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Ans. About Vardhamana Mahavira

- i. The most famous thinker of the Jainas was the Vardhamana Mahavira.
- ii. He was a kshatriya prince of the Lichchhavis, a group that was part of the Vajji sangha.
- iii. At the age of thirty, he left home and went to live in a forest.
- iv. For twelve years he led a hard and lonely life, at the end of which he attained enlightenment.

Q2. Write a short note on Gautama Buddha.

Ans. Gautama Buddha

- i. Siddhartha, also known as Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, was born about 2500 years ago.
- ii. The Buddha belonged to a small gana known as the Sakya gana, and was a kshatriya.
- iii. When he was a young man, he left the comforts of his home in search of knowledge.
- iv. He meditated for days on end under a peepal tree at Bodh Gaya in Bihar, where he attained enlightenment.

Q3. Differentiate between a monastery and an ashrama.

Ans.

<u>a monastery</u>	<u>an ashrama</u>
1. It is a permanent shelter for monks and nuns. These were also known as viharas.	1. The word ashrama does not mean a place where people live and meditate.
2. The earliest viharas were made of wood, and then of brick. Some were even in caves that were dug out in hills, especially in western India.	2. It is used instead for a stage of life. Four ashramas were recognised: brahmacharya, grihastha, vanaprastha and samnyasa.