Leisure: Reading Practice

A.   Read about what Carmen does in her free time.

Carmen

Carmen is from Caracas, Venezuela, but she lives in Dublin 15. She has a lot of hobbies: aerobics, swimming, cycling, reading and listening to music.

She goes to the gym three times a week for aerobics. Her teacher's name is John. On Saturdays and Sundays there are no classes, so she goes to the gym to swim. She swims for about 45 minutes, then has a shower and goes home.

Sometimes on Sundays she doesn't go swimming, she meets a friend and they go cycling. They cycle to the Phoenix Park, Dollymount Beach or to the city centre to do some shopping. However, Carmen doesn't like leaving the bike in the city centre because she is afraid that somebody will steal it.

She loves reading books. Her favourite books are about murders, mysteries, crimes! She loves reading books about Sherlock Holmes. She hates reading books about James Bond, 'those books are a bit stupid', she says. She occasionally reads books about history, usually about Irish history. 'I want to know more about Ireland because I live here now', she says.

She is also a big fan of music. She likes listening to traditional music from Venezuela because it reminds her of her family. She also loves Cuban and Brazilian music. 'I can understand the words of most of the songs in Spanish and Portuguese', she says. Sometimes she listens to pop/rock music when she visits her Irish friends.

B.   Answer the questions about Carmen.

1.   How many hobbies does Carmen have?   _____

2.   How often does she go to the gym?   _____

3.   What is her aerobics teacher's name?   _____

4.   How long does she swim for?   _____

5.   Why does she go swimming on Saturdays and Sundays?

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6.   If she doesn't go swimming on Sundays, what does she do?

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7.   Why doesn't she like leaving her bike in the city centre?

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8.   What are her favourite books about?

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9.   Does she like the James Bond books?

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10.   What type of history books does she usually read?

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11.   What type of music does she enjoy listening to?

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12.   When does she listen to pop/rock music?

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