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3 celebration. Often they would fall in love and marry.  
4 At around 270 AD Rome was facing battles and civil uprising. The men were not keen to join the army.  
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- Why did Emperor Claudius II cancel all marriages and engagements?**  
(a) Because he wanted men to stay with their loved ones. (b) Because Lupercalia caused street riots.  
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ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT (0,5 points each)

- Valentine died in love.**
- St. Valentine's Day is no longer a Roman Catholic festivity today.**
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**II \* USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)**

- FIND IN THE TEXT ONE WORD THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "an official decision or order made by a leader or government"**
- FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: Let me finish the book. I want to find.....what happens in the end. for/ up/ out/ in**
- GIVE A SYNONYM FOR "jail" (noun) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (LINE 7).**
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- GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: Lupercalia was celebrated every year.**
- REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: They were not warned about the risks. Nobody.....**
- USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM:**  

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- WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT: Describe your favourite festivities of the year and explain why you like them.**

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4. **Valentine died in love. True.** "*It is said that, before his execution, Valentine himself had fallen in love with the jailer's daughter.*"  
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**They had their house painted last summer**
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