VALENTINE’S DAY (2:25)

You are going to hear a recording about Valentine’s Day. For questions 1-7, choose the best ending a, b, c or d for each sentence.

You have 30 seconds to read through the questions; then you will hear the recording twice; after the recording, you will have 30 seconds to complete your answers.

1. In recent years, …
   a. Valentine’s Day has become famous all over the world.
   b. fewer flowers have been bought on Valentine’s Day.
   c. Valentine’s Day has become big business.
   d. more and more people prefer to get chocolate on Valentine’s Day.

2. It is not clear…
   a. how Valentine’s Day started.
   b. why so many people give away flowers on Valentine’s Day.
   c. how many roses are sold worldwide.
   d. why so many people missed the time to send roses.

3. Some historians believe that Valentine’s Day …
   a. originated in the 13th century.
   b. was invented by a Roman emperor.
   c. has nothing to do with St. Valentine.
   d. got it’s name from a Roman martyr.

4. The first Valentine’s card …
   a. was sent from a prison.
   b. was sent to a prison.
   c. was sent to the Duke of Orleans.
   d. was a love poem by a wife.

5. In Japan, …
   a. men send flowers to women.
   b. women send chocolates to men.
   c. men send chocolates to women.
   d. women send flowers to men.

6. Technological developments …
   a. have had no influence on Valentine’s Day.
   b. play an important part for Valentine’s Day.
   c. have become important in Korea recently.
   d. have not changed the traditions of Valentine’s Day.

7. Security experts warn that …
   a. the police could use Valentine’s e-cards for criminals.
   b. too many e-cards on Valentine’s Day could make you bored.
   c. Valentine’s e-cards could be used to send viruses.
   d. hackers could spy into your Valentine’s e-cards.

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