

## **Ch- 5.**

### **Std-VII**

#### **Gender and Inequalities.**

**Answer the following questions.**

**STEREOTYPE: A FIXATED BELIEF THAT HAS NO LOGICAL REASON IS A STEREOTYPE.**

**Eg. Girls are not good at maths or science but boys are.**

**GENDER ROLES: DUE TO EXISTING STEREOTYPE, THE SOCIETY EXPECTS THE BEHAVIOUR OF MEN AND WOMEN TO BE ALONG LAID DOWN NORMS.THESE ARE GENDER ROLES.**

**Eg.Girls are gifted dolls as they are to grow into home makers while boys grt car toys as they are expected to be bread winners.**

**Q1. What is gender?**

**Ans- Gender is the sociological concept of being a man or woman .**

**Q2. Why is a girl usually encouraged to behave like her mother ?**

**Ans- \*A girl is encouraged to behave like her mother because of stereotype and gender roles.**

**\* As it is believed that she will grow up nurture her family.**

**Q3. What is female foeticide ?**

**Ans- Certain parents do not want a baby girl, they go in for prenatal sex determination and if it is a female foetus they abort it .This is known as female foeticide.**

**Q4. Name the author of Sultana's dream.**

**Ans-Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain is the author of Sultana's dream.**

**Q5. Mention one state in India where daughters inherit their mother's property.**

**Ans- In Kerala, daughters inherit their mother's property. This is matriarchal system.**

**Q6. How does gender differ from sex?**

**Ans- Gender is a sociological concept to be a man or a woman while sex is the biological term to be a male or female.**

**Q7. Mention some matters in which Indian women face some discrimination.**

**Ans- Indian women face discrimination in many ways :**

- \* They do not have equal right to be born and suffer female foeticide.**
- \* There is not enough investments in their health .**
- \* Little girls are often not sent to good schools and are kept at home to do household chores .**
- \* They don't have freedom to choose their life partners .**
- \* They often don't claim parental property due to social traditions.**
- \* They had to seek family permission to work outside .**
- \* They don't have any role in decision making.**

**Q8. In India, why are posts reserved for women in some government bodies?**

**Ans- In our society women face lot of discrimination and are considered the weaker sex. So, to bring them at par (equal) with men they are given reservations in government jobs and in local self government.**

**Q9. Give one reason why women's labour in homes is not valued ?**

**Ans- Women are not paid for cleaning their own home, cooking for their family and teaching their children. Since they do not earn money for these jobs which they do for their own family, hence their labour is not valued.**

**Q10. Why is women's education considered unimportant in some societies?**

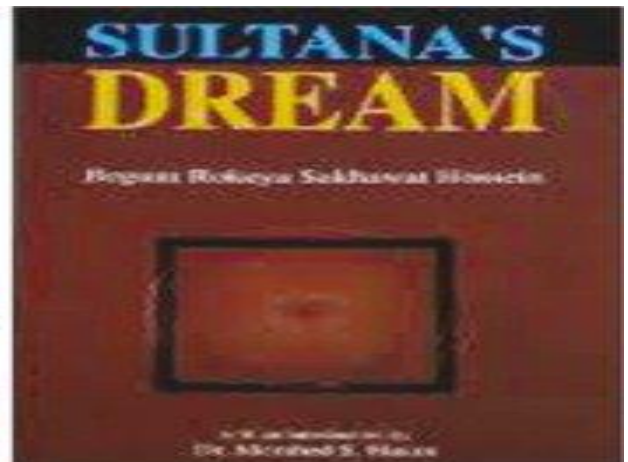
**Ans- Certain societies have deep-seated stereotypes and gender roles.**

**\* They believe that the place of a woman is within the four walls of the home and she has to look after home and hearth. Thus, there is no purpose in educating her.**

**\* Its believed that as a daughter would get married and would go to another home, hence investing in her education would be a sheer waste.**

**Q11. What is Sultana's dream about ?**

**Ans- Sultana's dream was a story written by Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain. In this gender roles of the characters were reversed. Women worked outside while the men were the homemakers!**



**Q12. Why are women not encouraged to Own money and property in some societies?**

**Ans- \*Most of the societies in Asia are heavily patriarchial where the eldest man is the head of the family and a woman is expected to look after home and family .**

**\*It is also believed that if women get empowered, the balance of the family and society will be disturbed . \*Thus, women are not encouraged to own money and property in such societies.**

**Q13. Write briefly about the achievements of Pandita Ramabai and Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain.**

**Ans- Pandita Ramabai:** She got education at home and became a Sanskrit scholar. She established Mukti Mission near Pune to educate and teach skills to poor women and widows so that they could be independent.



**Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain:** She was educated in Urdu, Bangla and English. She was encouraged by her husband to become an author and she wrote a wonderful story Sultana's dream in which the gender roles were reversed. She also set up Sakhawat Memorial Girls School at Bhagalpur which was later shifted to Kolkata.



**Q14. How does gender-based division of labour in many societies reduce women's earnings?**

**Ans- Due to gender stereotype and gender roles women are not encouraged to work outside their homes and they are not paid for the work they do at home. Hence, their earnings is reduced.**



**Disparity in payment**