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UNIT 6:

GENDER EQUALITY

Gender Equality in Education

Education is a basic human right, yet gender inequality in education remains a global issue. In many countries, girls face obstacles that prevent them from attending school. These *obstacles* include poverty, cultural beliefs, and early marriage. In some regions, families prioritize boys' education because they believe boys have better career opportunities.

Governments and organizations have been working to promote gender equality in education. *Scholarships*, free schooling programs, and campaigns *encouraging* girls to study have helped improve the situation. As a result, more girls now have access to education than ever before.

Gender equality in education benefits society in many ways. Educated women are more likely to find good jobs, contribute to the economy, and make informed decisions about their lives. Studies show that when girls receive education, they marry later and have healthier families. Additionally, they help break the *cycle* of poverty, ensuring a better future for their children.

Although progress has been made, challenges remain. In some areas, gender *stereotypes* still discourage girls from studying subjects like science and technology. It is essential to continue promoting equal opportunities so that both boys and girls can achieve their full potential.

Task 1: Matching the words with definitions

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| 1. Obstacle | a. Money given to students to help pay for education |
| 2. Stereotype | b. A difficulty or problem that prevents progress |
| 3. Scholarship | c. A series of events that are repeated regularly |
| 4. Cycle | d. To give support, confidence, or hope to someone |
| 5. Encourage | e. A fixed and unfair belief about a group of people |

Task 2: Decide if the statement are true or false

1. Gender equality in education has already been fully achieved worldwide.
2. Some families believe boys should receive education before girls.
3. Providing scholarships has helped increase girls' access to education.
4. Educated women tend to marry earlier than uneducated women.
5. Gender stereotypes encourage girls to study science and technology.

Task 3: Choose the best answer for these questions

1. What is one reason why girls may not attend school?

- a) They dislike learning
- b) Cultural beliefs and early marriage
- c) They have too many friends

2. How does education benefit women?

- a) It helps them earn less money
- b) It makes them work only at home
- c) It improves their job opportunities

3. What is one way to promote gender equality in education?

- a) Encouraging only boys to study
- b) Limiting access to education
- c) Providing scholarships for girls

4. Why do educated women tend to marry later?

- a) They focus on their education and career first
- b) They are afraid of marriage
- c) They are forced to remain single

5. What is still a challenge in achieving gender equality in education?

- a) More girls than boys go to school
- b) Gender stereotypes discourage girls from certain subjects
- c) Schools are now free for everyone