Cinco de Mayo Trivia

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. Which date does the Spanish name Cinco de Mayo give?
   A. May 5
   B. May 15
   C. March 5
   D. June 5

2. A museum is choosing a historic event for a Cinco de Mayo display. Which event belongs at its center?
   A. The signing of Mexico’s 1917 constitution
   B. The founding of Mexico City
   C. The Battle of Puebla
   D. The start of the Mexican War of Independence

3. At the Battle of Puebla commemorated on Cinco de Mayo, which European country’s forces faced the Mexican army?
   A. Austria
   B. France
   C. Portugal
   D. Prussia

4. A calendar has separate entries for Cinco de Mayo and Mexican Independence Day. Where should Mexican Independence Day go?
   A. December 12
   B. May 5
   C. October 12
   D. September 16

5. Which year belongs on a timeline label for the Mexican victory marked by Cinco de Mayo?
   A. 1810
   B. 1862
   C. 1821
   D. 1910

6. Who led the Mexican force at Puebla on the day commemorated by Cinco de Mayo?
   A. Ignacio Zaragoza
   B. Benito Juárez
   C. Miguel Hidalgo
   D. Maximilian of Habsburg

7. A Smithsonian record shows the Mexican president who suspended foreign debt payments in 1861. Who is in the portrait?
   A. Guadalupe Victoria
   B. Ignacio Zaragoza
   C. Porfirio Díaz
   D. Benito Juárez

8. Which French ruler backed the later installation of Maximilian as emperor of Mexico?
   A. Louis XVIII
   B. Napoleon I
   C. Napoleon III
   D. Charles X

9. On April 16, 1998, the U.S. Postal Service issued a Cinco de Mayo stamp. What denomination does its official history list for that issue?
   A. 32 cents
   B. 22 cents
   C. 33 cents
   D. 37 cents

10. According to a California newspaper account discussed by the Library of Congress, what two languages were used in speeches at an 1867 Cinco de Mayo celebration?
   A. Spanish and Portuguese
   B. English and French
   C. Spanish and French
   D. English and Spanish

11. Three countries initially agreed to intervene over Mexican debt in 1861. Which two withdrew while France continued its intervention?
   A. Britain and Austria
   B. Spain and Portugal
   C. Britain and Spain
   D. Austria and Portugal

12. A researcher wants a document showing how news from Puebla was relayed on May 5, 1862. Which record directly serves that purpose?

A. A photograph of a 1962 centenary parade
B. A Puebla telegram received in Mexico City on May 5, 1862
C. A postage stamp issued in 1998
D. A modern museum calendar

13. Puebla’s municipal archive reproduces a decree about the street where Zaragoza died. What change did the decree prescribe?

A. Open a railroad terminal named for Zaragoza
B. Rename the city as Mexico City
C. Move City Hall to the old house
D. Rename Calle de la Santísima as Calle de Zaragoza

14. Subtract the year of the 1862 Battle of Puebla from the year printed for the first U.S. Cinco de Mayo stamp, 1998. What is the difference between the two years?

A. 136 years
B. 126 years
C. 138 years
D. 146 years

15. Puebla’s municipal archive lists the battle in 1862, a siege of Puebla in 1863, and the restoration of the republic in 1867. Which conclusion fits that sequence?

A. The siege in 1863 preceded the 1862 victory
B. The republic was restored before the 1862 battle
C. The 1862 victory was part of a conflict that continued for several years
D. All three records describe one day