

1) What were the two types of early states?

Ans The two types of early states were ~~kingdom~~ monarchy and republic.

2) What are punch marked coins?

Ans The silver and copper coins which were punched with symbols of hills or trees.

3) Name any two taxes collected by rulers of Mahajanapadas.

Ans • Traders were taxed on goods bought and sold.

• Cattle and sheep herders paid taxes in the form of animals and animal products etc.

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

Ans The first known ruler of Magadha, Bimbisara belonged to the Haryanka dynasty. He was a capable ruler setting up an excellent administrative system and built an extensive network of roads and communication. He strengthened his position by annexing the neighbouring state of Anga.

Bimbisara's son, Ajatashatru, killed his father and seized the throne. He was an efficient ruler and was also considered fair and just. He had an interest in religious matter, especially in Buddhism. He annexed Kosala and Vrijji -