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*Exercises***Let's recall****Question 1:**

State whether true or false:

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- (d) Taxila and Madurai were important centres under the control of the Gupta rulers.
- (e) Aihole was the capital of the Pallavas.
- (f) Local assemblies functioned for several centuries in south India.

**Solution 1:**

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- (f) Local assemblies functioned for several centuries in south India. **True**

**Question 2:**

Mention three authors who wrote about

**Solution 2:**

- Banbhatta
- Ravikirti
- Xuan Zang

**Question 3:**

What changes do you find in the army at this time?

**Solution 3:**

Like earlier rulers, some of this types of kings maintained a well-organised army, with elephants, chariots, cavalry and foot soldiers. Besides, there were military leaders who provided the king with troops whenever he needed them. They were not paid regular salaries. Instead, some of them received grants of land. They collected

revenue from the land and used this to maintain soldiers and horses, and provide equipment for warfare. These men were known as *samantas*. Whenever the ruler was weak, *samantas* tried to become independent.

**Question 4:**

What were the new administrative arrangements during this period?

**Solution 4:**

- Some important administrative posts were now hereditary.
- Sometimes, one person held many offices.
- Important men probably had a say in local administration.

**Let's discuss****Question 5:**

What do you think Arvind would have to do if he was acting as Samudragupta?

**Solution 5:**

If Arvind would have to do acting as Samundragupta he needs to be brave and should start taking interest in music and painting.

**Question 6:**

Do you think ordinary people would have read and understood the prashastis? Give reasons for your answer.

**Solution 6:**

No the ordinary people would not have read and understood the prashastis as these were written in Sanskrit, the language of learned.