

# History

## CH-6 The Early States — Janapadas and Mahajanapadas

Q1. What were the two types of early states? (1)

Ans The early states were usually of two types — monarchies and republics.

Q2. What are punch marked coins? (1)

Ans Punch marked coins are the coins cut out of metal sheets or made out of flattened metal globules. They were generally rectangular or sometimes square or round in shape.

Q3. Name any two types of taxes collected by rulers of Mahajanapadas. (1)

Ans The two taxes collected by rulers of Mahajanapadas were —

- to administer the land and
- to maintain a large army for defending the kingdom

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

Ans Bimbisara was a king of Magadha belonged to the Haryanka dynasty. His annexation of the Kingdom of Anga, strengthened his position. His son, Ajatashatru killed his father and seized the throne.

Ajatashatru was an efficient ruler and was also considered fair and just.

He shifted his capital to Pataliputra and annexed Kosala and Vrijji.

He was died in 461 BCE and after his death, the Kingdom started disintegrating.

