In today's world, comments like the one mentioned above by 'Worried mother' has become a routine complaint by parents who raise teenagers. 1. [ ] Well, it is strongly recommended that teenagers are assigned regular household chores, and in the above case, the parents should get the ball rolling as soon as possible. Honestly, every teenager should help out with household chores, at least to some extent. This type of responsibility will help with the cleanliness of the house, but more importantly, it will benefit the teenager, both boys and girls, to prepare for the real world in five important ways.

Firstly, completing household chores will instill a sense of responsibility in teenagers. They will also realise that when they make a mess, they are obligated to clean it up. The most straightforward reason for a teenager to do chores is to drive the point home that he or she is responsible for his or her actions in the world and whatever mess is created by the teenager. 2. [ ]

In addition, helping out with chores is considered a personal obligation for teenagers. When living together as a group of people, everyone is obliged to contribute to the general upkeep of common living areas. Chores help a teenager learn to pull his or her own weight when it comes to keeping shared spaces clean. 3. [ ]

Another important reason for getting teenagers to lend a hand in doing household chores is to provide them practice in organizing and prioritizing. Chores will surely feel unpleasant for most teenagers. Unfortunately, life is filled with unpleasant but necessary tasks. Chores provide the chance for teenagers to practice making time for necessary evils like routine maintenance in their schedule of otherwise fun or meaningful activities. This helps them to stay on their toes by learning to plan, organize and prioritize, beginning from their home environment.

4. [ ] There are some things one does because it is important to someone else (like, say, a spouse or a close friend). Chores provide teenagers with a clear message that the world doesn't revolve around them and they need to take other people's feelings and sensibilities into consideration especially when they are under the same roof.

On a more positive note, chores can actually create a sense of pride in teenagers when a job is well done. 5. [ ] Chores help teenagers to learn that every task is an opportunity to work their hardest, display their talents and creativity. They should take pride in their work and ensure the job is completed by living up to their parents' expectations.

Every teenager should understand that household chores have a value more significant than just the practical issue of household maintenance. By providing responsibility to their children, parents are helping to lift teenagers' confidence and make them more likely to rise to the occasion.

Think of your own home, do you think you should be helping out with household chores? Give your reasons for your answer.

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A It is important to take pride in even the most insignificant tasks.

B Parents do not think that anything can be done to fix this situation.

C Teenagers must also learn to be sensitive to other people's needs and emotions.

D So, what can parents do to help improve the situation in homes where teenagers lack responsibility

E This is exactly what teenagers will need to be able to do when they are off to college or university to continue their studies.

F Responsible teenagers will someday become highly successful adults, and this point must b repeatedly stressed by parents.

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