

Advanced Numismatic Concepts

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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