

NCERT SOLUTIONS

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Q1 State whether true or false:

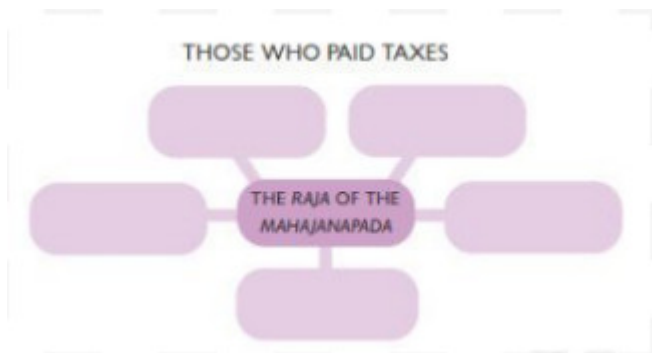
- (a) Rajas who let the ashvamedha horse pass through their lands were invited to the sacrifice.
- (b) The charioteer sprinkled sacred water on the king.
- (c) Archaeologists have found palaces in the settlements of the janapadas.
- (d) Pots to store grain were made out of Painted Grey Ware.
- (e) Many cities in mahajanapadas were fortified.

Answer. State whether true/false

- Rajas who let the ashvamedha horse pass through their lands were invited to the sacrifice. [True]
- The charioteer sprinkled sacred water on the king. [False]
- Archaeologists have found palaces in the settlements of the janapadas. [False]
- Pots to store grain were made out of Painted Grey Ware. [False]
- Many cities in mahajanapadas were fortified. [False]

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Q2 Fill in the chart given below with the terms: hunter gatherers, farmers, traders, crafts persons, herders.



Answer. Hunter gatherers, farmers, traders, crafts-persons and herders—all paid taxes.

- (i) Farmers—one-sixth of the produce.
- (ii) Crafts-persons—in the form of labour.
- (iii) Herders—in the form of animals and animal produce.
- (iv) Traders—taxes on goods bought and sold.
- (v) Hunter-gatherers—forest produce.

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Q3 Who were the groups who could not participate in the assemblies of the ganas?

Answer. Women, shudras and kammakaras were not allowed to participate in the assemblies of the ganas.

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Q4 Why did the rajas of mahajanapadas build forts?

Answer. Building a fort served many purposes. Some of them are as follows:

- It was a way to show off the might of the raja.
- A fort made a city more secure.
- A fortified city was easier to manage.

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Q5 In what ways are present-day elections different from the ways in which rulers were chosen in janapadas?

Answer. In modern days; rulers are chosen through popular vote. But in the janapadas, a ruler was not chosen rather a person was supposed to show his supremacy to become the ruler. To do so, the raja had to perform the ashwadeha yajna so that other rajas in the mahanjanapada would accept his supremacy.

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Q6 Find the state in which you live in the political map on page 136. Were there any janapadas in your state? If yes, name them. If not, name the janapadas that would have been the closest to your state, and mention whether they were to the east, west, north or south.

Answer. DIY

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Q7 Find out whether any of the groups mentioned in answer 2 pay taxes today.

Answer. Out of the groups mentioned in answer 2, those that pay taxes even today are traders.

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Q8 Find out whether the groups mentioned in answer 3 have voting rights at present.

Answer. Today, voting rights are not decided by gender or profession. Women, 'khammakaras' and 'dasas'—all are entitled to vote today.

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