



SUBJECT: SST (Civics)

Chapter-5

Q&A of the textbook:

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

Ans:- Stereotypes, about what women can or cannot do, affect women's right to equality in the following ways: a) They do not get the same support that boys get.

b) They are considered inferior to men.

c) They are not sent to educational institutions.

d) They are promoted to see marriage as their future instead of higher studies.

e) They are not paid equally to men for the same work.

f) They are assigned household works as their priority job.

2. List one reason why learning the alphabet was so important to women like Rashsundari Devi, Ramabai and Rokeya.

Ans:- These women achieve their goal only by education. They were able to put an impact on the society by writing their ideas or stories or setting up schools which can never be achieved without learning. Thus by learning the alphabets not only help them in their day to day social life but also help them in pursuing their education and dream.

3. "Poor girls drop out of school because they are not interested in getting an education". Re-read the last paragraph on page 62 and explain why this statement is not true.

Ans: Poor girls do not leave school because they want to, but rather they are compelled to leave for a wide variety of reasons.

- In rural and certain backward areas of the country, schools lack basic infrastructure such as buildings, blackboards, stationary etc.
- Also, teachers are not available on a regular basis.

- At times, parents of the girls also feel that it is not important to educate a girl child, as they think a girl's ultimate goal is to be married.
- Parents unable to bear the cost of education.
- Parents are not able to send their girl child to distant schools due to lack of transportation.
- Thus, they are even less willing to spend money on sending their daughters to schools.

4. Can you describe two methods of struggle that the women movements used to raise issues? If you had to organize a struggle against stereotypes, about what women can or cannot do, what method would you employ from the ones that you have read about? Why would you choose this particular method?

Ans:- The women's movement used several methods to raise issues. Some of them are: Campaigning: It is an important part of women's movement which is used to fight discrimination and violence against the women. Women work in organized and collective manner to achieve certain goals. Protesting: women use public rallies and demonstrations as a powerful weapon for drawing attention to injustices by this method. I would choose campaigning as a method to struggle. In this method, we get clear idea about thought of the people about what they want to seek justice for the discrimination against women. It is also a peaceful and organised method.