

Q1 Why is a lead of 4th highest card (or low card from a 3-card suit) of a suit in which you hold at least one honour a **poor** lead against a suit contract?

Q2 Why is a lead of 4th highest card of a 5+ card suit in which you hold at least a single honour an acceptable lead against a NT contract?

Q3 What is meant by 'protect your honours'?

Q 4 You are on lead against a Spade contract played by South. You choose to lead the ♥K which wins the trick. Your partner plays the ♥9, South the ♥4. Should you continue with the ♥Q on the next trick?

Dummy holds ♥832

You lead from ♥KQ75 Partner plays the ♥9

Q 5 Your partner is on lead against a Spade contract. He leads the ♥A. Your holding is ♥93. Which card do you play on that first suit and why?

Q 6 What is a 'ruff and discard'?

Q 7 Defenders, when discarding on declarer's long suit, you need to retain your most vital cards. Name one of the 3 main principles.

Q 8 Defenders, when discarding on declarer's long suit, you need to retain your most vital cards. Name a second of the 3 main principles.

Q 9 Defenders, when discarding on declarer's long suit, you need to retain your most vital cards. Name a third of the 3 main principles.

Q 10 Your LHO makes a bid which you do not understand. Can you ask what the bid means?

A2 this lead may well give declarer a trick, but you hope to establish the suit and then be able to cash several extra tricks.

A1 This lead will almost always give declarer an undeserved trick – you are giving a trick away

A4 Yes - you can see ♥2,3,4 and 5 so the 9 looks like a high card – ‘High for Hate’. Don’t continue playing that suit. If you do, South wins both the Ace and the Jack.

Dummy holds

♥932

You are on lead ♥KQ75 partner ♥T86

♥AJ4

A3 When discarding try to keep small cards to protect your honours so when higher honours are played you can throw small cards and your honour does not fall e.g. a King needs one card to protect it, a queen 2 and the Jack needs three - Kx, Qxx, Jxxx etc

A6 This is where the Declarer is void in a suit in both hands and also holds trump cards in both hands. If the void suit is led then Declarer can discard unwanted losers from one hand and ruff in the other. This is almost always a bad thing for defenders. Declarer cannot do this for himself he needs the defenders assistance.

A5 The lead of ♥A means that partner also holds the ♥K. Holding a doubleton you can ruff the third round! Encourage by playing the ♥3 ‘Low for Like’

A8 Second principle – keep length with long suits in dummy (and declarer) if you have a card higher in value than one or more of the enemy’s cards in the suit.

A7 First principle – retain card/s in partner’s suit so you can return his lead

A10 You may not ask any questions until it is your turn to bid. When it is your turn to bid, you may ask but if you intend to pass anyway just keep quiet. You can ask before the first card is played.

A9 Third principle protect your honours with enough cards to prevent them falling example Kx when Ace is played discard a low card retaining your King. With Qxx you have two small cards to throw under the A & K when they are played and still hold your Queen.