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Ans. Digha Nikaya is a famous Buddhist book, which contains some of the speeches of the Buddha. These were written down about 2300 years ago.

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Ans. This was important for (a) transport, (b) water supplies (c) making the land fertile.

Q5. Who were the groups who could not participate in the assemblies of the ganas?

Ans. Women, dasas and kammakaras could not participate in these assemblies.

Q6. What does Varna mean?

Ans. The priests divided people into four groups, called varnas. According to them, each varna had a different set of functions.