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Class 7th

Subject Civics

Chapter Growing up as Boys and Girls

Question 1.

Where is Samoa? Briefly write about the life of children there.

Answer:

Samoa islands are in the southern part of the Pacific Ocean. According to a research Samoan children did not go to school. They learnt to take care of younger siblings and fishing. They learnt these at different stages of childhood. Fishing being important, they learn long fishing expeditions.

Question 2.

Describe the life of the Samoan people in 1920s.

Answer:

As soon as babies could walk, their mothers or other adults no longer looked after them.

Some children at 5 years of age, took over this responsibility.

Both boys and girls looked after their younger siblings.

At the age of nine years boys joined the other boys in learning outdoor jobs like fishing and planting coconuts.

Girls continue looking after small children or do errands for adults till they were teenagers.

After becoming teenagers girls had much more freedom.

After the age of fourteen or so, girls also went on fishing trips, worked in the plantations, learnt how to weave baskets.

Cooking was done in special cooking-houses, where boys did most of the work.

Girls helped with the preparations of the food.

Growing up Male in Madhya Pradesh in the 1960s

Question 1.

Give an account of the growing up in Madhya Pradesh in the 1960s.

Answer:

Growing up in Madhya Pradesh in the 1960s:

From class VI onwards boys and girls went to separate schools.

Girls school was designed very differently from the boys school.

They had a central courtyard where they played in total seclusion and safety from the outside world.

The boys school had no such courtyard and the playground was a big space attached to the

school.

Every evening after the school, the boys watched as hundreds of school girls crowded the narrow streets as they looked very purposeful.

The boys used the streets for different things like to stand around idling, to play, to try out tricks with their bicycles.

For the girls, the street was simply a place to get straight home.

The girls always went in groups, perhaps because they also carried fears of being teased or attacked by boys or other bad elements.

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