

Ch 9 A Shirt in the Market

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Exercises

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

Answer

Swapna sold the cotton to the trader instead of selling at the Kurnool cotton market because: (i) At the beginning of the cropping season, Swapna had borrowed Rs 2,500 from the trader at a very high interest rate to buy seeds, fertilisers, pesticides for cultivation. (ii) So, she promised to sell all her cotton to him.

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

Conditions of employment in the garment exporting factory:

- (i) Workers are employed on a temporary basis means they can be asked to leave anytime when not needed.
- (ii) They have pressure to produce quality products in limited time.
- (iii) They have to do hardwork for long hours.

No, the workers don't get a fair deal as they are not even paid the minimal wages for their work. They are being exploited by their employer and their work is also temporary. They also don't have respect for the work they do.

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

Chain of markets to produce Milk is first produced in

- (i) Dairy cooperatives first purchase milk at different locations.
- (ii) After that, milk is transported to the milk factories by the dairy cooperatives.
- (iii) Milk is pasteurised in the factories and are packed.

- (iv) Packets are milk are then given to the traders which transport them to cities where wholesaler purchase these.
- (v) Retailers purchase from the wholesalers then sell these packets of milk to the consumers in the open market in booths.

Note:- You can also use the example given in the question number 4.

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 these shirts in a supermarket.
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 businessperson from the USA.
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