

EXERCISES

Question 1.

What are the advantages to foreign companies in setting up production in India?

Answer:

India provides cheap labor compared to some other countries. Wages paid to workers in foreign countries are much higher than in India.

the foreign companies can get longer hours of work. Additional expenses such as housing.

Question 2.

Do you think the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy got justice? Discuss.

Answer:

The disaster was caused due to gross, neglect of safety measures by the management of the factory.

The government demanded \$ 3 billion but had to accept a meagre \$ 470 million from the Company.

Question 3.

What do we mean when we speak of law enforcement? Who is responsible for enforcement? Why is enforcement so important?

Answer:

Law enforcement means to compel obedience to a law. Laws passed by the government have to be enforced otherwise the benefit of the laws will not reach the citizens.

Question 4.

How can laws ensure that markets work in a manner that is fair? Give two examples to support your answer.

Answer:

The government has passed laws that ensure that essential products such as food grains, sugar and kerosene are not highly priced. It is necessary that such restrictions are placed on people who market these products; otherwise the poor will not be able to afford these goods.

Question 5.

Write a paragraph on the various roles of the government that you have read about in this unit.

Answer:

- Minimum Wages Act, 1948;
 - Factories Act, 1948
 - payment of Bonus Act, 1965
 - ensure social justice
 - laws to guarantee that workers are not exploited
 - The Environment (protection) Act, 1986,

Question 6.

How was environment treated earlier? What has been the change in perception?

Answer:

In 1984, there were very few laws to protect the environment in India. These few laws were not enforced strictly by the government. Industries discharged their waste into water bodies and made it unfit for consumption.