

CHAPTER – 22

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Question Tell:

- Did all the farmers in Dhanu's village have their own land?
- During what time of the year did Dhanu's family get work in the village? During what time did they not have work?
- Do you know of any families like Dhanu's, who have to leave their village for months in search of work?

Answer:

- No, only big farmers had their own land in Dhanu's village. Small farmers like Dhanu, worked on big farmer's land.
- Dhanu's family managed to get work from May to October, i.e., for six months, which is the rainy season. For the next six months, after Dussehra, i.e. November to April, they did not have any work in the village.
- ***Disclaimer:** The answer to this question is based upon one's own experience. Considering this, the answer to this question has not been provided.*

Question Think and Find Out:

- If people in Dhanu's village did not leave the village in search of work, what difficulties would they face in their own village?
- In Dhanu's village, there can be no farming when there is no rain. Do you think farming can be done even without rain water? How?

Answer:

- If people in Dhanu's village did not leave in search of work, then they would have no money to buy food and other needs. They would come under the debt of loan taken from the *mukadam* every year, which they had to return after earning money by working out of the village.
- Yes, farming can be done without rain water through irrigation. Irrigation is a process of watering the plants manually through wells, tube-wells, canals, harvested rain water, etc.

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Question Think:

- Dhanu's family and many others from the village go far away for work but some people stay back in the village. Why does this happen?
- When Dhanu and other children leave the village for six months, what happens in the village school?
- What arrangements are made at your home for old and unwell family members when everyone goes for work?

Answer:

- While Dhanu's family and many others went far from the village in search for work, the old and ill people stayed behind. Also, there were very young kids who stayed behind. This is because, they could not have traveled.
- When Dhanu and other children leave the village for six months, studies in the village school continued. However, there was lesser number of students to attend it.
- **Disclaimer:** *The answer to this question is based upon one's own experience. Considering this, the answer to this question has not been provided.*

Question Think and Tell:

- Why does Mami wish that Dhanu should go to school for the whole year and study?
- What happens when you are not able to go to school for a long time?

Answer:

- Mami wanted Dhanu to become an educated and successful person in his life. That is why she wished that Dhanu should go to school for the whole year and study.
- When we are not able to go to school for a long time, then most of the times we forget what we learnt earlier. **Disclaimer:** *This is a sample answer. The answer of the students can vary from this.*

Question Discuss and Write:

- Dhanu has to go with his village people to other places. Can there be some arrangements during that time so that Dhanu continues his studies? What kind?
- Do you know of any jobs/work for which people have to stay away from their families for many months? Look for examples from this book and write.
- What are the similarities and differences in the lives of different kinds of farmers?

Answer:

Disclaimer: *The answer to the questions of this section is based upon one's own thoughts and observance. Considering this, the answer to this question has not been provided.*

Question What we have learnt:

You have read about many kinds of farmers in the different lessons in this book. Fill in the table

Name of the farmer	Owns land	What do they grow	What difficulties do they face	Anything else
1. Damjibhai (Lesson.....)				
2. Hasmukh (Lesson.....)				

Answer:

The answer to this question is based upon one's own knowledge and understanding of the concepts covered in the different lessons of the book. Considering this, the answer to this question has not been provided.