

Ch- Women Change the World

1. Assertion (A): Many people believe women make better nurses because they are patient and gentle.

Reason (R): Women are often associated with caring roles within the family.

2. Assertion (A): The literacy rate of girls in India is still lower than that of boys.

Reason (R): Girls are less capable of learning than boys.

3. Statement 1: Rashsundari Devi secretly learnt to read and write after marriage.

Statement 2: Women were encouraged to study freely in her time.

4. Statement 1: Campaigning and protesting are important methods of the women's movement.

Statement 2: The women's movement does not raise awareness through songs and plays.

5. Why is Laxmi Lakra's story important for society?

- (a) It shows that women can only work in traditional jobs
- (b) It proves women are weak
- (c) It challenges gender stereotypes and inspires equality
- (d) It discourages girls from studying

6. Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's story "Sultana's Dream" shows—

- (a) Women's imagination of a free and equal society
- (b) The importance of limiting women to the home
- (c) That women should depend on men for education
- (d) The danger of women's empowerment

7. Which one of the following is not the correct reason for the higher dropout rate of girls in India?

- (a) Poverty and long distance to school
- (b) Discrimination by teachers and classmates
- (c) Parents' belief that boys' education is more useful
- (d) Girls' natural inability to study well

8. Why is education considered the most powerful tool for bringing change in the lives of women?

Answer – Education: A Tool for Change

- (i) Helps women gain knowledge and self-confidence.
- (ii) Opens up new job opportunities beyond traditional roles.
- (iii) Enables them to question discrimination and inequality.
- (iv) Encourages economic independence and decision-making power.
- (v) Builds a foundation for social reform and equal participation.

9. If you were a member of the Women's Movement, which method would you use to fight gender stereotypes and why?

Answer – Fighting Stereotypes

- (i) I would use campaigning to spread awareness among people.
- (ii) Campaigns use songs, plays, and meetings to reach everyone.
- (iii) Helps in changing attitudes and breaking fixed beliefs.
- (iv) Encourages both men and women to think equally.
- (v) Leads to collective action and long-lasting social change.

10. Imagine you are a teacher in a village where girls often drop out of school. What steps will you take to solve this problem?

Answer – Solving Dropout Problems

- (i) Convince parents about the importance of girls' education.
- (ii) Arrange for safe transport and basic facilities in school.
- (iii) Motivate girls through stories of successful women.
- (iv) Involve the community and local leaders for support.
- (v) Create a friendly and equal classroom free from bias.