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Class 7th

Subject Civics

Ch: Growing up as Boys and Girls

Gender is a social construction through which the social and cultural roles of males and females are defined.

Most of the societies value men and women differently. The role women play and the work they do are usually valued less than the roles men play and the work they do. This clears the fact that men and women do not have the same status.

Samoa Islands

The Samoa islands are one of the large groups of small islands in the southern part of the Pacific Ocean. Till the 1920s, children in this island did not go to school. When the babies started walking on own, they were left under the care of their older brothers and sisters. Children as old as five years looked after their younger siblings.

After attaining nine years of age, boys joined the older boys for outdoor activities like fishing and planting coconuts. However, girls continued looking after the younger ones.

When girls became teenagers, i.e., 14 years of age, they were allowed more freedom as they could then go for fishing and plantation activities or help their mothers in cooking, etc.

Madhya Pradesh

In Madhya Pradesh, India, boys and girls had a different outlook. The school for boys was open while the one for girls was closed.

Men and women do equal work, but it is not valued equally

Read the above passage throughly and try to understand and give the answer of the following question :

1. Where is Samoa Island Situated?
2. What is the position of Children in Samoa till the 1920s?
3. When girls became teenagers what they do?
4. Write the position of the Boys and Girls in Madhya Pradesh.

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