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1. Why doesn't Harry pack his belongings after he gets Dumbledore's owl?

2. Why does Narcissa Malfoy go to visit Snape?

3. After lunch with Slughorn on the train, why does Harry follow Zabini back to his compartment?

4. Who helps Ron earn a spot on the Gryffindor Quidditch team? How?

5. Why was Harry purposefully scheduling Quidditch practice during Slughorn's dinners?

6. Why does Ron get upset when he learns Hermione kissed Victor Krum?

7. How does Harry get Ron to play confidently in the first match?

8. Why does Scrimgeour approach Harry at Christmas?

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9. What task does Dumbledore set for Harry?

10. What was Voldemort's first choice in jobs after graduating from Hogwarts?

11. What is a Horcrux?

12. Why are the Horcruxes important to Voldemort?

13. How many Horcruxes does Dumbledore speculate exist?

14. What does Ron give his approval to after Gryffindor wins the last Quidditch match?

15. Before leaving for the cave, what does Harry ask of Ron and Hermione?

16. Why does Dumbledore have to have Harry with him in the cave?

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17. Despite Harry's urging, who does Dumbledore insist on seeing after returning from the cave?

18. Why is Draco Malfoy trying to kill Albus Dumbledore?

19. As Harry descends into the battle raging in the castle, he focuses on chasing Snape. Why?

20. Who is the Half-Blood Prince that wrote Harry's potions book?

21. Did Harry and Dumbledore succeed in recovering a Horcrux?

22. Why does Harry tell Ginny he can't see her anymore at the funeral?

23. What does Harry plan to do after the funeral?

24. How do you think this next year will affect and change Harry, Ron, and Hermione?

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Answer Key

1. Harry is depressed after the death of his godfather, Sirius, and he doesn't really believe that Dumbledore will come for him.
2. Narcissa goes to Snape to ask him to help her son, Draco, in whatever task Voldemort has given him.
3. To spy on Draco Malfoy
4. Hermione helps Ron by putting a curse on McLaggen that makes him miss a goal.
5. He's uncomfortable with the way Slughorn plays favorites with students that have famous or rich connections.
6. Because he has feelings for Hermione, he's jealous when he hears this news.
7. Harry pretends to put Felix Felicis, a luck potion, in Ron's pumpkin juice, in order to trick him into playing confidently.
8. He wants Harry to speak out in support of the Ministry of Magic, and maybe even appear to work for the Ministry, so that the public will feel more positive about the Ministry's fight against the Death Eaters.
9. Dumbledore asks Harry to get Slughorn's Horcrux memory.
10. He wanted to be the Defense against the Dark Arts teacher at Hogwarts.
11. It is an "object used to conceal part of the soul".
12. Voldemort is using the Horcruxes to try to become immortal.
13. Dumbledore suspects that there are seven Horcruxes – Tom Riddle's diary, the ring, and other artifacts once owned by the Hogwarts house founders.
14. Harry and Ginny dating.
15. He asks them to drink some of the Felix Felicis, to share some with Ginny, and to get any of the D.A. who respond to the call to patrol the school.
16. In retrieving the locket, a potion has to be consumed. Dumbledore needs Harry to force feed him the potion.
17. Snape
18. He is trying to kill Dumbledore for two reasons - because he wants to be glorified among the Death Eaters, and because Voldemort has threatened his family.
19. He wants Snape because he killed Dumbledore.
20. Snape
21. No. The locket had been replaced with a fake by someone with the initials R.A.B.
22. He is afraid that Voldemort will find out about their relationship and use Ginny to get to him.
23. He won't return to Hogwarts for his final year. He will go to the Dursley's for a brief visit as he promised Dumbledore and then to Godric's Hollow – his parents' village. He plans to go after the Horcruxes, and it looks as if Ron and Hermione will join him in his quest.
24. Accept any reasonable predictions.