Class 7 Social Science Civics – Chapter 5(Women Change the World)

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Question / Answer

Question 1. What is meant by the Women's Movement? What are the various ways women apply to fight discrimination and seek justice?

Answer: Women as a whole struggled for a long to bring out all-round improvement in women's condition. This is known as the Women's Movement.

The various ways women apply to fight discrimination and seek justice are as follow:

- (a) Campaigning:- it is the series of activities in order to make something happen and It has proved to be a great success. It has led to a new law being passed in 2006. This law gives legal protection to women against domestic violence which includes physical and mental violence within their-homes.
- (b) Raising Awareness:- Women, in order to fight-discrimination, work hard to raise public awareness on women's rights issues. They do so through several means such as street plays, songs, and public meetings.
- (c) **Protesting**:-Whenever a law or policy acts against the interest of the women, they rise in protest by holding public rallies and demonstrations. These are powerful ways of drawing attention to injustices.
- (d) **Showing Solidarity**:- Women associated with the Women's movement also believe in showing solidarity with other women and their causes. For example candle march.

Question2. How do you think stereotypes, about what women can or cannot do, affect women's right to equality?

Answer: Stereotypes about what women can or cannot do affect women's right to equality because they are termed weak and incapable of doing strong work. It is

because of this reason that women are called inferior to men. They are paid fewer salaries/ wages than their men counterparts.

Question 3. "Poor girls drop out of school because they are not interested in getting an education". explain why this statement is not true.

Answer: This statement, "Poor girls dropout of school education" is not true because of the following reasons:

- There are no facilities in rural areas, especially in Adivasi areas.
- Not even proper schools.
- No teacher in the schools on regular basis.
- No schools near their homes.
- No transport facilities if the schools are far away.
- Families too poor to afford schooling expenses.
- Discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, religion or sex.
- Preference for boys for education and not girls.

Question4. Who was given the title 'Pandita' and why?

Answer: Ramabai was given the title of Pandita because she could read and write Sanskrit. It was a remarkable achievement as women were not allowed such knowledge in those days.

Question 5: Who was Rashsundari Devi? What is the name of her autobiography?

Answer: Rashsundari Devi was a housewife from a rich landlord's family in west Bengal. She wrote about her everyday life experiences in her autobiography "Amar Jiban"

Question 6: Who was the author of Sultan's dream? What did she do for the girls?

Answer: Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain was the author of Sultan's dream. She started a school for girls in Kolkata which is functioning even today.

Question7. What is census? What is the purpose of conducting a census every 10 years?

Answer: Census is held every 10 years to count the whole population of the country. It also gathers detailed information about the people living in India—their age, schooling, what work they do, and so on.

Question 8: When is International Women's Day celebrated?

Answer: International Women's Day is celebrated on 8 March every year.