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Ans. Tribal people in different parts of India were involved in a variety of activities.

- i. Some were jhum cultivators.
- ii. Some were hunters and gatherers.
- iii. Some herded animals.
- iv. Some took to settled cultivation.

Q2. How was the Birsa movement significant?

Ans. The movement was significant in at least two ways.

First – it forced the colonial government to introduce laws so that the land of the tribals could not be easily taken over by dikus.

Second – it showed once again that the tribal people had the capacity to protest against injustice and express their anger against colonial rule.

Q3. What were the main activities of the Khonds living in the forest of Orissa?

Ans. The Khonds were a community living in the forests of Orissa. They were basically hunters and gatherers. They regularly went out on collective hunts and then divided the meat amongst themselves. They ate fruits and roots collected from the forest and cooked food with the oil they extracted from the seeds of the sal and mahua. They used many forest shrubs and herbs for medicinal purposes, and sold forest produce in the local markets.