

Numismatics and the Human Body

Numismatics · Practice Test · 6 Questions

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