

Advanced Numismatic Concepts

Numismatics · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What was the primary metal used for the 'drachma' in ancient Athens, and what was its approximate silver purity?

- A) Electrum, 70% silver
- B) Copper, 95% copper
- C) Silver, 92-95% silver**
- D) Gold, 99% gold

2. Which historical ruler is most famously associated with the introduction of the 'Denarius' in the Roman Republic, a silver coin that became a standard?

- A) Augustus
- B) Julius Caesar**
- C) Nero
- D) Trajan

3. The 'seigniorage' in coinage refers to:

- A) The date of minting
- B) The profit a government makes by issuing currency**
- C) The metal content of the coin
- D) The artistic design on the coin

4. Which minting technique involves striking a blank coin between two dies, one for each side, under immense pressure?

- A) Casting
- B) Stamping
- C) Coin pressing**
- D) Engraving

5. The 'Shekel' originating from ancient Mesopotamia was initially a unit of weight, primarily for what commodity before becoming a recognized coin?

- A) Grain
- B) Silver**
- C) Wool
- D) Oil

6. The 'double eagle' is a historical US gold coin with a face value of twenty dollars. What year was its initial minting?

A) 1804

B) 1849

C) 1907

D) 1933

7. What term describes a coin that is intentionally struck multiple times, often to test the dies or for specific security features, resulting in overlapping designs?

A) Overstrike

B) Double strike

C) Die clash

D) Planchet error

8. Which major historical event led to the widespread adoption of paper money in Europe, significantly influencing its evolution?

A) The French Revolution

B) The Industrial Revolution

C) The Mongol Conquests

D) The discovery of the Americas