

# Class 8 Civics Important Questions Chapter 8

## Law and Social Justice

### Answers at the Bottom

1. Why Minimum Wages Act is necessary?
  1. To protect owners from exploitation
  2. To protect consumers from exploitation
  3. To protect suppliers from exploitation
  4. To protect workers from exploitation
2. Bhopal Gas tragedy took place in
  1. On 12 December 1985
  2. On 2 December 1984
  3. On 22 December 1985
  4. On 23 December 1984
3. No child below the age of \_\_\_\_\_ shall be employed to work in any factory.
  1. Three
  2. Ten
  3. Twenty
  4. Fourteen
4. Enforcement of law become important
  1. When law seeks to protect the government
  2. When law seeks to protect the children only
  3. When law seeks to protect the ministers
  4. When law seeks to protect the weak from strong
5. The Right to Life is a
  1. Fundamental Responsibilities
  2. Fundamental Authority
  3. Fundamental Duty
  4. Fundamental Right
6. Match the following:

(i) Ship Breaking Industry	(a) Methyl-Isocyanide
(ii) Poisonous Gas	(b) October, 2006
(iii) Bhopal Gas Tragedy	(c) Hazardous Industry
(iv) Child Labour Prevention Act	(d) 2 December 1984

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1. Advanced countries are relocating the toxic and hazardous industries to.....countries to take advantage of the.....laws in these countries and keep their own countries.....
  2. Emissions from vehicles are a major cause of.....pollution.
  3. Pumps at contaminated wells are painted.....by the government around the UC factory in Bhopal.
  4. Accidents are common to.....sites.
  5. A worker has to be paid not less than the.....wage by the employer.

**8. State True or False:**

1. Laws that are weak and poorly enforced can cause serious harm.
2. People do not demand stronger laws protecting worker's interest.
3. The Courts have upheld the right to a healthy environment as intrinsic to Right to Life.
4. In 1984, there were many laws protecting the environment in India.

9. Contractors and business persons always think about the benefit of their own.(True/False)

10. What is Minimum Wages Act?

11. Who are producers?

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

13. What are the sources of environmental pollution in your area? Discuss with respect to

1. Air.
2. Water.
3. Soil.

What are the steps being taken to reduce pollution? Can you suggest some other measures?

## Answer

1. 4. To protect workers from exploitation, **Explanation:** This law is meant to protect the interests of all workers; particularly, farm labourers, construction workers, factory workers, domestic workers, etc.
2. 2. On 2 December 1984, **Explanation:** The Bhopal disaster, also referred to as the Bhopal gas tragedy, was a gas leak incident on the night of 2nd December 1984 at the Union Carbide India Limited.
3. 4. Fourteen, **Explanation:** No child below the age of fourteen shall be employed to work in any factory.
4. 4. When law seeks to protect the weak from strong  
**Explanation:** Enforcement becomes even more important when the law seeks to protect the weak from the strong. For instance, to ensure that every worker gets fair wages, the government has to regularly inspect work sites and punish those who violate the law.
5. 4. Fundamental Right, **Explanation:** 'Everyone has the right to life, liberty and the security of person.' The right to life is undoubtedly the most fundamental of all rights.
6. 1. Ship Breaking Industry – (c) Hazardous Industry  
2. Poisonous Gas – (a) Methyl-Isocyanide  
3. Bhopal Gas Tragedy – (d) 2 December 1984  
4. Child Labour Prevention Act – (b) October, 2006
7. 1. developing, weaker, safe  
2. environmental  
3. red  
4. construction  
5. minimum
8. 1. True  
2. False  
3. True

4. False

9. True

10. Minimum Wages Act specifies that wages should not be below a specified minimum limit.

11. Producers are persons or organisations that produce goods for sale in the market.

12. No, the victims of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy did not get justice. They are still waiting for it. They still fail to avail safe drinking water, healthcare facilities and jobs for the people poisoned by DC plant. Anderson, the UC Chairman who faces criminal charges, is not yet put behind the bars.

13. The sources of environmental pollution in our area:

1. Air: Vehicles and factories emitting harmful gases.

2. Water: Washing clothes, utensils in the river water. Throwing of garbage in the river.

3. Soil: Use of polythene makes the land barren.

Steps being taken to reduce pollution are:

1. Old vehicles emitting polluting gases have been banned.

2. Disposal of industrial and household waste/garbage into the rivers prohibited.

3. Crackdown on factories emitting pollutants.

Some other suggestions are:

1. Pollution check of every vehicle which emits lots of harmful gases.

2. Use of CNG vehicles.

3. Waste disposal and idol immersion in rivers should be banned.

4. Generate awareness among citizens about the harmful effects of polluting the environment.

5. Promote the use of public transport as much as possible.