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The Market of Bangles

A. Tick (✓) the correct option

1. Bangles have been the indispensable part of the **Indian** culture.
2. Which cities are famous for manufacturing bangles? **Both (i) and (ii) (Firozabad and Hyderabad)**
3. Who built the city of Firozabad? **Firoz Shah Tughlaq**
4. The putting-out system is prevalent in the **handicraft** industry.

B. Fill in the blanks

1. In India, bangles are a must when we talk about **marriages**, festivals and celebrations.
2. Merchant sells the **finished goods** to the wholesaler after completing the order.
3. **Wholesaler** play a key role in increasing the efficiency of the distribution network.
4. The artisans in glass bangle industries lose their **eyesight** due to working for long and continuous hours.

C. Write 'T' for true or 'F' for false statements

1. Bangle manufacturing is done on a large scale in almost all parts of India. — **FALSE**
2. The arrangement between a merchant and an artisan is an example of the putting-out system. — **TRUE**
3. Firozabad is globally known for glass bangles. — **TRUE**
4. Everyone gains equally in the bangle-making industry. — **FALSE**

D. Short answer questions.

1. What does the word 'bungri' mean?

The word bangle has been derived from the Hindi word bungri, which means 'ornament which adorns the arm'.

2. Who is a merchant? What is his/her job?

A merchant is a person who is directly associated with the wholesaler. He/she sells the finished product to the wholesaler after picking up the order.

3. Name the different links in the chain of distribution of bangles.

Manufacturer ➡ Wholesaler ➡ Retailers ➡ Consumers

4. Why are children prohibited from working in the bangle factories?

Children are prohibited from working in the bangle factories because working in a bangle making factory is dangerous for health

5. Who is a wholesaler?

Wholesaler refers to the middlemen who operate between the producers (from whom they purchase goods) and the retailers (to whom they sell goods).

E. Long answer questions.

1. What is the role of wholesalers in the bangle-making process?

Wholesalers refers to the middlemen who operate between the producers (from whom they purchase goods) and the retailers (to whom they sell goods). These individuals or business firms sell bangles in relatively large quantities to buyers (retailers). They provide important services and work as liaison between the manufacturers and retailers. The manufacturers who sell their products directly to retailers can also be regarded as wholesalers. Wholesalers play key role in increasing the efficiency of the distribution network.

2. Write a short note on the inequality prevalent in the market.

Bangle makers are often exploited in the market of bangles. The merchant takes away the maximum benefit and the real workers i.e., the bangle makers receive very low remuneration for their hard work. The merchant tries to get maximum work out of the workers at the lowest possible wages to maximise his/her own profits and it leads to the exploitation of workers and artisans. One of the prominent causes of this exploitation is lack of awareness among the bangle makers and their inability to reach the market directly.

Also, the earnings of workers who work at the export factory are barely enough to cover their day-to-day needs. Thus, not everyone gains equally in the market.

3. What are the hazards of working in the bangle-making industry?

Some of the hazards of working in the bangle industry are:

- The artisans who work in glass bangle industries have to work in glass furnaces having high temperature in dingy cells with poor ventilation.
- Artisans lose their eyesight due to working for long and continuous hours.

4. Mention some measures that can be taken to create a better working environment for the artisans.

Some measures that can be taken to create a better working environment for the artisans are:

- Forming cooperatives of producers and ensuring that laws are followed strictly.
- Educating the artisans about their basic rights is very important as most of the people involved in bangle making are illiterate, they do not have enough knowledge about the laws or their rights.