

4. PREPARATION OF MARRIAGE AND CAREER

One of the most difficult tasks in the life of teenager is to choose the life partner or career as it is of the fact that it creates his personality. A teenager ask many questions to himself as what I would like to take, what I would do, where I would had a career choice. In ancient times, the choice of career for a teenager was very easy. A teenage girl used to choose to follow her mother to put herself as a skilled house wife.

While rapid change in time & the industrial revolution today has opened a wide range of career opportunities for young adolescents. Now a days women have come forward in the field of work & working side by side with men in diverse business. Now days, the choice of career or business is equally important for boys and girls as well.

Meaning of Career :

All of you have used the word career in your life many times. In the daily life, career word is involved with the following question. As what you want to be in the future ? How do you want to present yourself in the society? Career means “Acquiring achievements by fulfilling various socio- economic responsibilities while acknowledging the challenges of life, increasing the career life or business”.



Fig. 4.1 : Individual and Career

Teenager from early adolescence develops interest and attraction towards career. However to fulfill that interest teenager starts making small business and earns money and enjoys independence. The center of this interest is not business but making a lot of money. These teenager are not interested in depositing money or helping in the family's financial business. This is the only tool of freedom for them. Therefore, they leave their studies to get time to work for achieving independence, or do not take into consideration the future progress, or they do a normal salary job. Teens fall backward in studies by taking more time in part time jobs.

Choosing a career for a young teen is really a difficult task, because he is not able to make adjustments between their values, interests, available options and their abilities. Many of his decisions are based on imagination. Adolescent identifies his

potential as age and maturity develops and work especially for his career. Their opinion on career is now practical for example younger children of age 5-6 sees himself as doctor, engineer and police etc but in reality at the age of 11-12, they learn that which subject they like to read and which occupation they can select. This situation is serious until he recognizes his liking or ability to work. More he get informed about career more he get confused. Confusion and anxiety increases as he learns and get information for vocational choices. Older adolescents are still in the stage of inquiry and judge their work by part time or full time job which they like and get informed more and more.

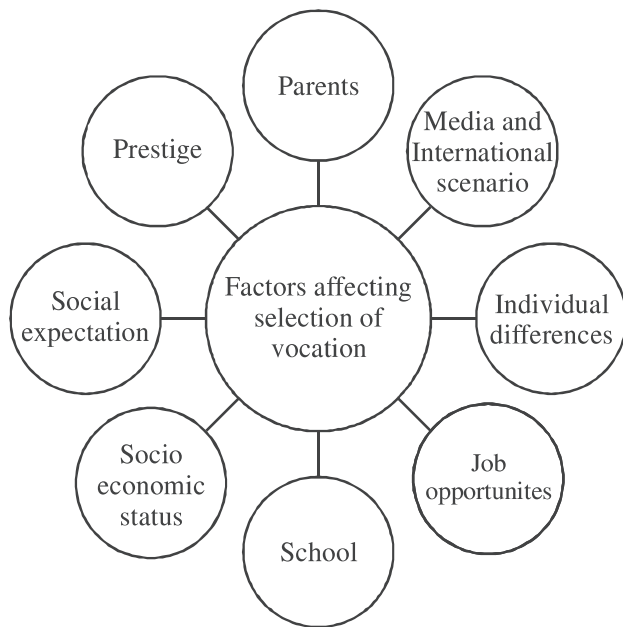


Figure 4.2 : Factors affecting selection of vocation

Factors affecting selection of vocation :

1. Parents : Parents play an important role in selecting children's career. Many times this effect is hereditary. Son of a businessman grows watching his family business and join their family business afterwards. Son of the painter becomes painter and shopkeeper son has good skills in shop business. Encouraging collaborative environment given by the parents during the upbringing of the children such as promoting their interests, giving them various types of sports and business training etc. in career. In society, job of the parents such as the principal, magistrate, police officer etc. or the prestigious professional so –

called private hospital, shop industry etc. becomes ideal and inspired the children. Child shows his interest by doing in the particular career. Home environment of highly educated parents also develops the academic view and interest.

2. School : Good & bad experiences in school also affect the career of adolescent. The school environment & teachers create the strong will of children interest by recognizing the individual characteristics & making them feel like something within them & help in shaping their future. In some schools vocational education & workshops are organized for business selection. So somewhere in the schools, career counselor is appointed where students will interact in their interests.

3. Social expectation : It also affects the selection of business by adolescents. Since childhood, some business leave an imprint of men's chemistry & feminine mind so most teenagers choose businesses that have a lot of hard work & business skills such as Doctor, Engineer, Compounder, mechanic, Driver, Pilot etc. Adolescents like to choose such business in which physical labor is minimum, there is an opportunity to see intelligence or some part of the social service like Nurse, Teachers etc.

4. Individual characteristics : Different business require different skills & attitude. For some business, artistic skills, painting skill, soft vocal for music, the best coordination of hands and eyes are essential. Finally required concentration & creativity such as dance, handicrafts etc. To achieve success in some business, high physical ability such as medical advocacy or physical exercise like sports are inevitable. The person's special ability will be better if he is interested in that work as well as having all necessary qualifications for that work. So, teens should select according to interest and abilities and consult the career counselor.

5. Job opportunity : Interest in any particular area and qualifications corresponding to professional selection is not enough, Rather, to earn success and reputations in that business. It's also important that there is enough employment opportunities available in preferred field. For eg there was a time when 10th and 12th pass would get very easy jobs. Gradually the

study progressed over the time and then every child wanted to become a Doctor or Engineer. Then gradually enter the computer era, which gave the full crop of computer experts. In the era of today's competition on the one hand, Govt. jobs have remained a dream only & Medical, Engineer & Computer experts are not able to get full remuneration for their services beside hard work. On the other hand in the modern era, many other new business areas such as information technology, biotechnology, Forensic science, environmental science etc. are the thrust area for employment opportunities.

6. Socio-economic status : Everyone likes to sit among people of their equal or higher social economics status. In the selection of the career or profession of adolescents, family members and the family profession, rules and regulation of the family also play a major role. Each child wants to earn higher position from his own parents in his life and also attempts for it. Sometimes business is also chosen because of personal interest or greater satisfaction or money gains like as a person's own interest and personal characteristics influence his business directory.

7. Prestige : The prestige available from the work area in choosing a particular business by teens wants to choose popular business with high reputation. Selection of occupation by the glamorous impact sometimes becomes risky because not every single person achieves success in any business or occupation. It is not necessary that all the actors, actress, doctors and politicians are famous and successful.

8. Media and global trend : In modern era media is playing a important role in inspiring and selecting various occupations. Importance of television and internet cannot be under rated because adolescents learn about the jobs and work globally which can make them famous. Modeling, games, music bands are new areas which adolescents are running for.

As you can see that selecting occupation is a challenging task. No one can select occupation blindly. They should take this seriously and should select according to interest, skills and abilities. Adolescent

can take advice to achieve this task from their parents, teachers, elder brothers and sisters, talks in the school, workshops and career counselors. In the era of industrialization and competition they should identify their skills and get a vocational education instead of wasting time in getting higher degrees and education so that they can practice for self employment timely.

Preparation of married life :

With the preparation of future vocation adolescents are now preparing for married life as well. You have studied in the last chapter that sexual development is also rapid with rapid physical growth in adolescent period. Teenager looks like grown up adults due to these physical changes. Now they realize that they have grown up. They develop interests among opposite sex during this period and prepare a image of his marriage partner. In early period, selection of mate is based on attraction, dressing and showoff but as age grows attraction disappears. Now, they seriously think about their soul mates.

On the onset of adolescent period, behavior of parents and other elders changes towards them. They are given responsibilities of some chores and expected to behave maturely. In ancient times early marriages



were in trend. Sense of responsibility was automatically developed during adolescents. Now marriages are not performed in childhood but adolescent attracts their parent's interest on this matter. Many times elder family members interferes and hinders i.e. not to talk loudly or not going outside home in the evening for girls. Except these, girls are

taught to cook good food, stitching clothes and other household chores. The reason behind this is after marriage girls have to live at other place so they should know all these works. Alike these, adolescent boys are expected to confirm this vocational choice and start to earn, so that he can be married.

In modern era changes are incorporated in marriage preparation. Now the main objective of parents is to make adolescents self sufficient by educating them before marriage. After nocturnal emission and menarche parents try to divert their mind on personality development, good education and settlement of vocation instead of sexual interests, so that they can be independent and take their own decisions as soon as possible. The second aspect of this is that adolescent of today want to earn more prestige and escape from marriage due to the fact that this will hinder their growth. Late marriages for girls lead to unsuccessful and less coordinated marriage because of their high education and independent attitude. That is why seminar and workshops are organizing in abroad for marriage counseling to counsel adolescent and train them for being future husband and wife. This show to achieve success not in occupation but also in marriage adolescent needs to be mentally prepared.

Important points :

1. Choosing life instinct and a career in life is one of the most difficult tasks of a teenager's life.
2. Teenager struggles with many question to choose his career because the career builds on his personality in future.
3. Choosing a career for younger teens is very difficult task because their approaches is rather idealistic and not realistic & practical while older teens recognize their abilities & capabilities. They strive for a career special and their approaches is realistic & practical.
4. Parents have an important role in career selection; if parents are employed in reputable jobs they are ideal for adolescent teenagers.
5. Good-bad experience in school affect the career of adolescent teenagers. School environment & teachers can identify the

children's abilities and individuals characteristics & shape their future.

6. Now a days, professional teaching, workshops & career counselor are playing an important role in the task of identifying and student with their interest and qualification.
7. Social selection also affects the selection of business by adolescents.
8. In the modern era, being inspired to attract teenagers to various businesses, media such as television, internet etc. is also important.
9. In order to achieve success & prestige in any business, it's not enough to be interested in a particular area hearing competences with it, but it's necessary that there is a sufficient employment opportunity available in the preferred field.
10. Teenager should know their job efficiency after getting professional education of working hard to get job.
11. Teenager is the time when they are ready to become young man. At the same time, they are also preparing for future business as well as preparing themselves for a house hold life.

Questions :

1. Choose the correct answer for the following questions :
 - (i) The most difficult or important task of the life of adolescent is :

(a) Earn money	(b) To study
(c) Choosing career	(d) All the above
 - (ii) are the views of a elder teen ?

(a) Realistic & practical	(b) Idealist
(c) Optimistic	(d) All the above
 - (iii) play a key role in choosing a career of teen :

(a) Parents	(b) Teachers
(c) School & society	(d) All the above
 - (iv) If son chooses his father's career, its called :

(a) Helplessness	(b) Hereditary
(c) Instigation	(d) None of the above

- (v) is organized for marital preparation in abroad.
 (a) Workshop (b) Prayers
 (c) Seminar (d) None of the above
2. Fill in the blanks :
- (i) The choice of career is now a days important not only for boys but also for
- (ii) Money is the only tool for teenagers whose practice is
- (iii) Highly education, parent's, home environment also develops and for children's education.
- (iv) Teenagers should choose a career by looking at thus own and
- (v) At this time adolescence/teenagers prepare themselves for business or for like as well
3. How to choose a teenager's career? Explain.
4. How school and parents affects the career elections?
5. How to help yourself to choose skill, eligibility & aptitude career?
6. What is the change in the marriage tool place in between the parents and the adolescents in the modern era? Explain.

Answers :

1. (i) c (ii) a (iii) d (iv) b (v) a
2. (i) Girls (ii) Independent
 (iii) Interests, point of view
 (iv) Interest, Eligibility (v) house hold