



Class: VI

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L5: Kingdoms, Kings And An Early Republic

Q1. State whether true or false:

1. 'Rajas' who let the ashvamedha horse pass through their lands were invited to the sacrifice. **(True)**
2. The charioteer sprinkled sacred water on the king. **(False)**
3. Archaeologists have found palaces in the settlements of the janapadas. **(False)**
4. Pots to store grain were made out of Painted Grey Ware. **(True)**
5. Many cities in 'mahajanapadas' were fortified. **(False)**

Q2. Who were the groups who could not participate in the assemblies of the ganas?

Ans. Women, Slaves and Kammakaras could not participate in the assemblies of the ganas. Often, women were also grouped with the shudras.

Q3. Why did the rajas of the Mahajanapada build forts?

Ans. Forts were built by the rajas of the Mahajanapada:-

- *To protect the kingdom from attack from other kings
- * To show wealth and power
- *To control the land and people easily and making the administration easier.

Extra questions-

Q1. Give the names of janapadas stated by archaeologists.

Ans. The old Janapadas were – Purana Qila (at Delhi), Hastinapur (near Meerut), Atranjikhera (near Etah, UP).

Q2. How many varnas have been described in the Vedas? Write their functions.

Ans. The Vedas described four varnas. These are – Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas and Shudras. Their works are described as under:

- Brahmins were expected to study the Vedas, perform sacrifices and receive gifts.
- Kshatriyas were the rulers. They were expected to fight battles and protect people.
- Vaishyas were the expected to be farmers, herders and traders.
- Shudras were the last who had to serve the other three groups and could not perform any sacrifice.

Q3. How were forests and rivers important for the Magadha?

Ans. Forests and rivers were very important for the Magadha Mahajanapada.

1. In the forested area, animals such as elephants were captured and trained for armies. Forests also provided wood for building houses, carts and chariots.

2. The rivers such as the Ganga and the Son flowed through Magadha. They provide for :

(a) Transport

(b) Water supplies

(c) Making the land fertile.