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**Question 1. Are the statements given below true or false? Support your answer with the use of an example Statements:**

**(a) All societies do not think similarly about the roles that boys and girls play.**

Answer: True. The society in which we live gives more importance to the work done by boys instead of the work done by girls.

**(b) Our society does not make distinctions between boys and girls when they are growing up.**

Answer: False, Our society makes a distinction between boys and girls right from the outset of their growing phase. For example, both are given different toys to play. Girls are usually given dolls and kitchen sets to play with whereas boys are given cars, guns, bat and ball, etc. Girls are made to spend more time in kitchen to help their mother while boys are more involved in outdoor activities like bringing household things from market, depositing electricity bills, etc. Boys are usually taught to be tough and serious while girls are asked to behave in gentle and graceful manner.

**(c) Women who stay at home do not work.**

Answer: False, women who stay at home do lot of work. These women do various physical works at home such as sweeping and cleaning, washing clothes, cooking, looking after young children or the elders etc.

**(d) The work that women do is less valued than that of men.**

Answer: True, the work that women do is not properly valued. Because women do not get payments for most of these works. They do sweeping, cleaning, washing clothes, cooking, and caring for children and elders at home, and receptionist, personal assistants, public relations, etc. in the offices. But their work remains unrecognized.

**Question 2. Housework is *invisible* and unpaid work.**

Housework is *physically* demanding.

Housework is time *consuming*.

Write in your own words what is meant by the terms 'invisible', 'physically demanding', and 'time consuming'? Give one example of each based on the household tasks undertaken by women in your home.

**Answer-**

- i. The term 'Invisible' in the context of housework means the work that women do within the home is not recognised as work. It is supposed that this is something that comes naturally to women. For example, cooking food and caring for the children at home. That is why it remains unpaid.
- ii. Physically demanding means something which requires hard work. For example, sweeping and cleaning of the floors, washing clothes and making dishes, cooking by standing for long hours in front of hot-stoves.
- iii. Time consuming means something which takes a long time to be done. For example, cleaning the house.

**Question 3. Make a list of toys and games that boys typically play and another for girls. If there is a difference between the two lists, can you think of some reasons why this is so? Does this have any relationship to the roles children have to play as adults?**

**Answer.** List of toys and games boy play with:

Toys - cars, guns, bat & ball, superhero figures, etc.
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Games - football, volleyball, cricket, basketball, etc.
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List of toys and games girls play with:

Toys - dolls, kitchen set, doll house, makeup set, etc.
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Games - badminton, skipping, table-tennis, etc.
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The list of toys and games given above clearly shows that the society makes a distinction between boys and girls, right from their childhood. Boys are taught to be tough and strong while girls are expected to behave in a gentle and graceful manner.

Yes, the toys/games boys and girls are given to play with, have a direct relationship with the roles they have to play when they grow up into adult men and women.