Teenage Girls

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**Background information:** Amanda Smith is interviewing an author, Madonna King, who has just written a new book about 14-year-old girls.

1. Amanda Smith says that 14-year-olds girls are always in the news for alarming stories such as “one third of teenage girls have sent naked selfies.” What is the other alarming behaviour she mentions? (1 mark)

   Phone addiction is on the rise.

2. Amanda Smith asks Madonna King if 14-year-old girls get a “worse rap” than they deserve? How does Madonna King confirm that this is her opinion? (1 mark)

   They sure do, they sure do.

3. What motivated Madonna King to investigate this issue? (2 marks)

   Madonna’s experiences with people showed that being a 14 year old girl is very difficult. The first time she thought about it was when she MC’d an event in Brisbane and 5 school leaders pointed to Year 9 as their most difficult year. She also spoke to elderly people and school principals who confirmed this fact.

4. List three reasons Madonna King thinks 14 is a difficult time. (3 marks)

   1. Brain changes at this age, the reason and logic part is slower
   2. Frenetically busy – so many opportunities
   3. Not enough sleep
   4. Hormones
   5. Receiving mixed messages regarding gender stereotypes (be girly and be masculine).
5. How does Amanda Smith indicate her interest throughout the interview? Give at least two examples. (2 marks)

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You may make notes in this space.