Chapter 6

Question 1:

State whether true or false:

- (a) Rajas who let the ashvamedha horse pass through their lands were invited to the sacrifices.
- (b) The charioteer sprinkled sacred water on the king.
- (c) Archaeologist 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:

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

Question 2:

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



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Hunter-gatherers Farmers Herders THE RAJA OF THE MAHAJANAPADA Crafts persons

Question 3:

Who were the groups who could not participate in the assemblies of the *ganas*? **Answer**:

Women, dasas and kammakaras could not participate in the assemblies of the *ganas*.

Question 4:

Why did the rajas of mahajanapadas build forts?

Answer:

Rajas of the mahajanapadas built forts to protect their people from attacks from other kings. Another reason for building of forts might be the desire to show how rich and powerful the raja was.

Question 5:

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

Answer:

Solution not available