit longer than the major.
- **2C** (over 1D) with 11+HCP (or a **good** 10) and 4+clubs (usually 5+), perhaps with an as yet unbid 4-card major
- **Single Jump in a New Suit** with 5-9 HCP and a 6+card suit which is likely to be useless unless that suit becomes trump
- **Single Raise** with 5-10 HCP, 4+card support, and no 4+card major
- **Double Raise** with 11-12 HCP, 4+card support (usually 5+cards if raising clubs), and no 4+card major
- **All Higher Bids** (double jumps, etc) are natural and non-forcing, except for the triple raise of Opener's minor to the 4-level, which will be discussed in the slam bidding chapter.

**Subsequent bidding** is natural, with game or partscore in a major or in NT, or any slam, as the main targets, and a minor suit game or partscore as a last resort. New Minor Forcing and 4<sup>th</sup> Suit Forcing are the only artificialities. Opener will choose among non-forcing, invitational, or forcing sequences depending primarily upon his LTC when he is unbalanced, or upon his HCP when he is balanced. Responder will pass, accept an invitation, or issue an invitation himself, depending on his cover cards when a fit has been found, or on his HCP when there is no apparent fit.

Let's get busy!

## QUIZ 1: The First Response

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(1) ♠ 82 ♥ QJ82 ♦ AK63 ♣ 1096	___/___	1C/P/?	___
(2) ♠ K87 ♥ A732 ♦ K7653 ♣ K	___/___	1C/P/?	___
(3) ♠ 1065 ♥ 975 ♦ Q632 ♣ 862	___/___	1C/P/?	___
(4) ♠ J63 ♥ AQJ952 ♦ Q10 ♣ 32	___/___	1C/P/?	___
(5) ♠ 3 ♥ KQ653 ♦ AJ ♣ J10984	___/___	1C/P/?	___
(6) ♠ AKJ9763 ♥ 1084 ♦ 32 ♣ 10	___/___	1C/P/?	___
(7) ♠ AKQ6543 ♥ 542 ♦ 65 ♣ 7	___/___	1C/P/?	___
(8) ♠ 942 ♥ 52 ♦ K743 ♣ K743	___/___	1C/P/?	___
(9) ♠ 1032 ♥ Q109876 ♦ 84 ♣ K9	___/___	1C/P/?	___
(10) ♠ KJ10 ♥ AJ103 ♦ AKQ7 ♣ 32	___/___	1C/P/?	___

### QUIZ 1 DISCUSSION

(1) (10/8) [HCP/LTC] Bid 1H and pass a raise to 2H, or rebid 1NT over 1S, or pass a 2C rebid. You're not quite strong enough to bid 1D first.

(2) (13/7) Here you're strong enough to bid 1D. You'll raise 1H to 4H, or bid 2H over other bids.

(3) (2/11) Just pass here. Don't be a pessimist and bid 1D to avoid a 33 club fit. If the unknown 7 clubs are split evenly among the three other hands, partner is likely to have 5 rather than 3.

(4) (10/8) Bidding 1H and then rebidding 2H describes this hand well. Too strong for 2H.

(5) (11/6) Start with 1H, of course, and jump to 3C over a 1S or 1NT rebid. If Opener rebids 2H or 2D, start thinking about slam.

(6) (8/7) 4S is possible here, but a more conservative approach is 1S, followed by 3S.

(7) (9/6) Here we start with 1S, but will rebid 3NT if Opener rebids 1NT, and 3S over other rebids. 4S would be bad here because of 3NT potential of the solid suit.

(8) (6/9) 1D is right here. You'll pass 1NT or bid 2C over 1H or 1S. If the opening bid had been 1D, 1NT is possible, but a raise to 2D would be better.

(9) (5/8) This is a classical example of a weak 2H response.

(10) (18/6) 1D is the best start here, planning a 2H reverse next, followed by forcing bids until game or slam is reached. If you start with 1H and then jump in diamonds, partner will expect a 5+card heart suit. The reverse is the only way to show a strong hand with only a 4-card heart suit.

## QUIZ 2: The First Response

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(11) ♠ 952 ♥ KQ7 ♦ 9643 ♣ K52	___/___	1D/P/?	___
(12) ♠ 1095 ♥ AQ9 ♦ J98 ♣ AJ73	___/___	1D/P/?	___
(13) ♠ AK52 ♥ 1083 ♦ K5 ♣ AJ73	___/___	1D/P/?	___
(14) ♠ K102 ♥ Q3 ♦ 6 ♣ Q987654	___/___	1D/P/?	___
(15) ♠ AJ53 ♥ Q742 ♦ 973 ♣ A9	___/___	1D/P/?	___
(16) ♠ 7 ♥ J84 ♦ 73 ♣ AKQ10865	___/___	1D/P/?	___
(17) ♠ AJ9 ♥ J108 ♦ AJ10 ♣ K752	___/___	1D/P/?	___
(18) ♠ A109 ♥ 1064 ♦ AJ1082 ♣ K3	___/___	1D/P/?	___
(19) ♠ Q9752 ♥ AJ1076 ♦ 9 ♣ 75	___/___	1D/P/?	___
(20) ♠ 5 ♥ K54 ♦ J10964 ♣ J752	___/___	1D/P/?	___

## QUIZ 2 DISCUSSION

(11) (8/9) 1NT is better than 2D here. Show diamond support if Opener bids again.

(12) (12/9) This is a fairly typical invitational 2NT, with weak spades the only flaw.

(13) (15/7) Start with 1S, and jump to 3C over 1NT. Game is probable, but partner can now avoid 3NT if his hearts are weak.

(14) (7/7) There's no real alternative to 3C, but partner will not expect this much defense.

(15) (11/8) Bid 1H here, even though your spades are stronger. You'll raise 1S to 3S. Over 1NT, you're barely worth a raise to 2NT, but pass could be a winner in a pairs game.

(16) (10/6) 2C is obvious here. Then raise 2NT to 3NT because of the solid suit.

(17) (14/9) A simple 3NT is fine here, but I have a sneaky admiration for 1S in order to avoid 3NT when partner is weak in hearts or clubs.

(18) (12/8) This is a good, solid, limit raise to 3D.

(19) (7/7) 1S is the only correct bid here. Do not bid 1H because your hearts are stronger. Wait and bid hearts on the next round unless Opener raises spades.

(20) (5/9) This is an easy raise to 2D. If you're playing Inverted Minors (not part of the system), you'd bid 3D with this hand and raise to 2D on (18).

### QUIZ 3: Opener's Rebid

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(21) ♠ KJ82 ♥ K10 ♦ AJ6 ♣ 10876	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/?	___
(22) ♠ A532 ♥ QJ2 ♦ A3 ♣ J743	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/?	___
(23) ♠ KQ10 ♥ 742 ♦ A108 ♣ K974	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/?	___
(24) ♠ A4 ♥ J983 ♦ KQ2 ♣ QJ752	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/?	___
(25) ♠ 973 ♥ - ♦ AKQ10 ♣ QJ10952	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/?	___
(26) ♠ K4 ♥ 1043 ♦ K4 ♣ AKJ762	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/?	___
(27) ♠ Q6 ♥ K1054 ♦ A6 ♣ AKJ52	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/?	___
(28) ♠ 5 ♥ K7 ♦ 1094 ♣ AKQ10964	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/?	___
(29) ♠ K84 ♥ J ♦ K982 ♣ AK762	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/?	___
(30) ♠ K10 ♥ 52 ♦ KQJ ♣ AK9643	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/?	___

### QUIZ 3 DISCUSSION

(21) (12/8) We'll start with an easy 1S, just to get warmed up.

(22) (12/8) 1S is OK here too, but weak spades, two aces, and a ruffing value suggest that 2H might work out better than bidding 1S and passing a 1NT rebid.

(23) (12/8) A classical 1NT rebid, hoping that partner trots our New Minor Forcing.

(24) (13/7) This is a routine raise to 2H.

(25) (12/5) Because of the void, you're not strong enough for 2D, so just rebid 2C. If partner had bid 1S instead of 1H, a reverse to 2D would be correct.

(26) (14/6) You'll play some number of NT unless partner has 5+hearts, so choose 1NT here instead of 2C to protect your doubleton kings.

(27) (17/6) This is a classical invitational raise to 3H.

(28) (12/5) Despite the meager HCP, a jump to 3C is right here because of the NT potential of the solid suit and the useful Kx of hearts.

(29) (14/6) The HJ instead of Hx makes a 1NT rebid permissible, but I prefer a 2C rebid because the aces and kings make this look more like a suit hand than a NT hand.

(30) (16/5) 3NT is the obvious target, and 2D here is the way to get there when partner has an average heart suit and something in spades.

## QUIZ 4: Opener's Rebid

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(31) ♠ A7 ♥ 95 ♦ KQJ1098 ♣ AK2	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/?	___
(42) ♠ A96 ♥ AQJ8 ♦ K752 ♣ 86	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/?	___
(33) ♠ Q753 ♥ 5 ♦ AK87 ♣ A1075	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/?	___
(34) ♠ - ♥ AQ53 ♦ A10864 ♣ KO65	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/?	___
(35) ♠ 9 ♥ AJ52 ♦ Q10962 ♣ AQ9	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/?	___
(36) ♠ AK8 ♥ AJ7 ♦ J108654 ♣ 9	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/?	___
(37) ♠ 2 ♥ A9 ♦ KJ983 ♣ KJ1083	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/?	___
(38) ♠ J ♥ KQJ6 ♦ Q9653 ♣ AK8	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/?	___
(39) ♠ AQJ ♥ KQ96 ♦ KQ94 ♣ Q5	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/?	___
(40) ♠ AQJ3 ♥ - ♦ AK1098 ♣ KQ53	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/?	___

### QUIZ 4 DISCUSSION

(31) (17/5) 3D is routine here, but after 3H you'll have to choose among 3S, 3NT and 4S. I'd choose 3NT, and support spades only if partner bids again.

(32) (14/7) 2S might work well because of the club weakness. But if partner is also weak in clubs, he probably has 5+spades and will use New Minor Forcing, so 1NT is best.

(33) (13/6) With only 13 HCP, this looks like a 2S raise, but with prime values, 4-card support, and the H singleton, this is worth 3S.

(34) (15/4) Your LTC says to reverse with 2H, but there's no fit yet so HCP rules and a conservative 2C is right because of the spade void.

(35) (13/6) Again we're not strong enough for 2H. The diamonds are a bit weak for 2D, so we have to compromise with 2C.

(36) (13/7) I suppose we could rebid those ratty diamonds, but a raise to 2S will usually work out better.

(37) (12/6) This is easy. We'll rebid 2C, and then bid 3C unless partner rebids 2D.

(38) (16/5) A 2H reverse might work well here, but the misfit suggests a conservative 1NT, planning to bid 2H if partner uses New Minor Forcing.

(39) (19/5) 2NT is the only reasonable choice here.

(40) (19/3) 4S would be an underbid here. I'd just jump to 6S, or perhaps jump to 4H. This shows a void, since 2H is forcing and 3H would thus show a singleton with 4-card support.

## QUIZ 5: Opener's Rebid

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(41) ♠ AQ10 ♥ A96 ♦ K104 ♣ J1032	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/?	___
(42) ♠ - ♥ K962 ♦ AK93 ♣ KQ862	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/?	___
(43) ♠ 54 ♥ KQ2 ♦ 976 ♣ AQJ63	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/?	___
(44) ♠ 107 ♥ A ♦ 954 ♣ AKQJ1032	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/?	___
(45) ♠ KQ6 ♥ QJ75 ♦ 6 ♣ A10764	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/?	___
(46) ♠ 82 ♥ J76 ♦ AJ9 ♣ AQJ103	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/?	___
(47) ♠ - ♥ Q765 ♦ K3 ♣ AKQ10976	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/?	___
(48) ♠ A6 ♥ A654 ♦ J98 ♣ A864	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/?	___
(49) ♠ AQ54 ♥ 86 ♦ - ♣ KQJ9652	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/?	___
(50) ♠ AQ63 ♥ AKQ7 ♦ J ♣ K1097	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/?	___

### QUIZ 5 DISCUSSION

(41) (14/8) A routine 1NT rebid. Unless pard passes or raises, we'll play one of the minors.

(42) (15/4) 3S here shows powerful diamond support with a singleton or void in spades. A jump to 3D would be reasonable, but much less descriptive.

(43) (12/7) 1H is best here. If pard raises, he has a good hand (else 1H, not 1D), and if he insists on 4H after your 3C rebid, the 43 fit should play well.

(44) (14/5) A routine 3C bid. Over 3S you'll bid 3NT. Over 3D you could try once more for 3NT with a 3H rebid, or feel out a diamond slam with 4D.

(45) (12/6) It's best to show the good major suit holdings with 1NT, rather than bid 1H, which will not find a fit unless pard has a good hand.

(46) (13/8) We won't make 3NT unless pard can bid it over a 2D raise, so optimists will bid 2D, while pessimists will bid 2C. I'd bid 2D atimps and 2C at pairs.

(47) (14/3) I like 1H here. If pard raises (good hand), we have a probable slam. We'll bid 3NT over 1S or 1NT, and some number of clubs over anything else.

(48) (13/8) We'll bid 1H here, hoping for a C, D, or NT partscore unless partner raises.

(49) (12/4) You have to bid 3C here. If you bid 1S, pard will never believe your clubs are this good. Compare with (47). We were more aggressive there because of the useful Kx.

(50) (19/4) You'll bid 2H now, and probably 3S on the next round to show this big 3-suiter. You'll probably end in 3NT unless pard fits one of your suits.

## QUIZ 6: Opener's Rebid

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(51) ♠ 85 ♥ J62 ♦ KQ10875 ♣ AQ	___/___	1D/P/2C/P/?	___
(52) ♠ 6 ♥ AKQ4 ♦ Q8752 ♣ Q83	___/___	1D/P/2C/P/?	___
(53) ♠ 53 ♥ AKJ9 ♦ A105432 ♣ 10	___/___	1D/P/2C/P/?	___
(54) ♠ 864 ♥ A62 ♦ AK964 ♣ J7	___/___	1D/P/2C/P/?	___
(55) ♠ QJ3 ♥ AQ95 ♦ QJ1054 ♣ K	___/___	1D/P/2C/P/?	___
(56) ♠ Q ♥ KJ ♦ KJ765432 ♣ A6	___/___	1D/P/2C/P/?	___
(57) ♠ QJ76 ♥ AK97 ♦ J1084 ♣ A	___/___	1D/P/2C/P/?	___
(58) ♠ KQ2 ♥ K104 ♦ KQ10852 ♣ J	___/___	1D/P/2C/P/?	___
(59) ♠ 82 ♥ J4 ♦ AK863 ♣ AK94	___/___	1D/P/2C/P/?	___
(60) ♠ A984 ♥ 10983 ♦ AKQ6 ♣ 3	___/___	1D/P/2C/P/?	___

### QUIZ 6 DISCUSSION

(51) (12/7) 2D is obvious here. You expect to rebid 3C over any 2-level rebid by pard.

(52) (13/5) A raise with Qxx is usually best, but here we need to bid 2H where our strength is concentrated, and hope to bid 3C on the next round.

(53) (12/6) Here we bid 2D rather than 2H because of the poor club fit.

(54) (12/8) We bid a reluctant 2D here. We'll pass 2NT or 3C, and bid 3H over a 3D raise.

(55) (15/6) Forget the hearts. Just bid 3NT here. Even if pard has hearts, 3NT is likely to be a better spot.

(56) (14/5) Who knows how many diamonds to bid here?. I'm bidding just 2D to hear another bid from partner before deciding how high to bid on the next round. We may have a slam and we may not even have a game.

(57) (15/6) Just bid 2H here, and go to 3NT next unless partner bids either major.

(58) (14/5) We have to bid 2D here. We'll probably end in 3NT and take somewhere between 7 and 11 tricks.

(59) (15/6) 2D is right here, with 3C next round. If we raise immediately we'll never be able to show the 5th diamond.

(60) (13/6) An awkward hand. We hate to rebid a 4-card suit, but 2D is probably best, hoping that pard has a 4-card major up his sleeve. We'll pass 2NT because of the misfit.

## QUIZ 7: Opener's Rebid

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(61) ♠ A95 ♥ KQ9 ♦ KJ10 ♣ AQ95	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/?	___
(62) ♠ KQ2 ♥ Q64 ♦ J73 ♣ AJ93	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/?	___
(63) ♠ AK87 ♥ J32 ♦ 72 ♣ KQ103	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/?	___
(64) ♠ A7 ♥ AJ3 ♦ 73 ♣ KQJ1082	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/?	___
(65) ♠ AQ94 ♥ 2 ♦ 53 ♣ AK9742	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/?	___
(66) ♠ KQJ9 ♥ K532 ♦ J ♣ AKQ6	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/?	___
(67) ♠ K543 ♥ AK7 ♦ 8 ♣ KQ1072	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/?	___
(68) ♠ A72 ♥ Q8 ♦ J10 ♣ KQ10643	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/?	___
(69) ♠ A2 ♥ K1096 ♦ A ♣ A108654	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/?	___
(70) ♠ Q92 ♥ KQ95 ♦ 6 ♣ AKQ74	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/?	___

### QUIZ 7 DISCUSSION

(61) (19/6) An easy 3NT rebid, which could go down on a bad day.

(62) (13/8) An easy Pass, hoping your combined 21-23 HCP will be enough.

(63) (13/7) Pass again. Even if they can run a red suit, you can probably find 7 tricks.

(64) (15/6) This is worth a game invitation, either 2H, 2NT, or 3C. 2NT won't help them find the right lead, while 2H shows the long clubs and warns of spade and diamond weakness. 3C is pointless unless 5C is the only game. My vote goes to 2NT.

(65) (13/5) 2S is best here. This shows long clubs and definite red suit weakness.

(66) (19/4) I like 2S here, despite the long clubs implication. If partner bids 3C, you can negate the long club message by rebidding 3H.

(67) (15/5) 2H is best here, to show longish clubs with spade & diamond weakness.

(68) (12/7) A routine 2C rebid, but at pairs you could choose to gamble it out in 1NT.

(69) (15/5) 2H is obvious here. You'll welcome a retreat to 3C, since 6C is then a real possibility, and 5C should be safe enough.

(70) (16/4) Your choice is 2NT to conceal your spade/diamond weakness, or the descriptive 2H, to pinpoint that weakness. I vote for 2NT, but it's close. Note that despite the LTC of 4, this is only an invitational hand. HCP rules unless pard shows a club fit.

## QUIZ 8: Opener's Rebid

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(71) ♠ A109 ♥ 3 ♦ Q8754 ♣ AK106	___/___	1D/P/1NT/P/?	___
(72) ♠ AQ64 ♥ K653 ♦ QJ973 ♣ -	___/___	1D/P/1NT/P/?	___
(73) ♠ K6 ♥ AJ7 ♦ AKQ1085 ♣ 104	___/___	1D/P/1NT/P/?	___
(74) ♠ A732 ♥ KJ5 ♦ AKJ42 ♣ Q	___/___	1D/P/1NT/P/?	___
(75) ♠ KJ74 ♥ K7 ♦ AK10742 ♣ K	___/___	1D/P/1NT/P/?	___
(76) ♠ AKQ ♥ 76 ♦ 109863 ♣ K97	___/___	1D/P/1NT/P/?	___
(77) ♠ AK2 ♥ 8 ♦ AK1085 ♣ J974	___/___	1D/P/1NT/P/?	___
(78) ♠ KJ105 ♥ 8 ♦ KQ1054 ♣ AQ2	___/___	1D/P/1NT/P/?	___
(79) ♠ KJ2 ♥ KQ ♦ KQJ103 ♣ QJ5	___/___	1D/P/1NT/P/?	___
(80) ♠ KJ ♥ KQ6 ♦ AKJ82 ♣ J65	___/___	1D/P/1NT/P/?	___

### QUIZ 8 DISCUSSION

These auctions are drastically different from those in Quiz 7 for two reasons: (a) Responder's range in 6-10 HCP instead of 8-10; and (b) Responder usually has a concealed club suit that he was not strong enough to bid.

(71) (13/6) This is a routine 2C rebid.

(72) (12/5) You can Pass and not worry about clubs, or bid 2D. My vote is the pass.

(73) (17/5) Jump to 3NT. A 1NT opening would have protected the spade Kx, but you were a shade too strong for that.

(74) (18/6) 2NT or 3NT. I'd try 3NT atimps and 2NT at pairs.

(75) (17/5) This one is definitely worth 3NT.

(76) (12/7) Not a NT hand. Bid 2C to play in 2C or 2D, which must be better than 1NT.

(77) (15/6) Don't bid 2S to pinpoint a club/heart weakness. Just bid 2C now. 5C could be making if pard turns up with KQxxx.

(78) (15/5) Just bid 2C. If pard had a double stopper in hearts he would have bid 1H instead of 1NT with a 3-card suit, so 2C or 2D will play better than 1NT.

(79) (18/6) 3NT is probably best, but it may fail because of the lack of aces.

(80) (18/6) 2NT is enough here. A 1NT opening to protect the spade KJ might have worked well here, but you are a shade too strong for that.

## QUIZ 9: Opener's Rebid

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(81) ♠ J86 ♥ AJ6 ♦ K5 ♣ QJ1054	___/___	1C/P/2NT/P/?	___
(82) ♠ 974 ♥ KQ3 ♦ AK6 ♣ J753	___/___	1C/P/2NT/P/?	___
(83) ♠ KQ4 ♥ 10 ♦ A96 ♣ QJ9842	___/___	1C/P/2NT/P/?	___
(84) ♠ AK5 ♥ A2 ♦ Q ♣ K1086432	___/___	1C/P/2NT/P/?	___
(85) ♠ J5 ♥ AK86 ♦ J ♣ AQ7654	___/___	1C/P/2NT/P/?	___
(86) ♠ 984 ♥ A94 ♦ K1085 ♣ AQ7	___/___	1D/P/2NT/P/?	___
(87) ♠ AQ63 ♥ 1092 ♦ QJ95 ♣ A4	___/___	1D/P/2NT/P/?	___
(88) ♠ A54 ♥ 6 ♦ KQ1073 ♣ AK86	___/___	1D/P/2NT/P/?	___
(89) ♠ Q ♥ 74 ♦ AQ97653 ♣ A32	___/___	1D/P/2NT/P/?	___
(90) ♠ 7 ♥ AQ ♦ AKQ98532 ♣ 84	___/___	1D/P/2NT/P/?	___

### QUIZ 9 DISCUSSION

After the 11-12 HCP 2NT, Opener will usually pass or raise to 3NT. The exceptions: weak distributional hands will seek a safer partscore; stronger hands can make a slam try, usually by a a major suit bid (which Responder cannot pass).

(81) (12/8) Pass is permissible, but chicken. Bid 3NT because of the 5-card suit.

(82) (13/8) This is a clear Pass, with no source of tricks.

(83) (12/6) Bid 3C because the clubs may not run before they get the hearts set up.

(84) (16/5) There may be slam here, so bid 3S, and follow with 4C over 3NT.

(85) (15/5) Too strong for 3C, too weak for 3H, so bid 3NT and hope they can't beat you with spades (pard probably has diamonds under control).

(86) (13/8) Try 3NT. A pessimist would pass, but I like those 9s and 8s.

(87) (13/7) Bid 3NT. You don't have to play it!

(88) (16/5) 3C would be a weak 2-suiter, so bid 3S here and pass if pard bids 3NT. If he bids anything else, you're headed for a minor suit game or slam.

(89) (12/6) If not vulnerable, I'd usually shoot out 3NT. Vulnerable, 3D is best. If pard has the diamond K, he knows about vulnerable game bonuses and can rebid 3NT, or move toward 5D or 6D.

(90) (15/4) You have to start with 3H, and then jump to 5D next. Partner will know black aces are golden, but black queens are worthless.

## QUIZ 10: Opener's Rebid

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(91) ♠ A109 ♥ K1087 ♦ Q86 ♣ KJ6	___/___	1C/P/2C/P/?	___
(92) ♠ K872 ♥ 43 ♦ K9 ♣ AK752	___/___	1C/P/2C/P/?	___
(93) ♠ 72 ♥ A104 ♦ A108 ♣ AKQ63	___/___	1C/P/2C/P/?	___
(94) ♠ - ♥ Q74 ♦ Q1074 ♣ AKJ1086	___/___	1C/P/2C/P/?	___
(95) ♠ J5 ♥ A6 ♦ A62 ♣ KQJ763	___/___	1C/P/2C/P/?	___
(96) ♠ 8 ♥ A87 ♦ AK742 ♣ AJ83	___/___	1D/P/2D/P/?	___
(97) ♠ AQ52 ♥ J3 ♦ AKJ1084 ♣ 10	___/___	1D/P/2D/P/?	___
(98) ♠ 76 ♥ KQ3 ♦ AK9873 ♣ A9	___/___	1D/P/2D/P/?	___
(99) ♠ KQ7 ♥ J103 ♦ KQJ10 ♣ AK9	___/___	1D/P/2D/P/?	___
(100) ♠ QJ82 ♥ 4 ♦ AKJ8643 ♣ Q	___/___	1D/P/2D/P/?	___

### QUIZ 10 DISCUSSION

With most minimums, Opener will pass, but 2NT is reasonable with a 3-card suit and a good 13-14 HCP. Any new suit rebid is a game try; a major implies weakness in the other major.

(91) (13/8) This is a typical 2NT rebid, aiming for +120 instead of +90 or +110.

(92) (13/6) 2S is right here, to show the H weakness, since a 3C contract should be safe.

(93) (17/6) Bid 2H here. If pard shows a spade stopper with 2NT, you'll raise to 3NT.

(94) (12/5) We won't make 3NT, so 3C is right here, to keep the opponents from finding their spade fit.

(95) (15/6) 2H here lets pard play 3NT and may keep us out of a bad game (good) but makes the defense easier (bad). I'd bash with 3NT atimps, and try 2H at pairs.

(96) (16/6) Try 2H here, and follow with 3C over 2NT, offering a choice of 3NT or game in either minor.

(97) (15/5) 2S here, followed by 3D over 2NT, will let pard make an intelligent decision.

(98) (16/5) This time it's 2H, followed by 3NT over 2NT.

(99) (19/6) Here we can bid 3NT on power.

(100) (13/5) An awkward hand. I'd start with 2S. Over 2NT I'd raise to 3NT and hope the club Q helps stop that suit. Over anything else, I'd try 4D to invite 5D. Pard will then look kindly on any aces and on the spade K.

## QUIZ 11: Responder's Rebid

Your Hand	HCP/LTC	Auction	Your Call
(101) ♠ J6 ♥ KQ1084 ♦ Q43 ♣ K82	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/1NT/P/?	___
(102) ♠ Q975 ♥ K10842 ♦ 2 ♣ AQ8	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/1S/P/?	___
(103) ♠ A94 ♥ KQ74 ♦ Q954 ♣ 103	___/___	1C/P/1H/P/2H/P/?	___
(104) ♠ AJ64 ♥ Q104 ♦ Q8654 ♣ K	___/___	1C/P/1D/P/2D/P/?	___
(105) ♠ A103 ♥ 743 ♦ J1075 ♣ A64	___/___	1C/P/1NT/P/2H/P/?	___
(106) ♠ J42 ♥ KQ9 ♦ AQ65 ♣ 1085	___/___	1C/P/2NT/P/3S/P/?	___
(107) ♠ A62 ♥ 4 ♦ Q1064 ♣ KQ543	___/___	1D/P/2D/P/2H/P/?	___
(108) ♠ AK6 ♥ J42 ♦ Q1075 ♣ J43	___/___	1D/P/2D/P/2S/P/?	___
(109) ♠ KQ542 ♥ AJ54 ♦ J ♣ K85	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/2C/P/?	___
(110) ♠ KJ976 ♥ 42 ♦ AQ4 ♣ J97	___/___	1D/P/1S/P/2H/P/?	___

### QUIZ 11 DISCUSSION

Responder's rebid will frequently place the contract. If not, he'll be inviting game or slam.

(101) (11/7) This is a typical New Minor Forcing 2D bid.

(102) (11/6) An invitational 3S is just right here. With A10842 in hearts and KQ8 in clubs, we'd be worth a jump to 4S.

(103) (11/7) Bid 3D here, so you'll find out whether your diamond Q is a cover card.

(104) (12/7) With both majors stopped and that good club K, this is worth a 3NT bid.

(105) (9/10) This is just the right hand to jump to 3NT despite the terrible LTC.

(106) (12/8) With hearts under control, go ahead and bid 3NT.

(107) (11/6) I'd bid 3C now, and then 3S over Opener's 3D rebid. **NOTE:** This problem assumes you're playing Inverted Minors (not an official part of the system).

(108) (11/9) Pard's spades must be better than Qxx, so bid 3S and let him figure out where we're going. We'll probably end in 5D, but we won't be playing 3NT this time.

(109) (11/6) Might as well bid 2H (4<sup>th</sup> Suit Forcing) in case pard has 3-card spade support. If not, we'll probably end in 3NT.

(110) (11/8) We'll end in game after pard's reverse, but bid 3C (4<sup>th</sup> Suit Forcing) for now. You'll pass 3NT, or bid 4D over anything else. We could have a slam if he has a singleton club and good spade support plus the ace of hearts.