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Read the following selection where the author discusses the problems that untidiness can cause. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

The Bedroom as Battleground

adapted from an article by Jan Hoffman

1 Kristyna Krueger took a deep breath, bracing herself to enter her 14-year-old son Brandon's bedroom. Then she gingerly stepped in and described the spectacle. 'Every drawer is open,' Ms. Krueger said. 'His desk, the bedside table, his computer desk, his wardrobe. You cannot walk without stepping on clothes, cords for charging things, cologne and body-spray bottles.' She sidestepped his workout equipment but nearly tripped over a bowl of crushed potato chips that had been obscured by a sports award plaque.

2 'There are maybe thirty hangers in his wardrobe, but they're empty. Except for the clothes he would never wear, like a suit, which have been pushed to the back. But the bottom of the wardrobe, that's where his clothes are. On top of shoes, which are on top of papers and empty shoe boxes.' She concluded, 'His room is an absolute wreck. 'Yet Ms. Krueger's tone was surprisingly matter-of-fact. With two older teenagers at home, she has become accustomed to the fury and frustration familiar to parents who have ventured into the teenage wasteland their offspring proudly call a bedroom.

3 'Parents are embarrassed,' said Deborah Silberberg, an owner of ShipShape, a professional organising company. 'They wonder whether it represents their lack of parenting control. It's hard for parents to have to let go of their child.' As Dr. Barbara Greenberg, a psychologist and author of 'Teenage as a Second Language', observed, 'The more you make it an issue, the more you'll prolong the problem. It's in their nature to assert boundaries and say no. So parents have to do what seems paradoxical: let it go. Otherwise, the child will have identified it as a wonderful way to misbehave.'

4 Teenagers are on a long march toward independent adulthood, as psychologists like Dr. Marsha Levy-Warren, the author of 'The Adolescent Journey', points out. 'Kids are so **preoccupied** during adolescence with who they want to be that they are inside themselves,' Dr. Levy-Warren said.

5 Parenting blogs reverberate with cries for guidance about how to deal with teenagers and their rooms. But there is a parallel universe on teenagers' blogs, where teenagers seek advice about how to deal with the mess. Prominent among the clean-up tips: 'Get in the mood by blasting your favourite music' and 'Limit Facebook breaks to 30 minutes.' Experts say that because adolescents are stubborn and defensive, harsh approaches tend to have limited success.

Comprehension questions (13 pts. in total)

A. Circle the letter of the correct answer. (2 pts. each)

1. In the text (paragraph 4), the word *"preoccupied"* most nearly means—
   a. Very busy or absorbed in thought.
   b. Confused and uncertain.
   c. Calm and relaxed.
   d. Uninterested or bored.

2. According to Deborah Silberberg (paragraph 3), why do parents feel troubled about their teens' messy rooms?
   a. They think it reflects poor parenting.
   b. They see it as a sign of rebellion.
   c. They are worried about hygiene.
   d. They fear losing control of the house.

3. According to Dr. Barbara Greenberg in paragraph 3, what should parents do about messy rooms?
   a. Force their children to clean immediately.
   b. Let it go and not make it a major issue.
   c. Clean the room themselves.
   d. Hide the mess from visitors.

4. What kind of advice do teenagers give each other online about cleaning in the last paragraph?
   a. To hire someone to clean for them.
   b. To make cleaning fun with music.
   c. To ignore their parents.
   d. To avoid cleaning until summer break.

5. What is the main idea of this article?
   a. Teenagers are lazy and irresponsible.
   b. Parents should never enter their children's rooms.
   c. Messy rooms are a normal part of growing up and independence.
   d. Professional cleaners can solve the problem easily.

B. Answer the following question using a complete sentence of your own. Do you think teenagers should take full responsibility for cleaning their rooms, or should parents help them? Explain your opinion. (3 pts)

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Grammar exercises (14 pts. in total)

C. Fill in the blanks with the correct Present Simple or Present Continuous forms of the verbs in the brackets. (1 pt. each)

1. I _____ (not watch) TV right now; I _____ (do) my homework.

2. Look! The children _____ (play) football in the garden.

3. My teacher always _____ (give) us homework on Mondays.

4. I can't talk now; I _____ (study) for my English test.

5. Why _____ you _____ (wear) a jacket? It's very warm today!

6. My dad _____ (fix) the car, so he can't come to the phone.

7. _____ you _____ (know) where my phone is? I can't find it.

8. Be quiet! The baby _____ (sleep).

9. I _____ (not like) fast food, but I _____ (eat) a burger today because I'm hungry.

10. My friends _____ (meet) at the café every Friday.

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A. Comprehension questions (Total 13 pts.)

1. A

2.A

3.B

4.B

5. C

B. I think teenagers should take responsibility for cleaning their rooms because it helps them learn independence and self-discipline. As the article explains, adolescence is a stage when teens are trying to find out who they are and become more independent. Keeping their own space tidy is part of that process. However, parents can guide or remind them sometimes, especially if the mess becomes extreme.

C. Grammar exercises (total 14)

1. Am not watching/ am doing

2. Are playing

3. Gives

4. Am studying

5. Are wearing

6. Is fixing

7. Do you know

8. Is sleeping

9. Don't like/ am eating

10. Meet