

Chapter – 9

A Shirt in the Market

Exercises

1. What made Swapna sell the cotton to the trader instead of selling at the Kurnool cotton market?

Answer:

Swapna sells the cotton to the trader instead of selling at the Kurnool cotton market because she is a small farmer and her production of cotton was in small quantity. She did not have money to purchase material requires to start cultivation, so she had taken the loan at high interest from the traders under a condition to sell her cotton to him. So now she has to the principal of loan amount, interest as well as her cotton to the traders.

2. Describe the conditions of employment as well as the wages of workers in the garment exporting factory. Do you think the workers get a fair deal?

Answer:

The workers are made to work for long hours at the garment exporting company. They are kept at a basis and can lose their job if the employer feels that they are not needed. The workers are paid low wages. They do not get a fair deal as they do not have their security and their wages are low.

3. Think of something common that we use. It could be sugar, tea, milk, pen, paper, pencil, etc. Discuss through what chain of markets this reaches you. Can you think of the people that help in the production or trade?

Answer:

Sugar: Agriculture- mills- retailers- consumers

Milk: Farms- factories- retailers- consumers
Tea- Agriculture- mills- retailers- consumers
Paper: Producers- traders- whole sellers- consumers.

4. Arrange the statements given alongside in the correct order and then fill in the numbers in the cotton bolls accordingly. The first two have already been done for you.
1. Swapna sells the cotton to the trader.
 2. Customers buy those shirts in a super market.
 3. Trader sells cotton to the Ginning Mill.
 4. Garment exporters buy the cloth from merchants for making shirts.
 5. Yarn dealers or merchants give the yarn to the weavers.
 6. The exporter sells shirts to the business person from the U.S.A.
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