

A prescription of faith

Aaaw! The tummy troubles! After a heavy dinner and a 'gudbud' ice cream treat last night in the college annual day, it was surely a prescription for an upset stomach! The night was spent mostly in the toilet and you began the day holding your stomach tight, complaining of severe stomach ache. After missing the classes for the day you finally head to the doctor for treating this horrible ache.

There is a long queue of patients for the 'busy' doctor, but you decide to wait after receiving your token. As your token is called out after an hour long wait of excruciating pain, you finally walk into the doctor's cabin, hands still clutching onto your belly.

The doctor smiles and instructs you to lie down over the examination table and inquires of the apparent reason for the stomach ache. You narrate of your last night food fiesta and he smiles and gives a word of caution to put an upper limit to your intake during such dinners.

After touching and pressing your belly at various points and observing your pulse, he asks you to get down from the table and writes down a prescription slip with highly illegible script. He promptly hands over the slip and says, "That is a tablet 'RANTAC.' Take it three times a day after food for the next three days and you will be completely cured. He smiles and wishes you good health, as the next token number is announced.

Option 1:

You receive the prescription slip and thank the doctor and head out to pay the doctor's fee and purchase the medicine from the medical shop; and take the prescribed medicine as scheduled.

Option 2:

After waiting for 1 long hour in the queue and finally going to the doctor you are taken aback at the doctor's casual behavior in treating your terrible stomach ache. He hardly has spent 5 minutes in your examination and wrote a small six lettered medicine as a tablet just off the cuff on a piece of paper, which seems even difficult to read for you!(Doctor's handwriting☺). Exasperated, you refuse to leave the clinic with the small prescription slip. You begin questioning the doctor on a heavy note, "What is the guarantee that you have diagnosed my disease properly!? How can I trust you, for you have given an illegibly written piece of paper note and say that this small six letter medicine will cure my severe stomach ache!? How can I believe you!?"

Show me your degree certificate and medical license! Explain to me the pathology of my disease and prove the efficacy of the medicine by explaining its biochemical effect over my digestive system! Only then will I pay the consultation fee and take the medicine you have prescribed!

Group Discussion:

Discuss among your group members and choose one of the two options and justify the choice of your option with detailed description.

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A representative chosen from your group can present your option and description to everyone.