

# **BALIKA VIDYA PITH**

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## **Important Questions**

**Q.1) Why are the wages for farm labourers in Palampur less than minimum wages?**

**Ans:** The minimum wage fixed by the Indian government for a farm labourer is Rs 60 per day, however, farm labourers in Palampur get about 35 to 40 rupees a day. This is because of the the competition for work among the agricultural labourers in the village. Just to get the work, labourers themselves agree to work on normal wages. The use of modern agricultural implements like tractors, threshers and harvesters also reduces the amount of agricultural labour required.

**Q.2) How is human resource different from other resources like land and physical capital?**

**Ans:** Human resource makes use of other resources like land and physical capital to produce an output. The other resources are not useful on their own. This is why human resource is considered to be a superior resource than the other two.

**Q.3) Identify the social and economic groups which are most vulnerable to poverty in India.**

**Ans:** The proportion of people below poverty line is not the same for all social groups and economic categories in India. The social groups of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, and the economic groups of rural agricultural labourers and urban casual labourers are the ones most vulnerable to poverty. The poverty ratios for each of these groups are higher than the average Indian poverty ratio. Apart from these groups, women, elderly people and female infants are considered to be the poorest of the poor.

**Q.4) Differentiate between seasonal hunger and chronic hunger.**

**Ans:** Seasonal hunger is related to cycles of food growing and harvesting. This is common in rural areas because of the seasonal nature of agricultural activities, and in urban areas because of the casual labour. This type of hunger exists when a person is unable to get work for the entire year.

Chronic hunger is a consequence of inadequacy in terms of quantity or quality. Poor people suffer from chronic hunger because of their low income and in turn, inability to buy food even for survival.

