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1. 'It is cowardly to fear death, and brave not to fear death'. Discuss. [2]

2. Compare the two perspectives [Buddhist and worldly] of gain and loss in this life. [4]

3. What is wrong with engaging in some small non-virtue in order to gain benefit and pleasure now? Give an example to support your answer. [3]

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4. How is an understanding of subtle impermanence possible if it's imperceptible? [3]

5. List the four points of impermanence taught by Lord Buddha. [4]

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6. In general terms, explain the point of the verses dealing with the appropriateness and inappropriateness of having grief when someone dies. [2]

7. What is it about attachment that causes us pain? [4]

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8. How does one train to be able to deal with separation of a loved one? [3]

9 '*...once I have my worldly affairs in order then I will have time to go off and meditate and practice the Dharma.*' Discuss this and other possible wrong ideas about making priorities in life. Furthermore, can worldly activities / city life and seclusion / isolation be mutually inclusive? [4]