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VALENTINE'S DAY

Like many other holidays, Valentine's Day is thought to be of American origin; but—like many other holidays— it is not. Already in ancient Rome, people celebrated a similar holiday in the middle of February. It was Lupercalia, the festival of fertility.

The Valentine celebrations we know today probably originate in 14th-century England and France. We could indeed say that it was some kind of medieval «blind-date shows» to which single men and women got together on 14 February. The women wrote their names on cards and put them into a box from which each man then picked a card. The woman whose name was on the card became the man's sweetheart or "Valentine", as 14 February is also the commemoration day of St. Valentine (therefore the day is called St. Valentine's Day).

The date, in fact, is the only connection between the festival and the martyr St. Valentine, a Roman priest from the 3rd century. Valentine lived during the reign of Claudius II, who did not allow his soldiers to get married. Claudius believed that married soldiers would not make a good army, so when he found out that Valentine married young couples secretly, he had the priest arrested and sentenced to death.

Let's leave martyrdom behind, however, and return to the more pleasant rites of our time. Valentine's Day has become the festival of love—lovers surprise each other with little presents, flowers or a romantic dinner by candlelight. Sending special greeting cards on that day is also very popular. Valentines, as these cards are called, are sent to loved ones or even to secret lovers in order to win their hearts. If the sender doesn't want to be recognized, the card is signed

"Your Valentine".

- 1) TRUE OR FALSE
- a) Valentine's Day was first celebrated in America. TRUE OR FALSE
 - b) 14 February is a commemoration day for a Roman priest. TRUE OR FALSE
 - c) Valentine married young couples secretly. TRUE OR FALSE
 - d) The date, in fact, is the only connection between the festival and the martyr St. Valentine. TRUE OR FALSE
 - e) Claudius didn't believe that married soldiers would not make a good army. TRUE OR FALSE
- 2) Complete os espaços de acordo com o texto:
- a) Claudius II wanted his soldiers to be _____
 - b) Valentine cards are signed "Your Valentine" when they are from _____
 - c) Roman people _____
 - d) Each man picked a card _____
 - e) On 14 February many people _____
- 3) Escolha a resposta mais apropriada:
- a) Like many other holidays, Valentine's Day is _____ to be of American origin; but—like many other holidays—it is not. A) throw B) though C) thought D) through
 - b) _____ special greeting cards on that day is also very popular. A) Talking B) Sending C) Speaking D) Repeating
 - c) Valentines, as these cards are called, are sent to loved ones or even to secret lovers in order to _____ their hearts. A) fall B) lose C) miss D) win
 - d) We could indeed say that it was some kind of medieval «blind-date shows» to which single men and women _____ together on 14 February. A) did B) gave C) got D) made
 - e) The Valentine celebrations we know today probably _____ in 14th-century England and France. A) originate B) originally C) original D) origination
- 4) Write a small phrase for your Valentine.