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Ans. The Gondwana land included India, Australia, South Africa, South America and Antarctica as one single land mass.

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Ans. The rivers, after descending from the mountains deposit pebbles in a narrow belt of about 8 to 16 km in width lying parallel to the slopes of the Shiwaliks. It is known as bhabar.

(iv) Name the three major divisions of the Himalayas from north to south.

Ans. The Himalaya consists of three parallel ranges in its longitudinal extent.

- i. Great or Inner Himalayas or the 'Himadri'
- ii. Himachal or lesser Himalaya
- iii. Shiwaliks

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Ans. Malwa plateau lies between the Aravali and the Vindhyan ranges.

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Ans. Lakshadweep Islands is the island group of India having coral origin.