

## **Environmental Studies**

### **(Chapter – 17) (Across the Wall)** (Class – 5)

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**Imagine:**

**Question 1:**

Is there any place to play near your house?

**Answer 1:**

Yes, there is a big park near my house which is a good place for playing.

**Question 2:**

What do people play there? Who plays there?

**Answer 2:**

People play different games in that park such as badminton, football, cricket, kho-kho, kabaddi etc. Both girls and boys of our area nearby areas come to play in that park.

**Question 3:**

Do the children of your age also get a chance to play there?

**Answer 3:**

Yes, myself and other children of my age often play there.

**Question 4:**

What other things happen at this place?

**Answer 4:**

Besides games, people also do other activities in that park such as-yoga, physical exercise, public meetings, morning and evening walks etc.

**Tell:**

**Question 5:**

Has anyone ever stopped you from playing some games? Which games?



**Answer 5:**

most of the games are played by both boys and girls. but some games are only played by girls like kitty parties, doll house where boys usually plays cricket, football etc.

**Question 6:**

Who stopped you and why? What did you do then?

**Answer 6:**

Afsana's mother stopped her to play basketball. She told me focus on your study. My mother thinks playing games are not girl's job.

**Question 7:**

Did anyone help you and encourage you to play?

**Answer 7:**

Yes, my senior colleague from my neighbourhood, my father and my school coach helped and encouraged me.

**Imagine:****Question 8:**

Do girls and boys play different types of games in your school or neighbourhood? If yes, then which games do the boys play and which do the girls play?

**Answer 8:**

Most of the games are played by both boys and girls. But some games are played by boys only like cricket, hockey, football etc. girls usually play badminton, Kho-Kho, basketball etc.



**Question 9:**

Do you think that there is any difference between the games and the way they are played by boys and girls?

**Answer 9:**

Yes, there is some difference between the games played by boys and girls and way these are played. The boys usually play very tough, tedious and hard games.

**Question 10:**

Should the games for boys and the girls be different? What do you think?

**Answer 10:**

I think girls are also talented and hard working as boys. They can play all the games which are played by the boys. Thus there should not be much difference between the games for boys and girls.

**Write:****Question 11:**

Have you ever played as part of a team of your class, school or neighbourhood? Whom did you play with? What game did you play?

**Answer 11:**

Yes, I had played as part of my school team. We played with the team of another school. We played the game kho-kho

**Question 12:**

What is the difference between playing for yourself and for the team?



**Answer 12:**

There is a lot difference in playing for ourselves and for our team. When we are playing for ourselves, we just think for our own victory, we try to prove ourselves excellent and better than others. we try to listen to our own praise. But when we are playing for the team, we first understand each member of the team, we create a sense of cooperation with each member of the team, we respect each other, we try to teach each other and play unitedly as single team. We play together and work hard to see the victory of the whole team and get praised.

**Question 13:**

While playing in a team would you like to play for yourself or for the team? Why?

**Answer 13:**

While playing in a team, I would like to play for the team. This is because I want my team to win. This requires understanding between all the members of the team. It teaches us how to live with unity, love and respect.

**Question 14:**

Is your team like the team Afsana played with at Sholapur or like the Nagpada team? How?

**Answer 14:**

Our team is like the Nagpada team. This is because the Nagpada team had very good understanding and cooperation between each member of the team. The member respect and encouraged each other and never insult any one for his/her weaknesses. We understand that this unity was their strength which was the reason for their success. Similarly, we also want our team to be perfect and successful. Thus our team is just like the Nagpada team.



## **Discuss:**

### **Question 15:**

Have you ever taken part in some game or competition from your school or area? How did you feel?

#### **Answer 15:**

Yes I had taken part in a competition from my school. I felt very honoured and challenging to play for my school side.

### **Question 16:**

Did you go to some other place to play? What was that place like? How did you like going to that place?

#### **Answer 16:**

Yes, we went Punjab to play a match. That place was very nice. I felt very good to be at new place.

### **Question 17:**

Have you seen matches being played between India and other countries? Which ones?

#### **Answer 17:**

Yes, I have seen match between India and other countries. I have seen cricket, hockey, football and tennis matches.

### **Question 18:**

We all know about the cricketers of India, and we all like them. Do people also know and like the Indian players who play some other games? (Yes or No). What do you feel about it? Do you know the players of the Indian football or kabaddi team?



**Answer 18:**

No, the Indian players of the other games are not much known and liked by the people. This is because, the other games (apart from cricket ) have not been able to give much respect, name and success to our country.

No, we do not know much about the players of the Indian football or kabaddi team.

**Question 19:**

What would happen if girls are not allowed to play games, to study or do some other work of their choice?

**Answer 19:**

If girls are not allowed to play games, to study or do some other work of their choice, they will never discover their talent. They will also not be able to grow physically and mentally.

**Question 20:**

How would you feel if you were not allowed to take part in some game or drama?

**Answer 20:**

If I were not allowed to taken part in some game or drama I would have felt very bad and would feel discouraged.

**Question 21:**

Have you heard of any women players? Name them and the games they play.



**Answer 21:**

Some of the woman plyers, I have heard about and the games they play, are as follows:

- (i) Sania Mirza - Tennis
- (ii) P.T Usha - Atheletics
- (iii) Aparna Popat- Badminton
- (iv) Anju Bobby George - Long jump

**Question 22:**

In which areas other than sports have you heard of women getting recognition?

**Answer 22:**

The other areas apart from sports, where women have got recognition are :

- (i) Police Department - Kiran Bedi
- (ii) Politics - Indira Gandhi (First lady Prime Minister of India)
- (u) Politics - Pratibha Patil (First lady President of India)
- (iv) Mountain climbing - Bachandri Pal (First Indian lady who climbed the Everest)

**Question 23:**

Are these women less known than men ? Why?

**Answer 23:**

No, I think these women are known more as compared to the men. This is because in our country very few women participate in such activities. As a result, they get more popularity and become more famous.

**Question 24:**

How would you find the world to be, if girls never got a chance to take part in games, drama or dance ? How would you feel if such a thing happened to boys ?



**Answer 24:**

If the girls will not get a chance to take part in games, drama or dance, there will be no competition or challenges. The world would seem very boring. If such a thing would happen with boys, then also it would be very bad, boring and unfair.

**Question 25:**

Do you know of any women or girl whom you would want to be like when you grow up ? (Think of names other than a film actress or model).

**Answer 25:**

I would want to be like Kiran Bedi and serve for my country.

**Think and write:****Question 26:**

The newspaper report said, "Afsana has jumped over the wall. The gender wall that her mother had made." Think and write in your own words what was this wall ? What do you understand by 'gender bias'?

**Answer 26:**

The wall being discussed here refers to the wall of gender bias. By gender bias, we understand the difference in the approach of people towards boys and girls. In our country, specially in the small villages, people still believe that boys are superior than girls. Boys have the right to study, play, participate in all types of activities. But girls are meant for household works only. They believe, it is not right to allow girls to go out and study, play or work. But nowadays, people have changed a lot. Girls are also given equal opportunities and respect as boys except in few small villages.



## **What we have learn:**

### **Question 27:**

Should the games of boys and girls be different ? Think and write.

#### **Answer 27:**

No, I think there should not be much difference in the games of boys and girls. Girls are also very competent, hard working and they can also take challenges very well. Today, there is hardly any field in which the girls have not proven themselves. They have been successful in each and every sphere of life. Thus, girls and boys should be treated equally.

### **Question 28:**

If you are made the leader of a team, how will you prepare your team?

#### **Answer 28:**

If I would have been the leader of my team, I would prepare my team just like the Nagapada team. For this I will take care of the following things-

- (i) I would encourage them to play with hard work and honesty.
- (ii) I would tell them to understand and respect each other and maintain unity.
- (iii) They should support each other, never insult each other for their mistakes and play for the whole team.
- (iv) They should understand that cooperation and unity is the strength of a team.
- (v) I would also ask them to practice and exercise daily.