A scene from Mahabarata.

The following are some questions and answers taken from Mahabarata, providing the essence of Hinduism:

Pandavas were in exile in forest. The eldest – Yudhistra sent his brothers one by one (as the others did not return) in search of water. Finally he went and reached the edge of an enchanting pool. The brothers lay dead at the bank. Grief stricken he resolved to ascertain the cause of their death. He approached the water to quench his thirst. As he reached for the water, a voice rang out "Yudhistra! I am the spirit of the lake. Do not touch the water, and if you do you will be dead just like your brothers who did not heed my request. However if you answer my questions then you may drink." Yudhistra agreed.

Q: What kind of a man can be considered the living dead, even though he breathes and is respected and successful member of his community?
A: A man who does not really care for God, guests, elders of the family, ancestors and the divinity within – such a man can be considered to be living dead.

Q: What is heavier than the earth? What is higher than the sky? What is faster than the wind? What is more numerous than the straw?
A: A mother's pride and honour is heavier than the earth. The father is higher than the sky. Our desires fly faster than the wind. The things that we worry about are more numerous than the straw

Q: Who is the friend of the traveller? Who is the friend of householder? Who is the friend of the dead?
A: A fellow traveller is the friend who journeys. The wife is the friend of the householder. Ability to give generously that befriends the dead

Q: What should the true priest master? What makes him great? What makes him evil?
A: The true priest is the one who studies the Vedas in depth. Renunciation and ascetic practices make him great. Criticising and insulting others makes him evil.

Q: What limits the warrior? What makes him evil?
A: Fear limits the warrior. Not giving shelter and protection to the weak and the needy make him evil.

Q: What is Sanatana Dharma?
A: That which is everlasting and indestructible is Sanatana dharma

Q: In this world, what is the highest kind of action? What enables men to rise above sorrow? Friendship with which kind of person, never ends?
A: Mercy is the highest motive for action. Those who are in control of the five senses can rise above sorrow. Friendship with a wise and true man, who is not passion's slave, never ends.

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