

# Numismatics and the Human Body

Numismatics · Answer Key · 6 Questions

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**1. What biological phenomenon allows copper coins to naturally kill bacteria on their surface?**

- A) The Oligodynamic Effect**
- B) Photosynthesis
- C) Osmosis
- D) Capillary Action

**2. Which metal, frequently used in modern coinage, is a common cause of contact dermatitis in humans?**

- A) Gold
- B) Nickel**
- C) Platinum
- D) Silver

**3. Historical 'Touch Pieces' were coins believed to cure 'The King's Evil,' which is actually what medical condition?**

- A) Scurvy
- B) Scrofula (Tuberculosis)**
- C) Gout
- D) Rickets

**4. Why are polymer (plastic) banknotes generally considered more hygienic than traditional paper-cotton notes?**

- A) They are radioactive
- B) They are non-porous and harbor fewer bacteria**
- C) They contain built-in antibiotics
- D) They repel oxygen

**5. The Rod of Asclepius, a symbol of medicine, frequently appeared on the coinage of which ancient civilization?**

- A) Ancient Greece**
- B) Aztec Empire
- C) Ancient China
- D) The Vikings

**6. Modern US pennies minted after 1982 can cause toxicity if swallowed due to their high content of which metal?**

A) Lead

**B) Zinc**

C) Aluminum

D) Tin