

## **Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)**

**Q.1. How were new kingdoms administered? What was the revenue system in these kingdoms?**

**Ans. (i)** The rulers of these new kingdoms used high-sounding titles like maharaja-adhiraja (overlord of kings), tribhuvana-chakravartin (Lord of the three worlds).

**(ii)** The producing classes—artisans, peasants and cattle keepers were forced to pay a part of their produce as rent or tax to the landlord.

**(iii)** Revenue was also collected from traders.

**Q.2. What do Prashastis tell us about land grants?**

**Ans.** Prashastis are details of a king composed by a learned Brahman, who helped in the administration. They tell us of feat of the king.

**(i)** Kings often rewarded Brahmanas by grants of lands.

**(ii)** These were recorded on copper plates, which were given to those who received the land.

**(iii)** Those who received land could collect taxes from it.