

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

**Q.1. How was Magadha a major kingdom? Explain.**

**Ans.**

- i. Magadha became the most important Mahajanapadas in about 200 years.
- ii. Many rivers like Ganga and Son flowed through Magadha.
- iii. This was important for (a) transport (b) water supplies (c) making the land fertile.
- iv. Parts of Magadha were forested. Forests provided wood for building houses, carts and chariots.
- v. There were iron-ore mines that could be used for making stronger tools and weapons.

**Q.2. Give an account of Alexander the Great.**

**Ans.**

- i. More than 2,300 years ago, a ruler named Alexander lived in Macedonia in Europe.
- ii. He wanted to become a world conqueror.
- iii. He conquered parts of Egypt and West Asia, and came to Indian subcontinent, reaching up to the banks of river Beas.
- iv. When he wanted to march further, his soldiers refused.
- v. They were scared of the rulers of India, whom they knew had vast armies of front soldiers, chariots and elephants.