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Class 7th

Subject Civics

Ch Growing up as Boys and Girls

Read the following question and answer throughly and try to understand and Write down in your H.W.Copy

Question 1.

Describe the lives of domestic workers as given in the chapter.

Answer:

In the given chapter, Harmeet's mother was not the only one who did the housework.

A lot of the work was done by Mangala, their domestic help(ef).

Many homes, particularly in towns and cities, employ domestic workers.

They do a lot of work—sweeping and cleaning, washing clothes and dishes, cooking, looking after young children or the elderly.

Most domestic workers are women.

Sometimes even young boys or girls are employed to do this work.

Wages are low, as domestic work does not have much value.

A domestic worker's day begins as early as five in the morning and ends as late as twelve at night.

Despite the hard work they do, their employers often do not pay them enough on show them much respect.

Question 2.

Briefly write about life of domestic worker Melani?

Answer:

Melani worked in Delhi as a domestic worker for a rich family. She had to do all the work along with two other girls.

They got up at 5 o'clock and got a cup of tea with two dry chapattis as breakfast.

They cleaned the house and did all other work.

In evening Melani cooked food. She secretly cooked extra rotis for herself and other two girls.

They could not wear chappals in the house even in winters.

Question 3.

What does housework involve?

Answer:

The housework actually involves many different tasks.

A number of these tasks require heavy physical work:

In both Rural and Urban areas women and girls fetch water.

In rural areas women and girls carry heavy headloads of firewood.

Tasks like washing clothes, cleaning, sweeping and picking up loads require bending, lifting and carrying.

Many chores like cooking, involve standing for long hours in front of hot stoves.

The women's work is strenuous and physically demanding, words associated with men.

Question 4.

Explain another aspect of housework.

Answer:

Another aspect of housework is 'care giving'.

This aspect is related to looking after the children and nurturing them.

Taking care of the elderly or ill people in the home.

All this requires strong emotional aspect along with physical labour.

In fact if we add up the work (housework) and care giving time women work much more than men.

Now with women working even outside homes their leisure time has further been reduced.

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