

Adventures in Coin Collecting

Numismatics · Practice Test · 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