

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

Although the rich merchant's father was the real murderer but the real murderer according to king was the rich merchant because his father was dead and someone has to be punished in his place. He escaped the punishment because he was too thin to be properly executed in the newly built stake.

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

The guru's words of wisdom were that it was the city of fools and it wouldn't last long. He also advised the disciple to leave the kingdom as he would not know what they would do to him next. The disciple remembered this when he was going to be executed though being an innocent.

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

6) When the disciple was going to be executed, he cried and prayed his guru in his heart to save him from the death punishment. The guru being a visionary came immediately and started mystifying king. The guru expressed the king his extreme desire to be killed first. The disciple understood the idea of the guru and started getting into a fight with the guru to be killed first. When the king asked the guru about the main reason of his desire, he further tries to confuse the king by telling that it was the stake of justice, and whoever dies on it first would reborn as the king of the country and the next one would reborn as the minister. On listening ^{to} this the king and the minister went secretly to the prison, released the guru and his disciple and got promptly executed. Thus the knowledge and presence of mind of the king not only saved the life of his disciple but also pulled everybody out of misery of living in the unique kingdom of fools.