Spare time

Name, age, gender: Diane 50 F

1. How many people were there in your parents’ family

How many people lived in the same house?

Nuclear or extended family? Explain.

I lived with my mother, father and sister, our family wasn’t very big to be honest but we were very close.

2. What was the profession of your father / mother?

My father owned a business, Pierrot, my mother had the hardest job of all, being a mother.

3. Where did you live with  your parents

Giessenoudekerk

How much spare time did you have when you were a teenager? During the school week? During the weekends?

During the schoolwerk I mostly worked on school but my weekends were always dedicated to doing hobbies.

What did you do in your free time? During the school week? During the weekend?

I danced and drew most of the time, I also played a lot of board games with my mother. Of course I went outside when the weather was nice enough.

What were your favourite hobbies ? Did you spend most of your spare time at home or outside?

Dancing by far, I wanted to become a ballerina when I was young, I was quite an inside child. I did like the outside a lot but rather spend my time inside.

Did you have a lot of spare time or did you have to help your parents a lot?

I did have a lot of spare time but I liked to help my mother a lot.

Do you think you spent your time well when you were a teenager?

Well I had a lot of fun so yes.

Did your parents live in a city/ the countryside and how has that influenced the way you spent your spare time  as a teenager? Explain.

Countryside more, we had a gigantic backyard, I loved to play outside with our dogs.

Did you get pocket money?

I did for a bit but I quickly had to work for my father to earn it, I often spent it on clothing or books.

When you were young, did you spend your free time with the children who belonged to your religious and/or social background?

Not really, I didn’t have many friends.

Were there special clubs for children of religious groups or of social groups/castes?

Oh yes, the local church had social group for kids up to 18 years old.

Did your parents have influence on your spare time?

Yes, I spent quite some time with my parents.

How much spare time did your parents have when you were a teenager?  Daily after work, during the weekend?

My father didn’t have a lot of spare time, he was often busy with his job, even at home. My mother liked to read a lot, you could find her anywhere with a book.

Do you think teenagers of today spend their spare time in a better way you did when you were a teenager?

No, new age with new people and possibilities, it is unfair to compare generations that differ so much from eachother.

Name, age, gender: Eric 51 M

1. How many people were there in your parents’ family

How many people lived in the same house?

Nuclear or extended family? Explain.

Our family was quite big, 6 people in one house, my parents, 3 older brothers and me. Family visited often, my aunts and uncles, it sometimes felt like we were a local bar where everyone knew eachother.

2. What was the profession of your father / mother?

My mom worked in a local shop and my dad was a bus chauffeur.

3. Where did you live with  your parents

Hardinxveld-Giessendam

How much spare time did you have when you were a teenager? During the school week? During the weekends?

Not a lot, only Sundays is when I got some free time

What did you do in your free time? During the school week? During the weekend?

I mostly went outside

What were your favourite hobbies ? Did you spend most of your spare time at home or outside?

Cycling, just around town, always outside

Did you have a lot of spare time or did you have to help your parents a lot?

I often had to help my mom

Do you think you spent your time well when you were a teenager?

I was enjoying myself so I think so

Did your parents live in a city/ the countryside and how has that influenced the way you spent your spare time  as a teenager? Explain.

Just a small town, I don’t think it really influenced me, maybe I had a few more friends than I would have had if we lived in a countryside

Did you get pocket money?

No, if I wanted money, I had to work for it

When you were young, did you spend your free time with the children who belonged to your religious and/or social background?

Yeah I had quite a few friends, they didn’t have the same religious or social background as me but we just had fun

Were there special clubs for children of religious groups or of social groups/castes?

I can’t remember

Did your parents have influence on your spare time?

I did whatever I wanted to be honest

How much spare time did your parents have when you were a teenager?  Daily after work, during the weekend?

I don’t really know

Do you think teenagers of today spend their spare time in a better way you did when you were a teenager?

I don’t know, they have a lot of new options to spend their time on that we never had, they’re having fun and that’s most important