

Chapter 4. Growing up as Boys and Girls

Very Short Q&A:

Q1: Our society teaches us what kind of behaviour is acceptable for boys and girls. True / False.

Ans: True

Q2: In our society _____ roles are assigned to boys and girls

Ans: Different

Q3: Roles assigned to boys and girls in childhood prepare them for future _____ and _____.

Ans: Men and women

Q4: Identify the work done by a boy and a girl in Samoan island

- a. Cooking
- b. Planting coconuts
- c. Taking care of children
- d. Fishing

Ans: Cooking-Girls

- a. Planting coconuts- Boys
- b. Taking care of children- Girls
- c. Fishing- Boys

Q5: Tick the most appropriate answer:
There are separate schools for

- a. Boys and girls
- b. parents and grand parents
- c. employed and unemployed
- d. none of these

Ans: Boys and girls

Q6: Your childhood is different from the childhood of the adults of your family. True / False.

Ans: True

Q7: Categorized following works as done by your mother, your father, both mother and father
Washing clothes, washing car/ scooter, gardening, shopping, cooking, mopping, sweeping

Ans: Individual answer

Q8: Classify the toys given to a baby boy and a baby girls in our society
Doll, gun, ball, skipping rope, car, kitchen set

Ans: Girls- doll, skipping rope and kitchen set and Boys- car, gun and ball

Q9: Men and women have same status in our society- True/ False

Ans: False

Q10: Rani mother is a home maker and Lavi mother is a teacher, Lavi says her mother is a teacher and work outside but Rani says her mother doesn't work, do you think Rani is right? Give reason to support your answer.

Ans: Individual answer.

Q11: Imagine a day your mother or other home maker of your family is on strike, how it will affect your life

Ans: Individual answer

Q12: What is care giving task?

Ans: Care giving task includes looking after and taking proper and good care of, children, elderly and sick people in a family. It also includes taking care of other family members.

Q13: Who is domestic helper?

Ans: Domestic helpers do house hold works like sweeping, cleaning, washing clothes, washing dishes, looking after young children or elderly.

Q14: Most domestic workers are_____.

Ans: Women

Q15: Rama is shouting on her domestic worker. Do you think she is doing right? Give reason to support your answer.

Ans: Individual answer.

Q16: Define the term-“Double burden of women’s work” with an example.

Ans: Many women work both inside and outside the home, this is referred as double burden of women’s work

Q17: Our constitution does not make any discrimination on the basis of gender. True/ False

Ans: True

Q18: The provision of crèches helps many women to take up _____ outside the home.

Ans: Employment

Q19: The government has set up anganwadis _____ in several villages.

Ans: Child care centres

Q20: Housework is invisible and unpaid work. True / False.

Ans: True

Short Q&A:

Q1: Define the terms: a. Double burden b. care-giving

Ans:

a. Double burden means extra or double load. This term is commonly used to describe women’s work situation as they work both inside and outside home.

b. A wide range of task including looking after and nurturing refers to care giving task. For details refer section A answer no 12.

Q2: Work done by a housewife is devalued. Explain why?

Ans: Work done by a housewife is invisible and unpaid work. In our society it is believed that only paid works are true works and are valuable. Thus housework's are devalued

Q3: Make a list of toys and games typically played by boys and girls.

Ans: Individual answer.

Q4: Interact with a domestic worker of your family or surrounding, and answer the following

- a. Who are her family members?
- b. Where does she lives?
- c. How many hours does she works?
- d. How much does she gets paid?

Ans: Individual answer

Q5: Jaya is a domestic worker. She works from early morning till night inside the house. Sometimes she goes outside also to buy bread, vegetables and eggs. But in lieu of her hard work her memsahib does not offer her proper and adequate quantity of food. Do you think this is right? Give two reasons to support your answer.

Ans: Individual answer

Q6: Why do you think that men and boys generally do not do household work? Do you think they should do household work? Give a reason for your answer.

Ans: Individual answer

Q7: Sita her cousin brother Rakesh are twelve years old. Sita is not allowed to stay in playground after 6 pm while her brother Rajesh play till 7 pm in the same playground. Explain the reason for this inequality between Sita and Rakesh.

Ans: The reason for this inequality is sita is a girl while rakesh is a boy. In our society still girls and boys are distinct. Because of different ways of growing and sick mentality of boys of being superior, girls carried fear of being teased or attacked. Thus in order to stay safe they are not allowed to stay outside after evening.

Q8: How a boy's school differ from a girl's school?

Ans: In a boys school generally there is no courtyard, and they play in playground attached to the school. While in a girl's school there is a central courtyard where girls used

to play. In a boy's school most of the teachers are male while in a girl's school most of the teachers are females.

Q9: Make a list of all the works done by male members of your family and female members of your family. Analyse who works more, and whose work is difficult for you?

Ans: Individual answer.

Q10: Why we should value housework?

Ans: House work is very important. It is equally valuable as other outside works, but this kind of work is often invisible and is not paid. Thus we should value household work.

Long Q&A:

Q1: Visit a nearby park in your neighbourhood and answer the following questions:

- a. State the number of girls and boys in park?
- b. What are the activities doing by girls and boys?
- c. Why do you think they are doing different activities?

Ans: Individual answer