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1. What were the Buddha's skilful means for
a) combating and overcoming strong desire [2]

b) subduing the minds of those afflicted with anger? [2]

2. Give the definition of a delusion. [2]

3. Why is attachment hard to recognize as a fault, and why is it easier to overcome anger? [2]

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4. Anger arises from the initial dislike of an object and subsequent exaggeration of its faults. What fundamental mistake is made even before this occurs? [2]

5. List any 6 characteristics of a person who is habituated to desire. [3]

6. Give the definition of patience. [1]

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7. In a worldly context, anyone who does not retaliate when they feel innocent of the criticism and abuse from others would be considered foolish and very stupid. What would the teachings advise? Relate a practical example. [2]

8. What is Samsara? [1]

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9. Discuss the perfect conditions for overcoming samara. [31