Questions on People of the Ditch

1.) Why did the magician want to teach his magic to a young boy?
2.) How did the boy come to know that the monk's way is the true way?
3.) How did the king come to know about the miracles of the boy?
4.) Who were the people of the ditch?
5.) What were the two ways that the evil king tried to kill the boy?
6.) How did the boy say that he could be killed?
7.) Why did the king have the trenches dug?
8.) What did the baby miraculously say to its mother when she hesitated to jump in the fire?