

33. Peer Pressure



Issue:

The way people around me behave, influences me a lot. I want to read. But my friends want to roam outside. This is creating a negative impact on me. I don't study because I'm scared that my friends will make fun of me. Now, I have started indulging in some activities with them that are not beneficial to me.

All my friends have boyfriends or girlfriends. But I don't have any. I think that my friends are treating me like I'm old-fashioned.

My friends are habituated to drinking, smoking and few friends watch pornography. Occasionally, they want me to join them. If I refuse, they make fun of me. What should I do?

Elucidation:

The way people of the same social group can influence one another is called peer pressure. In fact, it is a long-standing problem. This problem appears not only in the young students but even in people of different age groups in some or other

form. However, let's discuss the root cause and find answer to the issues raised by you.

I want to answer a few questions.

1. Can't you find anyone in your vicinity who reads well?
2. Can't the students who study well