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Q1. Why Harmeet think that her mother did not work?

Ans. The main responsibility for housework and care-giving tasks, like looking after the family, especially children, the elderly and sick members, lies with women. The work that women do within the home is not recognised as work. It is also assumed that this is something that comes naturally to women. It, therefore, does not have to be paid for. And that is why Harmeet think that her mother did not work.

Q2. If you have someone working as a domestic help in your house or locality talk to her and find out a little bit more about her life – Who are her family members? Where is her home? How many hours does she work? How much does she get paid? Write a small story based on these details.

Ans. Sima has been working in my house for several years. She belongs to Jharkhand. She lives here in Noida with her husband and 5 yrs. old son. She daily comes for work early in the morning at 6 a.m. and leaves in the night at 8 p.m. She is very good at her work. We treat her as our family member. We pay her good salary. Her husband runs a small shop near his house.

Q3. Critically evaluate life of domestic workers.

Ans. Many homes, particularly in towns and cities, employ domestic workers. They do a lot of work – sweeping and cleaning, washing clothes and dishes, cooking, looking after young children or the elderly. Most domestic workers are women. Sometimes, even young boys or girls are employed to do this work. Wages are low, as domestic work does not have much value. A domestic worker's day can begin as early as five in the morning and end as late as twelve at night! Despite of the hard work they do, their employers often do not show them much respect.