



## LESSON 12 - QUIZ ANSWERS

### SIMPLE SUIT OVERCALLS

1. What do these terms mean?

a) An Overcall: *A bid made after the opponents have opened the bidding. Must be a good 5 card suit i.e. meet SQOT*

b) The SQOT: *Suit Quality Overcall Test used to judge the quality of a 5 card overcall suit i.e. the number of cards + number of honours in the suit must equate to the number of tricks need to make.*

c) The Unassuming Cue Bid: *A bid of the suit made by the opposition at the lowest level by Advancer asking partner, Overcaller, "How good is your overcall?" Used with support for overcall suit and 10+ HCP. UCB is not a natural bid. Must be alerted.*

d) Level of fit: *Add together the total number of cards in the overcall suit between both hands and bid to the level of tricks this equates to e.g. 9 cards combined = 3 level bid.*

e) Who is Advancer and who is Responder? *Advancer is partner to Overcaller and Responder is partner to Opener.*

2. RHO opens 1♣. Should you bid, and if so what, with these hands?

A	B	C
♠AJT86	♠ K72	♠532
♥K62	♥ Q63	♥ AKT98
♦75	♦AK5	♦764
♣432	♣ J942	♣32
<i>Overcall 1♠. 5 card suit meets SQOT. 8 points</i>	<i>PASS No 5 card suit. Cannot overcall</i>	<i>Overcall 1♥ - 5 card suit meets SQOT. 7 points</i>

3. RHO opens 1♠. Should you bid, and if so what, with these hands?

a) ♠J 7 6 5 4 ♥6 2 ♦K Q 8 5 ♣A 9

*PASS: Your 5 card suit is in opener's suit!*

b) ♠Q 5 ♥A Q 3 ♦A Q J 5 2 ♣6 4 3

*2♦: 5 card suit, meets SQOT*

c) ♠3 2 ♥A 3 2 ♦K 8 7 ♣A K T 9 6

*2♣: 5 card suit meets SQOT*

4. Your RHO opens 1♥. You are next to bid. Bid. What do you bid with the hands below?

♠K Q J 8 5 ♥5 4. ♦J 7 6. ♣Q 9 7

*Overcall 1♠. 5 card suit meets SQOT - 9HCP*

a) ♠6 5 2 ♥6 2. ♦A K J 7 5 4. ♣A 9

*2♦: 6 card suit meets SQOT*

b) ♠Q 2 ♥K J 6 5 4 ♦Q J 7 5. ♣A 7

*PASS: Your 5 card suit is in opener's suit!*

5) The auction so far is 1♣-1♠- P - ?

(Note: partner has overcalled 1♠ so you are Advancer)

Below are 5 examples of Advancer's hands. Advancer's options are to Pass, bid to the level of fit, or use the UCB. What should **Advancer** bid if holding these hand?

a) ♠K J 5 2 ♥A J 3 ♦K Q 7 4 ♣9 6

*2♣ UCB Bid of the opponent's suit asks Overcaller to rebid 2♠ if weak and game is strong.*

b) ♠A 5 2 ♥Q 6 2 ♦J 7 6 5 4 ♣9 7

*2♠ Support with 3 cards (3 + 5 = 8) You have a fit.*

c) ♠5 2 ♥K 6 2 ♦9 7 5 4 ♣A Q 9 7

*PASS. No fit. Better to defend!*

d) ♠Q J 2 ♥K 6 ♦A K T 8 5 ♣9 7 6

*2♣ UCB. Bid of the opponent's suit asks Overcaller to rebid 2♠ if weak and game is strong*

e) ♠5 ♥KJ642 ♦AJ852 ♣97

*PASS. Lead your ♠5 Hope partner reads this as promising an honour, and that he wins trick and leads back a small spade for you to ruff!*

6) Here is another auction.

1♦ - 2♣ - 2♦ - ?

As **Advancer**, what do you bid with the example Advancer hands below?

a) ♠KJ952 ♥Q2 ♦85 ♣9852

*3♣ Bid to the level of fit!*

b) ♠A52 ♥AQJ2. ♦32 ♣J854

*3♣ Support to the level of fit. (4 + 5 = 9)*

c) ♠KJ2 ♥A962. ♦AJT. ♣Q75

*3NT Balanced hand 15 HCP & stops in all suits*

d) ♠KJ95 ♥KQJ982 ♦2 ♣T5

*2♥ You have a good 6 card suit of your own.*

e) ♠7 ♥AKQ3 ♦A43 ♣QJ765

*5♣ Bid to game to keep opponents out of auction! They are quite likely to have spade fit but if they bid onto 5♦ they are likely to go down!!*

7) As **Advancer**, what do you bid in the auction below?

Your partner has overcalled 2♦

1♠ - 2♦ - P - ?

Here is your hand as Advancer:

♠9 2 ♥A T 7 4 ♦K Q 6. ♣A 9 8 3

*2♠ - an Unassuming Cue Bid (UCB) with 10+ hcp*

8) As **Advancer**, what do you bid in the auction below? Your partner has overcalled 1♠

1♣ - 1♠ - P - ?

Here is your hand as Advancer:

♠Q T 9 5 2 ♥A 8 ♦A K Q 3. ♣J 7

*4♠ You have a fit (5 + 5 = 10), 16 HCP. If Overcaller has AK of spades only 3 losers!*

9) As **Advancer**, what do you bid in the auction below? Your partner has overcalled 2♣

1♥ - 2♣ - P - ?

Here is your hand as Advancer:

♠K Q 8 2. ♥A T 8 4 ♦Q 9 4 3 ♣ 2

*PASS – with 11 HCP and with no fit it's often better to defend!*

10) Partner opens 1♦, RHO overcalls 1♠.

1♦ - 1♠ - ?

As **Responder**, what do you bid with these hands?

a) ♠T 9 4. ♥A 8 2. ♦7 3 ♣A Q J 6 5

*2♣ You were planning to respond 2♣ You still can.*

b) ♠9 8. ♥K Q J 7 2 ♦6 5 4. ♣A 6 3

*2♥ Planning to respond 1♥ but with 10 HCP and 5 cards in hearts can bid 2♥*

c) ♠8 7 5 ♥K J 4 2. ♦T 6 4 ♣A 9 3

*PASS Planning to respond 1♥ cannot bid NT with no stop in spades must pass.*

d) ♠A J T 7 3 ♥A 5 4. ♦6 ♣J T 9 2

*PASS No fit with partner but 5 cards in opponent's suit!*

11) Partner opens 1♥, RHO overcalls 1♠

1♥- 1♠ -?

As **Responder**, what do you bid with these hands?

a) ♠A T 7 2. ♥6 3 ♦J 9 5 ♣A Q T 8

*2NT bid by responder shows 10-12HCP with a ♠ stopper.*

b) ♠Q J 6 2 ♥A 8 4 ♦K T 7 ♣K J 9

*3NT With stops in the overcall suit and opening points also respond by bidding to game!*

c) ♠K 6 2 ♥K Q 5 3 ♦J 9 6 4 ♣Q 7

*3♥ You were planning to respond 3♥ You still can.*

d) ♠A T 4 3 ♥Q 6 ♦A 9 5 2 ♣J 8 7

*2♦ Planning to respond 1♠ but with 11 HCP can now respond 2♦*

12) Partner opens 1♥ and RHO overcalls 1♠.

1♥-1♠-?

As **Responder**, what would you bid with these hands?

a) ♠7 4 ♥A Q 3 ♦T 9 4 3 ♣Q 9 5 2

*PASS / 2♥ 8 HCP, 3 card support can Pass. BUT, with good honours in partner's suit can make a minimum raise even with only 3 card support!*

b) ♠9 5 4 3 ♥K 6 5 2 ♦3 ♣A 5 4 3

*3♥ 7 HCP but you have a fit. Singleton gives ruffing potential. 8 Losers on LTC so stretch to 3 level to make it difficult for opponents!*

c) ♠5 2 ♥K J T 8 3 ♦K 9 6 5 2 ♣4

*4♥ 7 HCP but you have a fit. 7 losers on LTC with a good shape for ruffing so bid game*

d) ♠K 7 3 ♥Q T 5 4 ♦K 5 ♣Q J T 2

*4♥ 11 HCP but you have a fit and hold good intermediary cards so worth a game bid*

e) ♠A 9 5 3 ♥A J 9 5 ♦K 7 5 2 ♣3

*4♥ You have opening points and a fit – bid game!*

13) Looking at the bidding auction below. What do you bid as **Overcaller** after partner (Advancer) has made an UCB?

1♥ - 1♠ - P - 2♥

P - ?

a) ♠A Q J 9 8 6 ♥ - ♦A J T 4 ♣9 8 5

*4♠ Although only 12 HCP with this shapely hand Overcaller upgrades to bid game.*

b) ♠K Q J 4 3 ♥8 ♦K Q 7 3 ♣A 9 7

*4♠ Advancer's bid shows a suit 'fit' and a strong raise by making an UCB. Overcaller has extra strengths to bid onto game.*

c) ♠K Q J 4 3 ♥8 4 ♦Q 7 3 ♣9 8 7

*2♠ Overcaller has a minimum hand, sees no game prospect so rebids his suit at minimum level.*