Friendship in Vietnam

Like in other countries, friendship in Vietnam is constructed and developed on the basis of mutual understanding, sympathy and trust. However, it should be noted that the definition of friendship in Vietnam is quite different from that in other countries, especially in

and Western .

For Vietnamese, an acquaintance could not be called a friend. Friendship is supposed to be built step by step. When Vietnamese people call you their friend, it is more than just that they know you, you know them and they will say _____ or "how is it going" whenever you see each other. As your friends, they actually _____ about you, about your _____, your work and your _____.

Bumping into you on the street, they would certainly bombard you with a ton of questions about your present life and you may find it annoying as they seem to be so nosy about your personal life. Yet, it is the _____ Vietnamese care about you as a friend. Moreover, while western people often _____ and _____ to greet their friends, Vietnamese people rarely make _____ l touch, especially when their friends are in the opposite gender. In fact, some Vietnamse may consider it indecent act, so do not do that to your Vietnamese friends unless you know them very well.

Also, when _____ , you perhaps find it _____ when your Vietnamese friend insists on paying the total bill. Take it easy. You could treat him another time. It is Vietnamese pleasure to treat their friend to a _____ or have him/her over for a _____.

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