

PRANKS, CRANKS AND SURPRISES

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MISCHIEVOUS

Realising that her dirty clothes have been piling up in her room, SC decided to do some washing. After putting her clothes into the washing machine, SC and her roommates went to dinner. After dinner, SC stopped by another hostel for a chat with her friends while her other friends; "Orang Sebelah" and SW - went back to their room.

Upon seeing the washing machine which SC had put her clothes into. Orang Sebelah suggested that they should play a prank on SC. They unloaded her clothes from the washing machine and hid it in their room.



Later, a panic-stricken SC came into the room yelling that her clothes were gone. The pranksters tried to keep their composure while calming SC down. After several minutes, SC spotted a familiar pail. At that very moment, her two friends burst out laughing and confessed their wind-up!

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

I was feeling miserable on my 20th birthday as I was far away from home, but something great happened. I was on my way back to my room after a meeting with my friends on our assignment. Just as I was about to step into the room, my roommate pushed me out. I was confused, and stared at the door wondering what they were up to. They were giggling.

As the door opened, I heard them sing "happy birthday to you..." to me,

holding a slice of cake. I was pleasantly surprised and started laughing. As we sat down to share the cake, I asked them why they pushed me out of the room in the first place. They said that the candle had blown out before they got to the do and had to relight before I entered the room!

Later, when I was lying down on my bed recollecting my thoughts of this memorable day. I felt a hard lump on my pillow. Slipping my hand under the pillow, I pulled out a parcel. My roommates had given me a pepper spray as a gift! For all the things they had done for me, deep inside I was touched and appreciated their efforts to cheer me up. I am truly glad that they were my roommates.

ZZZ

My roommate really sleeps like a log. One morning D was still sound asleep

when she should have been getting ready for classes. Concerned, my roommate and I tried to wake her up. but It wasn't an easy thing to do. We shook her gently first and then, when she wouldn't wake up, we shook her hard. We did this for about a few minutes but she was still sleeping soundly.

Fearing that she might have stopped breathing, we put our fingers below her nostril. Fortunately, she was breathing. We stared at each other and suddenly burst out laughing, knowing how silly we had been. Miss Sleepyhead finally woke up to the sound of our laughter, looking puzzled.

CULINARY SKILLS

Let me present you with an equation.
Fish Ball + Squid + Crab Stick + Egg
+ Meatball + Vegetables + Noodles +
Vermicelli + Bean Curd + Rice cooker
= ?? What do you think the answer
is? If steamboat comes to your mind,
then congratulations, you are right!
You have an insight into the culinary
skills of university students. Students

can buy fresh ingredients from the night market nearby to have a steamboat party. T and her roommates had a steamboat party once and they totally enjoyed the simple yet scrumptious meal.

Meanwhile, in another room, A, M and Y experimented with boiling eggs using the water kettle. Their final verdict is that kettle-boiled eggs taste delicious with instant noodles. Ironically, students in UM are not allowed to cook in hostels but we always manage to get away with it by cooking in alternative ways.

Aren't you impressed with our innovative thinking?



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Choose the best answer for each question below.

First passage: MISCHIEVOUS:

1) The word 'wind-up' in column 2 means...

- a. fear.
- b. sorry.
- c. jokes.
- d. sorrow.

2) SC came to 'Orang Sebelah's' and SW's room to

- a. ask them to help her find the clothes.
- b. tell them that she had lost her clothes.
- c. ask them if they know where her clothes were.
- d. tell them that she needs help with her laundry.

3) In the end, where were the clothes found?

- a. Inside a pail.
- b. In her friends' room.
- c. Inside the washing machine.
- d. Next to the washing machine.

Second passage: BIRTHDAY SURPRISE:

4) When her roommates pushed her out, they meant to

- a. keep the room dark.
- b. avoid her from entering further.
- c. avoid her from seeing the birthday cake.
- d. keep the wind from blowing off the candle.

5) How many times did the writer feel surprised?

- a. once
- b. twice
- c. thrice
- d. four times

6) Giving a pepper spray as present shows that her roommates really care for her

- a. allergy.
- b. safety.
- c. favourite perfume.
- d. favourite flavour.

Third passage: ZZZ:

7) D is nicknamed as Ms. Sleepyhead probably because she

- a. rarely sleeps.
- b. sleeps peacefully.
- c. is always feeling sleepy.
- d. lays her head all the time.

8) The phrase "sleeps like a log" can best suit the following **except**

- I. sleeps soundly
- II. sleeps peacefully
- III. a light sleeper
- IV. a lazy sleeper

- a. I & II
- b. II & III
- c. III & IV
- d. I & IV

9) They were trying to wake D up because

- a. she is late for class.
- b. they thought she was dead.
- c. she has slept for a long time.
- d. they are playing a prank on her.

12) Which of the words below can best describe the students in all passages?

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| I. Young | III. Adventurous |
| II. Sociable | IV. Melancholic |
| a. I & II | c. I, II, & III |
| b. II & III | d. II, III, & IV |

Fourth passage: CULINARY SKILLS:

10) The following statements are true **except**

- a. Students cannot cook in the hostels.
- b. Students learn new ways of cooking meals.
- c. Students create their own recipes for cooking.
- d. Students can always cook secretly at the hostels.

11) In what way are the students innovative?

- I. They created their own recipes for meals.
- II. They can cook without the knowledge of the hostel's authority.
- III. They discovered ways to cook without having a kitchen stove.
- IV. They can cook in the simplest way with the simplest ingredients.

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| a. I, II, & III | c. I, II, & IV |
| b. II, III, & IV | d. I, III, & IV |