1. भगवन्किं उपादेयम्?
   O Lord, which is to be taken?
   गुरुवचनम्
   Utterances of the preceptor.

2. कः पाध्यतः?
   What is more beneficial than anything else?
   धर्मः
   Righteousness.

3. किं विषम्?
   What is poison?
   अत्वधीरणा गुरुपु
   Transgression of preceptor’s orders.

4. किं मनुजेषु इष्टतमम्?
   What is most desirable for human beings?
   स्व-पर-हिताय उद्वतं जन्म।
   Life dedicated to one’s and others’ welfare.
5. के च दशयः?
    Who are thieves?
    चिष्या:
    Objects of sense.

6. को वैरी?
    Who is the foe?
    यस्तु अनुद्योगः
    It is but idleness.

7. किं मुरुतायां मूलम्?
    What is the cause of greatness?
    यद्य एतत् अप्रार्थनं नाम।
    That which is known as not asking favours.

8. किं दुःखम्?
    What is unhappiness?
    असन्तोषः
    Cheerlessness.

9. किं जांघम्?
    What is unintelligence?
    पाठतोष्णि अनम्यासः।
    Not repeating what is learnt.

10. नलिनी-दल-गत-जलवत्-तरलं किम्?
    What is transient like the water on the lotus leaf?
11. किं च अनर्थम्?
What is priceless?
यदवसरः दत्तम्।
That which is given at the right moment.

12. आमरणातृ किं शाल्यम्?
What paid like a shaft till death?
प्रञ्च्छलं यतु कृतं पापम्।
The sin committed in secrecy.

13. कृतं विधेयो यतः?
Where is the effort ordained?
विद्याध्याये सदृष्टे दाने।
In learning, good medicine, charity.

14. केन जिं जगदेतत्?
By whom is this world conquered?
सत्य-नितिशाब्दं पुंसा।
By the person who has truthfulness and endurance.

15. कस्य वशे प्राणिगण?
In whom control lies the community of creatures?
सत्य-प्रियभाष्यं चिनीतस्य।
One who speaks the truth, is kindly and humble.
16. क्या स्थानन्यम्?
To what should one stick?
न्यायर्ये पथि तृण-अनृण-लाभाठ्ये।
To the right path wherein the seen and the unseen profits abound.

17. किं दानम्?
What is charity?
अनाकार्कश्चम्।
Expecting no return.

18. किं मित्रम्?
Who is a friend?
यो निवारणति पापात्।
One who saves from sin.

19. किं तद्वदन्तिः भूयो विद्रूपतमसो विशोपेण?
What do those who have destroyed dark ignorance specially urge repeatedly?
दानं प्रियवाक्सहितं, ज्ञानं अगर्भं, ध्मान्तिनं शौर्यं, वितं
त्यागसंमेतं, दुर्लभमेत् च चतुर्भद्रम्॥
Charity along with sweet words, knowledge with humility, courage with patience, wealth with renunciation. These four auspicious things are hard to attain.
20. किं शोच्यम्?
What is to be grieved over?
कार्पण्यम्।
Miserliness.

21. कं परिहयो देशः?
Which place is to be shunned?
पिशुनयुतो लुब्धभूपथः।
One abounding in wicked people and ruled by a greedy king.

22. इह भुवने को शोच्यः?
Who is to be grieved over in this world?
सत्यपि भुवने यो न दाता।
One who is not a giver even when there is wealth.

23. कं अहरनिंशं अनुचिन्त्यम्?
What is to be contemplated day and night?
भगवद्युर्ण न संसारः।
The feet of the Lord, not the worldly life.

24. कं सम्पाद्यं मनुः?
What is to be earned by people?
विद्या, विर्तं, बलं, यशः, पुण्यम्।
Knowledge, wealth, strength, fame, merit.
25. क्या सर्वोत्तमगुणविनाशी?
Which is the destroyer if all good qualities?
लोभः।
Greed.

26. शत्रुश्र कः?
Who is the enemy?
कामः।
Lust.

27. का सुरक्षा?
What is to be well protected?
कीर्ति: पतित्रता नैज्ञवृद्धिः।
Good name, devoted wife and discernment.

28. का कल्पलता लोकः?
What is the Kalpa creeper in the world?
सन्तिष्ठ्याय अर्पिता विद्या।
Knowledge imparted to the earnest student.

29. पातकः च किम्?
What, too, is heinous?
हिंसा ।
Cruelty.
30. What is more painful than death to a respected person?
Infamy.

31. Who grows?
The humble.

32. What is good fortune for those who have body?
Health.

33. Who is the protector of the world?
The Sun.

34. What is the cause of livelihood for everyone?
That is rain.
35. कशूर:?
Who is brave?
यो भीतत्राता।
One who protects those in fright.

36. चाताच कः?
And who is the protector?
स गुरुः।
It is the preceptor.

37. प्रत्यज्ञदेवता का?
Who is the perceptible goddess?
माता।
Mother.

38. पूज्यो मुरुशं कः?
And who is the preceptor to be honoured?
तातः।
Father.

39. पावम् किं अन्नदाने?
Who is the fit recipient of the gift of food?
धुरतिम्।
The hungry.