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Q1. What were the two types of early states?

Ans → The two types of early states are:-

① Monarchies

② Republics

Q2. What are punch ~~mak~~ marked coins?

Ans → Punch marked coins are coin used in trade made by silver and copper which were punched with symbols of hills or trees.

Q3. Name any 2 taxes collected by rulers of Mahajanapadas.

Ans → 2 taxes collected by rulers of Mahajanapadas are:-

① The rajan was considered the owner of the land and so collected one-sixth of the produce as tax from the farmers.

② Craftsmen paid <sup>taxes</sup> either by supplying craft

items or possibly by working for a certain number of days for the king.

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

Ans → Bimbisara is the first known ruler of Magadha who belonged to the Haryanka dynasty. A capable ruler, he set up an excellent administrative system and built an extensive network of roads and communication. He patronised sages, and we find that both the 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 Ajatshatru, killed his father and seized the throne. Ajatshatru was an efficient ruler and was also considered fair and just. Like his father, he too had an interest in religious matters, especially in Buddhism. Ajatshatru shifted his capital to Pataliputra. He annexed Kosala and Vrijji.