

CHAPTER - 22

UNDERSTANDING GENDER

SOLUTIONS:

EXERCISES

- 1. Answer the following in one word or a sentence:
- a). What does Equal Wages Act Say?

Ans: The Equal Wages Act says that equal wages should be paid to equal work.

b). Why are domestic workers paid low?

Ans: Domestic workers are paid low as domestic work does not have much value.

c). Where do the middle class women work?

Ans: The middle class women work in offices.

2. Answer the following questions in 30/40 words each:

a). How was satidah practised in Indian Society?

Ans: Satidah was an evil practice of the past in Hindu societies. Young or old women (widows) were forcefully cremated with their death husbands.

b). What is purdah system practised in the Muslim Society?

Ans: Purdah system is prevalent in Muslim Societies. In purdah system, women keep concealing their faces covered with veil or burkha. Women cannot show their face openly when they go outside of the house. This purdah system gives them safety in one sense.

c). Why do the society devalue domestic works?

Ans: Domestic work does not happen in our immediate presence. It is assumed that the domestic work are natural to women i.e.the primary responsibility for housework and caregiving tasks such as taking care of children and the elderly lies with women. Due to the fact that they are not acknowledged as work, it remains valueless.

d). What are the types of works usually done by the domestic workers?

Ans: Domestic workers do a lot of works like sweeping and cleaning, washing clothes and dishes, cooking, looking after young children or the elderly, fetching waters from village ponds or reservoirs, carrying heavy load of firewood or vegetables or fruits from distant farms etc.

3. Mark True or False against the following statements:

- a). In both rural and urban areas boys and men have to fetch water.
- b). The work women do is strenous and physically exhausted.
- c). In the pottery trade women are seen potters.

Answers: (a) False, (b) True, (c) False

4. Fill in the blanks by using appropriate words:

- a). In the past, the skill of reading and writing was known to only a...........
- b). Going to is an extremely important part of people's life
- c). Getting an is one way in which new opportunities were created for women.
- d). Equal wages should be paid to work

Answers: (a) few, (b) school, (c) education, (d) equal