READING ACTIVITY – PAST PERFECT

Reading: "The Day the Lights Went Out"

Last Friday, the small town of San Miguel experienced an unexpected blackout that lasted several hours. When the lights went out, Laura was at home getting ready for an important school presentation. She had practiced her speech all week, and she had even recorded herself multiple times to correct her pronunciation. Everything was ready—her clothes, her notebook, and her slides. Earlier that morning, her teacher had sent a message reminding everyone to arrive on time because several parents had been invited. Laura felt confident because she had already prepared everything the night before. However, when the power went out, she panicked. Her laptop battery was low because she had forgotten to charge it, and she realized she couldn't review her slides anymore. Meanwhile, her brother Diego came home early because the store where he worked had closed due to the blackout. He laughed when he saw Laura running around the house looking for candles and flashlights. He told her that the school had canceled all morning classes because the entire neighborhood was affected. Laura immediately relaxed. She couldn't believe she had stressed so much. When the power finally returned in the afternoon, she finished checking her presentation again. The next day, she delivered it perfectly, thanks to all the effort she had put into preparing it earlier.

Multiple Choice Questions (choose the best answer)

1. What had Laura practiced all week?
a) A science experiment
b) Her speech
c) A dance routine
d) A math presentation

2. Why couldn't Laura review her slides?
a) Her laptop had broken
b) She had lost her notebook
c) She had forgotten to charge her laptop
d) The internet had stopped working

3. Why did Diego come home early?
a) He had gotten sick
b) The store had closed
c) He had finished work early
d) Laura had called him

4. What had the school done because of the blackout?
a) Started classes earlier
b) Extended the schedule
c) Canceled morning classes
d) Moved classes online

True or False (circle V for True or F for False)

5. Laura had prepared everything the same morning. (V / F)

6. Diego said morning classes had been canceled. (V / F)

7. Laura had not put much effort into her presentation. (V / F)

Matching (match A–C with 1–3)

Left column:
A) Laura had forgotten…

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B) The store had…
C) The school had…

Right column:
1) to charge her laptop.
2) closed due to the blackout.
3) canceled morning classes.

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