Valentine’s Day Traditions

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

1. Which date is celebrated as Valentine’s Day in the United States?
   A. February 14
   B. January 14
   C. March 14
   D. April 14

2. Which Roman figure is commonly pictured as a winged archer in Valentine’s Day illustrations?
   A. Neptune
   B. Mercury
   C. Cupid
   D. Vulcan

3. Which shape regularly appears on the U.S. Postal Service’s Love stamps?
   A. A crescent moon
   B. A heart
   C. A chess knight
   D. A five-pointed star

4. Which Shakespeare play follows two young lovers from the feuding Montague and Capulet households?
   A. A Midsummer Night’s Dream
   B. Much Ado About Nothing
   C. Twelfth Night
   D. Romeo and Juliet

5. A historical paper valentine called a puzzle purse opens in stages. What must the reader do to reveal the hidden message?
   A. Soak the card in water
   B. Unfold the paper
   C. Hold the envelope up to a flame
   D. Peel off a wax coating

6. The Finnish name for Valentine’s Day means ‘Friend’s Day.’ Which relationship does that name celebrate?

A. Friendship
B. Marriage
C. Parenthood
D. Mentorship

7. In Brazil, on what date does Dia dos Namorados, a celebration for couples, take place?

A. August 10
B. February 14
C. April 23
D. June 12

8. Which Colorado city adds a special postal mark to Valentine’s cards sent through its re-mailing program?

A. Pueblo
B. Boulder
C. Loveland
D. Aspen

9. Who is honored each January 25 as the Welsh patron saint of lovers?

A. St Dwynwen
B. St David
C. St George
D. St Patrick

10. The U.S. Postal Service made a Love stamp in 1997 where two of which birds formed the outline of a heart?

A. Peacocks
B. Penguins
C. Owls
D. Swans

11. Which artist’s design appeared on the first U.S. Love stamp in 1973?

A. Jacob Lawrence
B. Georgia O’Keeffe
C. Robert Indiana
D. Alexander Calder

12. Which Worcester entrepreneur helped popularize commercially made valentines in the United States during the 1800s?

A. Clara Barton
B. Esther Howland
C. Margaret Knight
D. Maria Mitchell

13. What was the intent of an old printed card now called a ‘vinegar valentine’?

A. To report a missed delivery
B. To record a wedding anniversary
C. To invite the recipient to a dance
D. To make fun of the recipient

14. In which poem did Geoffrey Chaucer depict birds gathering to choose mates on St Valentine’s Day?

A. The Parliament of Fowls
B. The House of Fame
C. The Book of the Duchess
D. Troilus and Criseyde

15. Which U.S. state joined the Union on Valentine’s Day in 1912, becoming the 48th state?

A. Oregon
B. New Mexico
C. Arizona
D. Oklahoma