8. Women in the Society

Worksheet 1

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1	1.	Why did women have to fight for their rights?
2	2.	What major change has been brought in the education of girls?
3	3.	Why did women campaign against the dowry system?
2	4.	What did the Supreme Court order in 1997?
) F	ill	I in the words to complete the sentences below:
1	1.	Girls are not encouraged to after education, but are encouraged to get
2	2.	Now women are taking up jobs in many sectors.
3	3.	Women adopted many ways to fight against

4. In the 19th century, women protested against the	_ system.
5. Women's movements have raised awareness about important issu	es concerning their
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Answers to Worksheet I

- A. 1. From prehistoric times women were neither secure nor were they treated properly. They were not given any role or responsibility in society nor was their work as homemakers appreciated. Therefore, they had to fight for their rights.
 - 2. Now it is the right of every girl to be educated and to choose the path of her life wisely. The Constitution provides for free education for children from 6 to 14 years, including girls.
 - 3. The practice of dowry led to torture and often death for girls. Therefore, women campaigned against this practice.
 - 4. In 1997, the Supreme Court issued guidelines to prevent sexual harassment of women at the workplace.
- B. 1. work; married 2. challenging 3. discrimination 4. purdah
 - 5. rights; education, health

Worksheet 2

Why is i	it necessary f	or both g	irls and b	boys to b	e educated	l?	

Answers to Worksheet 2

- A. Yes, a homemaker is a working woman. She may not earn a salary, but she is working for the welfare of all her family members from morning to night every single day. Cooking, cleaning, washing, teaching, guiding her family, spending wisely and caring for them when they are sick or troubled, she is constantly working.
- B. It is necessary for both girls and boys to be educated so that they may make informed choices in life and become responsible citizens.