

Chapter – 4 | New Beginnings: Cities and States

QUIZ-01

1. What is India's Second Urbanisation mainly linked with?

- A. Harappan cities
- B. Ganga plains and new urban centres
- C. European trade
- D. Mughal towns (B)

Explanation: The Second Urbanisation began mainly in the Ganga plains and later spread to other regions.

2. What does the word 'janapada' mean?

- A. A king's palace
- B. A place where people settled
- C. A forest region
- D. A trade coin (B)

Explanation: 'Janapada' means the place where people had set foot and settled down.

3. How many mahājanapadas are commonly listed?

- A. 8
- B. 12
- C. 16
- D. 20 (C)

Explanation: The chapter mentions the frequent list of 16 mahājanapadas.

4. Which was one of the most powerful mahājanapadas?

- A. Magadha
- B. Kerala
- C. Lanka
- D. Sindh (A)

Explanation: Magadha, Kosala, Vatsa and Avanti were among the most powerful states.

5. What were sabhā and samiti?

- A. Coins
- B. Assemblies or councils
- C. Fort walls
- D. Trade routes (B)

Explanation: Sabhā and samiti were assemblies where clan matters were discussed.

6. Vajji and Malla were examples of:

- A. Monarchies only
- B. Early republics
- C. Foreign kingdoms
- D. Harappan towns (B)

Explanation: Vajji and Malla had assemblies with more power, so scholars call them early republics.

7. Which metal became important during the Second Urbanisation?

- A. Iron
- B. Tin
- C. Zinc
- D. Lead (A)

Explanation: Iron tools helped agriculture expand and also improved weapons.

8. The first Indian coins were mainly made of:

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Wood
- D. Stone (B)

Explanation: The first Indian coins were silver punch-marked coins.

9. In the varṇa system, Kshatriyas were expected to:

- A. Perform rituals only
- B. Defend society and the land
- C. Make pottery only
- D. Write trade records (B)

Explanation: Kshatriyas were expected to defend society and engage in warfare if needed.

10. Which three kingdoms emerged in southern India around this period?

- A. Cholas, Cheras and Pāṇḍyas
- B. Magadha, Kosala and Vatsa
- C. Vajji, Malla and Anga
- D. Kuru, Panchala and Matsya (A)

Explanation: The chapter mentions the Cholas, Cheras and Pāṇḍyas as emerging southern kingdoms.