**Characteristics of spoken language in Trinidad**

1. Use of emphasis (do): "they do like her."

2. Concord mistakes: "She have a lot of friends."

3. The subject is left out: "(It) is his wife, you know."

4. The verb is left out: "She (is) like Shakespeare"

5. Wrong use of pronoun: "They give she things for free."

**They does speak like that in Trinidad: Correct the following sentences from the short story collection *Miguel Street*:**

A. Hat said, you know how he get so? Is his wife, you know.

B. You suppose that is why he want to make fireworks so?

C. Man, she like Shakespeare when it come to using words.

D. She have a lot of friends who does sell in the market.

E. They does give she things free.

F. He come to live with she for good now.

G. I think when he with Laura he got his tail between his legs all the time.

H. Whenever I uses to go to the room where he was he uses to jump out of bed and run away bawling.

I. You know, it just strike me. I ain’t see those people bring in any furnitures at all.

J. These rich people does just throw things away like that.