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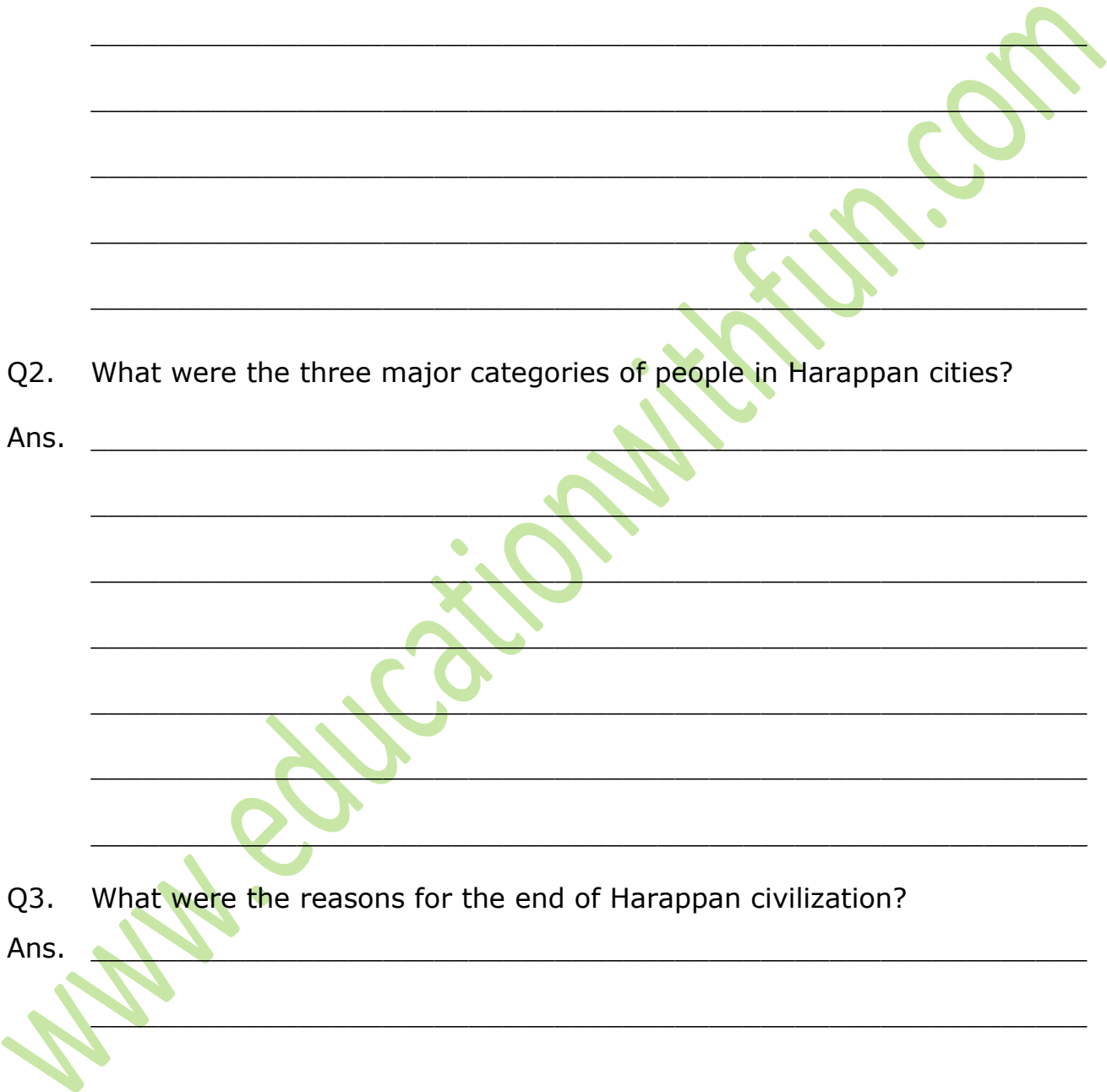
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- i. The city of Dholavira was located on Khadir Beyt in the Rann of Kutch, where there was fresh water and fertile soil.
- ii. Dholavira was divided into three parts, and each part was surrounded with massive stone walls, with entrances through gateways.
- iii. There was also a large open area in the settlement, where public ceremonies could be held.

Q2. What were the three major categories of people in Harappan cities?

Ans. The different categories of people lived in Harappan cities were:

- i. There were people who planned the construction of special buildings in the city. These were probably the rulers.
- ii. There were scribes, people who knew how to write, who helped prepare the seals, and perhaps wrote on other materials that have not survived.
- iii. There were men and women, crafts persons, making all kinds of things— either in their own homes, or in special workshops.

Q3. What were the reasons for the end of Harappan civilization?

Ans. Following could be the reasons for the end of Harappan civilization:

- i. Some scholars suggest that the rivers dried up.
- ii. Others suggest that there was deforestation. This could have happened because fuel was required for baking bricks, and for smelting copper ores.
- iii. Besides, grazing by large herds of cattle, sheep and goat may have destroyed the green cover.
- iv. In some areas there were floods.