

Short Answer Questions

Q.1. What are the popular beliefs about women's jobs?

Ans. (i) It is a popular belief that women are good at only certain jobs as they lack scientific mind.

(ii) For example, many people believe that women make better nurses because they are more patient and gentle.

(iii) Likewise, it is believed that science requires a technical mind and girls and women are not capable of dealing with technical things.

Q.2. How do boys and girls suffer from stereotype images?

Ans. (i) Because of stereotype images, girls and boys do not get the same support.

(ii) Once girls finish school, they are encouraged by their families to see marriage as their main aim of life.

(iii) Likewise, many girls do not get the same support that boys do to study and train to become doctors, engineers or professionals.

(iv) At times, boys are pressured to get a job with a good salary. Likewise, if boys don't do so, they are teased by others.

Q.3. How did Laxmi Lakra break the stereotype image regarding women?

Ans. Laxmi Lakra, a 27 years old woman from a poor tribal family in Jharkhand did a diploma in electronics. After overcoming many hardships in education she passed the railway board exam in her first attempt to become the first women engine driver for the Northern Railways. This is how she broke the stereotype image regarding women.

Q.4. Why do girls from backward class not get adequate schooling in India?

Ans. Girls from backward class in India are not able to get proper schooling. The reasons for this are poverty, inadequate schooling facilities, discrimination, nonavailability of teachers and schools in remote areas, lack of proper transportation for a girl child, cost of education and preference given to boys.