



QUESTION 1. ARE THE STATEMENTS GIVEN BELOW TRUE OR FALSE? SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER WITH THE USE OF AN EXAMPLE :

(A) ALL SOCIETIES DO NOT THINK SIMILARLY ABOUT THE ROLES THAT BOYS AND GIRLS PLAY.





ANSWER. (a) It is a true statement. In most societies, the work boys do is given more importance than the work girls do.





1. (B) OUR SOCIETY DOES NOT MAKE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS WHEN THEY ARE GROWING UP.

ANSWER. (b) It is a false statement. Our society makes distinctions between





boys and girls even while they are in growing phase. From the very early age, boys are taught to be tough and serious, while girls are taught to be mild and soft. Boys are given toys like cars, guns to play with while girls are given dolls.

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1.(C) WOMEN WHO STAY AT HOME DO NOT WORK.

ANSWER. (c) It is a false statement. Women who stay at home, do a lot of household chores.

They cook food, wash clothes, sweep floor, and numerous other works; some of which are very strenuous.

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1.(D) THE WORK THAT WOMEN DO IS LESS VALUED THAN THAT OF MEN.

ANSWER. (d) It is true statement. Women do a lot of work. The main responsibility for housework and care-giving tasks lies with women.



Yet, the work that they do with the home is not recognised as work.

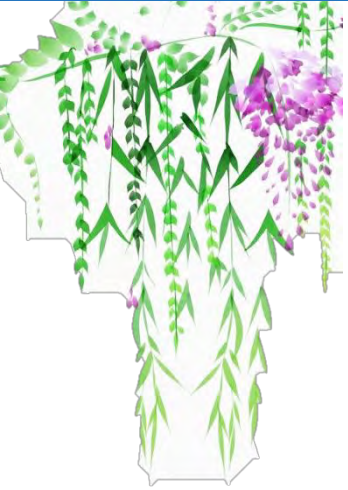
It is assumed that this is something that comes naturally to women. It, therefore, does not have to be paid for. This is the main reason why our society devalues women's work.





QUESTION 2. WRITE IN YOUR OWN WORDS WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERMS 'INVISIBLE', 'PHYSICALLY DEMANDING' AND 'TIME-CONSUMING'? GIVE ONE EXAMPLE OF EACH BASED ON THE HOUSEHOLD TASKS UNDERTAKEN BY WOMEN IN YOUR HOME.





2. (A) HOUSEWORK IS INVISIBLE AND UNPAID WORK.

ANSWER. (A) 'Invisible' means the work which is not seen from eyes, for example, the amount of time and labour that goes in preparing food.





2. (B) HOUSEWORK IS PHYSICALLY DEMANDING.

ANSWER. (B) 'Physically demanding' means we have to do hard manual labour to complete a task. It is tiring and the hard work tells on one's health, like fetching water or firewood in rural areas.

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**2. (C) HOUSEWORK IS
TIME-CONSUMING.**

ANSWER.

**(C) 'Time-consuming'
means the work
which needs
considerable time to
be completed.**





- **The care of the house and keeping a watch on the activities of domestic help are invisible.**
- **Washing of clothes is physically demanding.**
- **Cooking food and cleaning the house is time-consuming.**





**QUESTION 3. MAKE
A LIST OF TOYS AND
GAMES THAT BOYS
TYPICALLY PLAY AND
ANOTHER FOR GIRLS.
IF THERE IS A
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THE TWO LISTS,**



**CAN YOU THINK OF
SOME REASONS WHY
THIS IS SO? DOES THIS
HAVE ANY
RELATIONSHIP TO THE
ROLES CHILDREN HAVE
TO PLAY AS ADULTS?**





ANSWER. List of toys and games that boys play with: cars, guns, swords, buses, railway trains, lions, etc. (toys), cricket, kabaddi, hockey, football etc. (games).

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List of toys and games that girls play with: dolls, cooking items, etc. (toys), badminton, table-tennis, hide and seek, etc. (games).





These games are also played by the boys. From the above description we can infer that there is a difference between the toys with which boys play and the toys with which girls play.





The reason behind this is that our society makes clear distinctions between boys and girls. Boys are taught to be tough while girls are taught to be mild.





Boys are expected to do works which highlight their manly features but girls are expected to remain in limit with all feminine virtues.



All these are ways of telling children that they have specific roles to play when they grow up to be men and women.

Later in life this affects even the subjects they can study or the careers they can choose.

