



# INDO ENGLISH SCHOOL

## RISE OF KINGDOMS AND REPUBLICS

CLASS: - 6 SUB: - HISTORY CHAPTER NO: - 8

### QUESTIONS GIVEN AT THE END OF THE CHAPTER AND THEIR ANSWERS

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#### I. Tick (✓) the correct answer: -

- Chandragupta Maurya succeeded which dynasty?  
(a) Magadha dynasty (c) **Nanda dynasty**  
(b) Mauryan dynasty (d) Kuru dynasty
- Ujjain was an important city of  
(a) Magadha (c) **Avanti**  
(b) Kosala (d) Vatsa
- Who was the son of Bimbisara?  
(a) Dhanananda (c) **Ajatashatru**  
(b) Chandragupta Maurya (d) Porus
- Which of the following Mahajanapadas included the birth-place of the Buddha?  
(a) **Kosala** (c) Vatsa  
(b) Avanti (d) Magadha
- When did Alexander invade India?  
(a) 461 BCE (C) 321 BCE  
(b) **326 BCE** (d) 542 BCE

#### II. Fill in the blanks.

- Most powerful territories in the 6<sup>th</sup> century were referred to as Janapadas.
- In Monarchy, Kingship was hereditary.
- Magadha emerged as the most powerful kingdom in North India in the sixth century BCE.
- Alexander invaded India in 326 BCE.
- A new school of art called Gandhara developed, as a result of Alexander's invasion of India.

### III. Match Column A with Column B.

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| 1. Bimbisara             | (a) Hereditary rule                    | (3) |
| 2. Ajatashatru           | (b) 6 <sup>th</sup> Century BCE        | (4) |
| 3. Monarchy              | (c) First prominent king of Magadha    | (1) |
| 4. Rise of Mahajanapadas | (d) Killed his father and became king. | (2) |

### IV. Answer the following questions:

1. What were the main advantages that helped Magadha to emerge as the most powerful Kingdom?

**Ans:** The main advantages that helped Magadha to emerge as the most powerful Kingdom are as follows: -

- The presence of natural resources.
- Rich deposits of iron ore contributed to the making of effective iron weapons and agricultural tools.
- The Magadhan rulers had well-organised, efficient and powerful armies which consisted of elephant's horses and chariots.
- The Magadhan territory being a fertile land produced surplus food, generating large revenues for the kingdom.
- The rivers like Ganga, Son, etc. provided waterways.

2. What policy did Bimbisara follow to extend his territories?

**Ans:** Through the policies of conquests and marriage alliances, Bimbisara extended his territories.

3. What is meant by the term Janapada?

**Ans:** The meaning of the word 'Janapada' is the place where people put their pad or feet. Janapada consisted of many villages and towns.

4. Name the three most important Mahajanapadas.

**Ans:** The three most important Mahajanapadas are Magadha, Kosala and Avanti.

5. Name the king who conquered Anga.

**Ans:** Anga was conquered by Bimbisara.

6. Name the Mughal king who killed his father.

**Ans:** Ajatashatru killed his father Bimbisara.

7. Name a few towns that grew up in early days.

**Ans:** Kaushambi, Rajgir, Vaishali, etc.

8. Name the territories conquered by Bimbisara and Ajatashatru.

**Ans:** The territories conquered by Bimbisara and Ajatashatru are Anga, Kosala, Vaishali, Kasi, etc.

V. Give reasons why.

1. Bimbisara married princesses of his neighbouring kingdoms.

**Ans:** Bimbisara wanted to extend his territory through marriage alliances and therefore he married princesses of his neighbouring kingdoms.

2. Deposits of iron in Magadha helped it become a powerful Kingdom.

**Ans:** Rich deposits of iron ore contributed to the making of effective iron weapons and agricultural tools which helped Magadha to become a powerful Kingdom.