

## Early Kingdoms and Republics

### E. Long-answer questions;

1. Explain why Magadha emerged as a powerful kingdom.
2. Write about the administration of republican states.
3. Differentiate between the government of the monarchical states and the republican states.
4. Explain the *varna* system.

## Solutions

### F. Give reasons for the following:

1. The rajas of the mahajanapadas maintained standing armies because conflict between the kings of the mahajanapadas was common. They fought to increase their territories.
2. The rulers built tall walls around the cities because the wall was a protection against enemy attacks. Also, the kings displayed their power and wealth by building these tall walls. Administration within the fortifications was also much easier.