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Ans. Archaeologists have excavated a number of settlements in these janapadas. They found that people lived in huts, and kept cattle as well as other animals. They also grew a variety of crops — rice, wheat, barley, pulses, sugarcane, sesame and mustard.

Q2. Write a short note on painted grey ware.

Ans. Plates and bowls are the most common vessels made out of Painted Grey Ware. These are extremely fine to touch, with a nice, smooth surface. Perhaps these were used on special occasions, for important people, and to serve special food.

Q3. Write a short note on gana or sangha.

Ans. In a gana or a sangha there were not one, but many rulers. Sometimes, even when thousands of men ruled together, each one was known as a raja. These rajas performed rituals together. They also met in assemblies, and decided what had to be done and how, through discussion and debate.

Q4. Why did the rajas of Mahajanapadas build forts?

Ans. Forts were probably built because:-

- i. People were afraid of attacks from other kings and needed protection.
- ii. It is also likely that some rulers wanted to show how rich and powerful they were by building really large, tall and impressive walls around their cities.
- iii. Also in this way, the land and the people living inside the fortified area could be controlled more easily by the king.