

Introduction to Numismatics

Numismatics · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What is the primary focus of the field of numismatics?

A) The study and collection of currency and coins

- B) The study of stamps and postal mail
- C) The collection of rare books and manuscripts
- D) The study of ancient maps and charts

2. What is the official government facility where coins are produced called?

A) A foundry

B) A mint

- C) A treasury
- D) An armory

3. What is the formal numismatic term for the front face of a coin, usually featuring a main portrait?

A) Obverse

- B) Reverse
- C) Edge
- D) Rim

4. What is the specific term used for the study and collection of paper money and banknotes?

A) Philately

B) Notaphily

- C) Exonumia
- D) Scripophily

5. What are the vertical grooves or ridges found along the outer edge of many modern coins called?

A) Reeding

- B) Filigree
- C) Engraving
- D) Embossing

6. Which ancient kingdom in modern-day Turkey is credited with producing the first standardized metal coins around the 7th century BCE?

A) Ancient Egypt

B) Lydia

- C) Babylon
- D) Phoenicia

7. What are specially made coins produced with polished dies and mirror-like finishes for collectors called?

A) Proof coins

B) Bullion coins

C) Circulation coins

D) Tokens

8. What is the blank piece of metal called before it is stamped with a design to become a coin?

A) Planchet

B) Ingot

C) Slug

D) Matrix