Pun Quiz: what common phrases or words do these misdefinitions refer to? The numbers tell how many letters are in the words of the answer. But (2|4|1|4) means the answer is one 11-letter word made up of elements of 2, 4, 1 and 4 letters. My answers are at the back of this issue.

1. running naked in public in the snow (4 6)
2. have a horrible death (2|5)
3. get diarrhea after a big meal (3 3 3)
4. well behaved without being bribed (4 3 7)
5. have an orgasmic guffaw (5 3)
6. a total nobody, unusually cold as well (8 4)
7. hitting below the belt [on TV] (3 5 8)
8. dirt cheap (5 3 5)
9. contest where slowest wins (4 4)
10. eyes, ears, nostrils, etc (6 8)
11. have sex in the back seat... (4|4)
12. (with the) best sex partner in the area (3 2 3 4)
13. vain, stay ever alert for mirrors (4 3 3 8)
14. bankrupt an English conservative (2|4|1|4)
15. not sure if Jehovah or Allah exist (2|8)
16. go away (driven?) crazy (6|6)
17. watch traffic for entertainment (3 3 4 2 3 4)
18. successful Broadway play (about a traffic accident?) (3 3 3)
19. shades of editorial opinion (5 3 5)
20. anti-Semitic rite of replacing circumcised foreskins (2|4)
21. impertinent scatological question (3 2 3 2)
22. skill at doing up the books (like Enron and WorldCom?) (7|7)
23. kidney dialysis (5|4)
24. sign you’ve eaten a bird whole (how sad!) (4 2 3 5)
25. VIP among dipterans (3|5)
26. college offering two courses (2|7)
27. Thanks to pollution, only thick air remains. (3 2 4 3)
28. lying to a customer about the age of an antique cup (4 2 1 5 4)
29. going Dutch (6 5)
30. use a straw (5 2)
31. swallow its own tail (for no reason) (3 2 6)
32. swear word with no consonants (1|5)
33. able to tell your rear from your front (4 9 3 8)
34. African roots (5 3)
35. in-flight hand luggage (9-2)
36. baby bouncer (12 3)