

4 Who is the real culprit according to the king? Why does he escape punishment?

Ans The merchant's dead father was the culprit, for which the merchant was to be given the punishment but he escaped as he was not fit enough for the stake.

5 What are the guru's words of wisdom? When does the disciple remember them?

Ans Guru's words of wisdom were, "They are all fools. This won't last long, it's unpredictable what they will do next." The disciple remembered them when he was ~~ready~~ on the verge of being executed.

6 How does the Guru manage to save his disciple's life?

Ans Guru came on time, told the king that whoever goes to the stake first and second will be the king and minister respectively in next life. The king and the minister wanted to avail the opportunity. Guru and his disciple were both released and hence, the Guru saved his disciple.