Student Teacher Concerns

Below is a list of concerns frequently expressed by student teachers. More often than not, they think these questions, but, for fear of making a bad impression, might not ask the cooperating teacher outright.

___ Must I always do things the way my cooperating teacher does them?
___ Will the students be as responsive to me as they are to their regular teacher?
___ I’ve always heard discipline is a problem; how will I handle it?
___ Will my supervising teacher allow me to try various methods I learned at the university?
___ What do I do if my original lesson plan fails?
___ Will my cooperating teacher have preconceived notions concerning my age group, my mode of dress, length of my hair, etc.?
___ How soon will my supervising teacher allow me to teach?
___ How much work am I expected to do outside of the classroom?
___ What happens if I make a wrong decision in the classroom?
___ Will my supervising teacher correct me in front of the class?
___ Will my supervising teacher allow me to be an individual?
___ How will the other teachers in the school accept me?
___ Will the experience I get here be adequate preparation to begin my professional career?
___ Will my cooperating teacher be available if I need help?
___ How will I be graded?