

CHAPTER-4 | New Beginnings : Cities and States

QUIZ
PART-02

1. The word "Janapada" literally means:

- A. Land of the people
- B. King's palace
- C. Trading centre
- D. Sacred land (A)

Explanation: "Jana" means people and "pada" refers to foothold or territory.

2. A Mahājanapada was:

- A. A small village
- B. A large kingdom or state
- C. A temple complex
- D. A trading guild (B)

Explanation: Mahājanapadas were large and powerful states.

3. How many Mahājanapadas are traditionally mentioned in ancient texts?

- A. 8
- B. 12
- C. 16
- D. 24 (C)

Explanation: Ancient Buddhist texts mention sixteen Mahājanapadas.

4. Which factor helped the Mahājanapadas become prosperous?

- A. Fertile land and trade
- B. Space exploration
- C. Heavy industries
- D. Printing technology (A)

Explanation: Agriculture and trade increased wealth and growth.

5. Most Mahājanapadas were located in:

- A. Himalayan region
- B. Gangetic Plains
- C. Thar Desert
- D. Coastal Kerala (B)

Explanation: Fertile plains supported population growth and agriculture.

6. The capital city served as the:

- A. Religious forest
- B. Administrative centre
- C. Mining area
- D. Farming village (B)

Explanation: Capitals were centres of governance and administration.

7. Which activity increased between different Mahājanapadas?

- A. Space travel
- B. International flights
- C. Trade and exchange
- D. Internet communication (C)

Explanation: Trade connected different regions and states.

8. Strong rulers often built:

- A. Dams only
- B. Fortified cities
- C. Airports
- D. Railway stations (B)

Explanation: Fortifications helped protect important cities.

9. Mahājanapadas developed mainly during the:

- A. Stone Age
- B. 1st millennium BCE
- C. 18th century CE
- D. 20th century CE (B)

Explanation: They emerged during India's Second Urbanisation.

10. Which statement is correct?

- A. Every Janapada was a Mahājanapada
- B. Mahājanapadas were larger and more powerful than Janapadas
- C. Janapadas had no rulers
- D. Mahājanapadas existed only in South India (B)

Explanation: Mahājanapadas were advanced and larger political units than ordinary Janapadas.