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Ans. Huge aqueducts were the channels to supply water which were built to bring water to the city for the baths, fountains and toilets.

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Ans. These were stories that were probably composed by ordinary people, and then written down and preserved by Buddhist monks.

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Ans. In many cities, archaeologists have found rows of pots, or ceramic rings arranged one on top of the other. These are known as ring wells.

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Ans. The main occupations of the people were goldsmiths, blacksmiths, weavers, basket makers, garland makers, perfumers.

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Ans. These seem to have been used as toilets in some cases, and as drains and garbage dumps. These ring wells are usually found in individual houses.