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1. Some state that because animals are given by god for the purpose of sustaining humans, there is no ill deed in killing them. Explain the misconception. [2]

2. Why would it be foolish to want to pursue a position of power such as being a King [2]

3. How can these teachings on the caste system of ancient India be related to our everyday life? [2]

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4. The negative karma that one accumulates has to be experienced by oneself alone, even if one
accumulates it with an intention to benefit others. Explain with the use of an example. [3]
5. Why did Buddha refuse to answer 14 questions? [2]

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6. What advice is given to a teacher regarding the approach to guide others according to their inclination? [2]
7. 'Clairvoyance is the way bodhisattvas benefit sentient beings'. Explain why? [2]
8. If we put a few grams of salt into a cup of water we can immediately taste its effect- the water will be salty. But if a few grams of salt were to be put in a vast amount of water such as the Ganges, then one would not notice the effect at all. What does this analogy say about Bodhisattva's activity? [3]
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