

Adventures in Coin Collecting

Numismatics · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. What is the term for a coin that has been minted but never entered circulation?

- A) Proof coin**
- B) Uncirculated coin
- C) Brilliant Uncirculated coin
- D) Specimen coin

2. Which ancient civilization is credited with producing some of the earliest known coins, dating back to the 7th century BCE?

- A) Roman Empire
- B) Ancient Greece**
- C) Persian Empire
- D) Ancient Egypt

3. What is the primary metal used in the production of most modern US pennies (cents)?

- A) Copper
- B) Silver
- C) Zinc**
- D) Nickel

4. In numismatics, what does the term 'mint mark' typically refer to?

- A) The year the coin was minted
- B) The metal composition of the coin
- C) The specific mint facility where the coin was produced**
- D) The denomination of the coin

5. What is the name for a coin that has been struck twice with the same die, creating a raised design on both sides?

- A) Double strike**
- B) Off-center strike
- C) Broadstrike
- D) Re-strike

6. Which historical figure is most famously depicted on the US quarter dollar coin series known as the 'America the Beautiful' quarters?

- A) Presidents of the United States
- B) Famous inventors
- C) National parks and sites**
- D) Native American leaders

7. What is the term for a coin that has been graded by a professional service and encapsulated in a protective holder?

- A) Raw coin
- B) Slabbed coin**
- C) Bagged coin
- D) Bulk coin

8. The Roman emperor Augustus, who ruled from 27 BCE to 14 CE, is known for issuing coins featuring his portrait. What was his original name?

- A) Julius Caesar
- B) Marcus Aurelius
- C) Gaius Octavius**
- D) Nero

9. What does the 'F' mint mark signify on older US coinage?

- A) Philadelphia Mint
- B) Denver Mint
- C) San Francisco Mint**
- D) West Point Mint

10. Which of these metals is NOT commonly used in modern circulating coinage worldwide?

- A) Copper
- B) Nickel
- C) Platinum**
- D) Zinc

11. What is the primary purpose of a coin's edge (or reeding)?

- A) To make it easier to stack
- B) To prevent counterfeiting by making it harder to shave off metal**
- C) To indicate the year of minting
- D) To provide a grip for handling

12. The 'Morgan dollar' is a famous US silver dollar series. What period was it primarily minted?

- A) 1790s-1800s
- B) 1878-1904**
- C) 1930s-1940s
- D) 1960s-1970s

13. What is the term for a coin that has been struck against a die that is not properly aligned, resulting in a portion of the design being cut off?

A) Double strike

B) Off-center strike

C) Die crack

D) Brokage

14. Which Australian currency was decimalised in 1966, replacing the pound, shilling, and pence system?

A) The Australian Dollar

B) The Kangaroo Pound

C) The Sovereign

D) The Commonwealth Rupee

15. What is the name for a circular metal disc, typically engraved with a design, that is used as money?

A) Medal

B) Token

C) Coin

D) Badge

16. The 'Shekel' is an ancient unit of weight and currency. In which modern country is the Shekel the official currency?

A) Egypt

B) Israel

C) Jordan

D) Lebanon

17. What is the term for the raised rim around the edge of a coin that helps protect the design from wear?

A) Field

B) Rim

C) Edge

D) Flan

18. What metal was the primary component of the Lincoln cent from 1909 to 1982?

A) Steel

B) Aluminum

C) Copper

D) Bronze