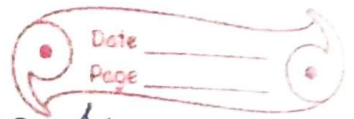


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Early state - Janapada and Mahajanapada.



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Q1. What were the 2 types of early states. (1)

The two types of early states were:-

- i) Monarchies
- ii) republics.

Q2. What are punch marked coins? (1)

ans. Punch marked coins were silver and copper punched coins with symbols of hills or trees.

Q3. Name any 2 taxes collected by the rulers of Mahajanapada. (1)

ans. 2 taxes collected by the rulers of Mahajanapada are -

- i) Cattle and sheep herders paid taxes in the form of animal and animal products.
- ii) Pradere were taxes on the goods bought and sold.

Q4. Give an account of Bimbisara and his son running Magadha successfully. (1)

Starting out as a small territory over a period of

time, Magadha grew into a mighty Mahajanapada.

- Its first capital was Rajagriha, but later it was shifted to Pataliputra.
- The first known ruler of this kingdom was Bimbisara, belonged to the Haryanka dynasty. He was a capable ruler. He set up an excellent administrative system and built an extensive network of roads and communication. He patronised Sage and we find that both the Jain and the Buddhists claimed him as their devotee.
- Around 492, Bimbisara's son, Ajatashatru, killed his father and seized the throne. Ajatashatru was an efficient ruler. He was also interested in religion especially in Buddhism. Ajatashatru shifted the capital to Pataliputra. He annexed Kosala and Viji.
- Magadha had many reasons for being a powerful kingdom like - ~~Magadha~~ Magadha had a very good supply of forest timber and elephants. Magadha had abundant iron and copper deposits. Iron was needed to make weapons. Magadha was located in the fertile Gangetic plain etc.