

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

Fill in the blanks:

- (a) \_\_\_\_ was a word used for large landowners in Tamil.
- (b) The *gramabhojaka* often got his land cultivated by the \_\_\_\_ \_
- (c) Ploughmen were known as \_\_\_\_ in Tamil.
- (d) Most *grihapatis* were \_\_\_\_ landowners.

**Solution 1:**

List of the occupations within Mauryan empire are:

- (a) *Vella far* was a word used for large landowners in Tamil.
- (b) The *gramabhojaka* often got his land cultivated by the *dasa karmakara*.
- (c) Ploughmen were known as *Ujhavar* in Tamil.
- (d) Most *grihapatis* were *small* landowners.

**Question 2:**

Describe the functions of the *gramabhojaka*. Why do you think he was powerful?

**Solution 2:**

*Gramabhojaka* was the biggest landowner and his some of the functions were:

- Collection of taxes from the farmers.
- As judge
- As policeman

**Question 3:**

List the crafts persons who would have been present in both villages and cities.

**Solution 3:**

Some of the crafts persons were:

- Potter
- Blacksmith
- Carpenter
- Ironsmith
- Weaver

**Question 4:**

Choose the correct answer:

(a) Ring wells were used for:

1. bathing
2. washing clothes
3. irrigation
4. drainage

(b) Punch marked coins were made of:

1. silver
2. gold
3. tin
4. ivory

(c) Mathura was an important:

1. village
2. port
3. religious centre
4. forested area

(d) *Shrenis* were associations of:

1. rulers
2. crafts persons
3. farmers
4. herders

**Solution 4:**

(a) 4. drainage

(b) 1. silver

(c) 3. religious centre

(d) 2. crafts persons

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

Which of the iron tools shown on page 87 would have been important for agriculture?

What would the other tools have been used for?

**Solution 5:**

- Sickle was used in agriculture.
- Axe was used for chopping wood.
- Tongs were used in Kitchen or by ironsmith.

**Question 6:**

Compare the drainage system in your locality with that of the cities mentioned in the lesson. What similarities and differences do you notice?

**Solution 6:**

The modern drainage system is made up of pipes. Pipes were made up of plastic, metal or ceramic. While the drainage system in this chapter was made up of rings and those rings were stacked together to make a tube like structure.

*Similarity:* Use of ceramic and tubes.

*Difference:* Use of rings in those cities.