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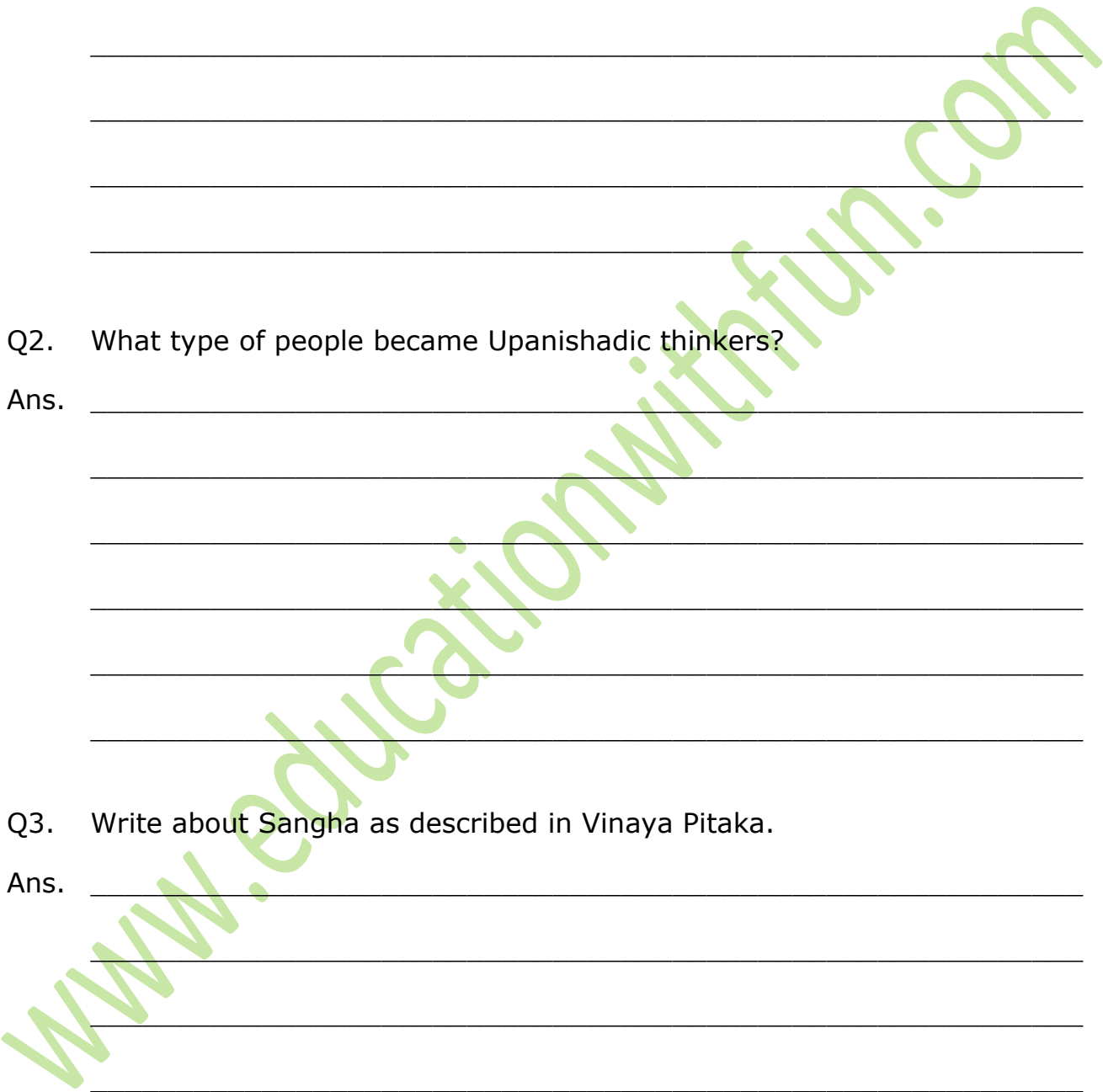
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Ans. Reasons for the less popularity of Jainism were:

- i. Men had to give up everything, including their clothes.
- ii. It was very difficult for most men and women to follow these strict rules.
- iii. Jainism was supported mainly by traders. Farmers, who had to kill insects to protect their crops, found it more difficult to follow the rules.

Q2. What type of people became Upanishadic thinkers?

Ans. Most Upanishadic thinkers were men, especially brahmins and rajas.

There were some exceptions, such as Gargi, who was famous for her learning, and participated in debates held in royal courts. One famous exception was Satyakama Jabala, who was named after his mother, the slave woman Jabali. He was accepted as a student by a brahmin teacher named Gautama.

Q3. Write about Sangha as described in Vinaya Pitaka.

Ans. The rules made for the Buddhist sangha were written down in a book called the Vinaya Pitaka. All men could join the sangha. However, children had to take the permission of their parents and slaves that of their masters. Those who worked for the king had to take his permission and debtors that of creditors. Women had to take their husbands' permission. Men and women who joined the sangha led simple lives.