

*Questions***Question 1:**

Read and discuss the following description of the living conditions of workers who come to the labour chowk. Most workers that we find at the labour chowk cannot afford permanent accommodation and so sleep on pavements near the chowk, or they pay ₹ 6 a night for a bed at a nearby night shelter run by the Municipal Corporation. To compensate for the lack of security, local tea and cigarette shops function as banks, moneylenders and safety lockers, all rolled into one. Most workers leave their tools at these shops for the night for safekeeping, and pass on any extra money to them. The shopkeepers keep the money safely and also offer loans to labourers in need.

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Solution 1:

- Most workers living condition is very bad.
- They cannot afford permanent accommodation so sleep on pavements near the chowk or pay ₹ 6 a night for a bed at a nearby shelter run by Municipal Corporation.
- They do not have permanent jobs.
- Local tea and cigarette shops work as banks for them and also keep their tools for the night for safekeeping.
- Labours take loan from these shops.

Question 2:

Complete the following table and discuss how their work is different:

| Name | Place of work | Earnings | Security of work | Benefits received | Work on their own or employed |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bachchu Manjhi | | Rs 100 a day | | | |
| Harpreet, Vandana | | | | | Work on their own |
| Nirmala | | | No security | | |
| Sudha | Company | Rs 30,000 p.m. | | | |

Solution 2:

| Name | Place of work | Earnings | Security of work | Benefits received | Work on their own or employed |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Bachchu Manjhi | Rickshaw Puller | Rs 100 a day | No Security | No Benefits | Work on their own |
| Harpreet, Vandana | Garment Showroom | Good Earnings | Yes License to do Business | Growth in the Business | Work on their own |
| Nirmala | Garment Factory | Rs. 80 per day for 8 hours | No security | Rs. 40 for Extra | Employed |
| Sudha | Company | Rs 30,000 p.m. | Secured | Paid leave, Medical facilities, PF, etc. | Employed |

Question 3:

In what ways is a permanent and regular job different from a casual job? Discuss.

Solution 3:

Permanent job is different from casual job as

| | Permanent Job | Casual job |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Working hours | Fixed | Variable |
| Job security | Secured | Not secured |
| Payments | Fixed | Not fixed |
| Paid holidays and leaves | Yes | No |
| Extra benefits | Yes | No |

Question 4:

What benefits does Sudha get along with her salary?

Solution 4:

Sudha will get the following benefits:

- She is having the permanent job and that is secured.
- She will get the medical facilities for her and her family.
- She will get the facility for savings for old age as provident fund.
- She will get the government holidays and Sundays as non-working days.

Question 5:

Fill in the following table to show the services provided by people in the markets which you visit frequently.

| Name of the shop or office | Nature of the service provided |
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Solution 5:

| Name of the shop or office | Nature of the service provided |
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| 1. Kurana Medicose | Medicines |
| 2. Patanjali Store | Kirana items & daily needs items |
| 3. JMD store | Confectionary items |
| 4. Roll-E Rolls | Fast/Junk food Items |