

6 Responses to industrial society – Part 2

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English

Write it 3 times (English)

unions

laissez-faire

spheres

Recall

- You know workers organised to bargain together.
- You have seen a government act after an accident it had ignored.
- You know an argument about the economy is also about the family.

New ideas

Read these first. Each idea has a short worked example. Then do the Practice below.

■ 1 Organisation

Workers formed **unions** and political movements to improve conditions, limit hours and raise wages. Collective action was a response to a bargaining position no individual could improve.

Worked example. One worker asking for shorter hours is replaceable; a thousand asking together are not.

■ 2 The state's role changes

Governments moved from **laissez-faire** towards regulation - factory acts, sanitation, schooling. Liberalism's own position shifted as the evidence accumulated.

Worked example. A liberal who supports a factory inspectorate has changed what liberalism means, not abandoned it.

■ 3 Separate spheres

Industrial society produced an ideal of separate public and private **spheres**, with distinct gender roles. It described how some families lived and prescribed how others should.

Worked example. A working-class woman in a mill was outside the ideal that was said to describe her society.

Watch out: The separate-spheres ideal is not a description of how most people lived. It is a norm, and the gap between it and actual working lives is part of the analysis.

Practice

2.1 State why workers organised collectively. [2]

2.2 State how the state's role changed and name two measures. [3]

2.3 Explain why liberalism shifted rather than being abandoned. [2]

2.4 Explain what the separate-spheres ideal described and prescribed. [2]

2.5 Explain why the ideal did not describe most people's lives. [1]
