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Early States - Janapadas and Mahajanapadas

Q1. What were the 2 types of early states?

Ans. The 2 types of early states were -
(i) Monarchies and (ii) Republic.

Q2. What are punch marked coins?

Ans. Punch-marked coins are a type of early coinage of India, dating to between the 6th and 2nd Centuries B.C. They were generally rectangular or sometimes square or round in shape. The coins were ~~not~~ not inscribed but were stamped with symbols ~~using~~ using punches.

Q3. Name any two taxes collected by the rulers of Mahajanapadas.

Ans. → The rajan was considered the owner of the land and so collected one-sixth of the produce as tax from the farmers.

→ Ⓐ Traders were taxed on goods brought and sold.

Q4. Give an account of Bimbisara and his son in running Magadha.

Ans- The first ruler of the kingdom Magadha was Bimbisara, belonged to Haryanka dynasty. He patronised sages, and we found that both Jains and the Buddhists claimed him as their devotee. He strengthened his position by annexing the neighbouring state of Anga. Around 492 BCE, Bimbisara's son, Ajatashatru, killed his father and seized the throne. Ajatashatru was an efficient ruler and was also considered fair just like his father. Ajatashatru shifted his capital to Pataliputra. He annexed Kosala and Vrijji, but after his death in 461 BCE, the kingdom started disintegrating.