



# Vidya Bhawan balika Vidyapeeth shakti utthan aashram Lakhisarai

Revision Class-10<sup>th</sup>

(Based on N C E R T pattern)

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Economics

Money and credit

**1. How do SHG's act to provide a platform for women to address their various social issues?**

**Ans. SHGs act to provide a platform for women to address their various social issues in the following ways:**

- (1) A Self-Help Group is an organization of rural poor, particularly women who pool their savings.**
- (2) The SHG encourages its members for savings and enables them to take small loans from the group itself to meet their needs. In this way, it addresses their economic issue that is the base of many social issues.**
- (3) SHGs are the building blocks of the organization of the rural poor. Not only does it help women to become financially self-reliant, but the regular meetings of the group also provide a platform to discuss and act on a variety of social issues such as health, nutrition, domestic violence, etc.**
- (4) The SHG provides self-employment opportunities to its members by providing them loans for meeting**

**working capital needs, for housing materials, for acquiring assets like a sewing machine, handlooms, cattle, etc.**

**(5) The group charges interest on these loans but this is still less than what the money-lenders charge.**

**2. Self-Help Groups enjoy a lot of freedom in their functioning. Explain.**

**Ans. (1) In Self-Help Groups, there is no provision of a certain number of members or a certain amount to deposit. Members are free to their number and amount to deposit in the group.**

**(2) Most of the important decision regarding the savings and loan activities are taken by the group members.**

**(3) The group decides as regards the loans to be granted—the purpose, amount, interest to be charged, repayment schedule, etc.**

**(4) Also, it is the group which is responsible for the repayment of the loan. In any case of non-repayment of the loan by anyone, the member is followed up seriously by other members in the group.**

**(5) The SHGs help borrowers overcome the problem of lack of collateral and documentation requirement. Besides, the regular meetings of the group provide a platform to discuss and act on a variety of social issues such as health, nutrition, domestic violence, etc.**

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