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Ans. Vajji, with its capital at Vaishali (Bihar), was under a different form of government, known as gana or sangha.

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Ans. Purana Qila in Delhi, Hastinapur near Meerut (Uttar Pradesh), and Atranjikhera, near Etah (Uttar Pradesh)

Q4. How were cities of mahajanapadas fortified?

Ans. The cities of mahajanapadas were fortified by building huge walls of wood, brick or stone around them.

Q5. What was the content of Later Vedic books?

Ans. Later Vedic books were composed by priests, and described how rituals were to be performed. They also contained rules about society.

Q6. What is 'Bhaga'?

Ans. Taxes on crops were the most important. Usually, the tax was fixed at 1/6th of what was produced. This was known as bhaga or a share.