Global Numismatic Geography

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1. Which ancient city-state is widely credited by historians and numismatists as the location where the first true electrum coinage was struck in the 7th century BCE?

A) Sardis
B) Athens
C) Corinth
D) Byzantium

2. The Maria Theresa Thaler, a famous silver trade coin, was minted for decades in multiple international locations, but which city served as its primary and most prolific minting center?

A) Vienna
B) London
C) Venice
D) Brussels

3. During the 19th century, the 'Straits Settlements' issued coinage specifically for use in which present-day geographical region?

A) Malay Peninsula
B) Philippines
C) Indonesian Archipelago
D) Indochina

4. The 'Pine Tree Shilling', a notable early colonial coin, was minted in the mid-17th century by which specific North American colony?

A) Massachusetts Bay Colony
B) Virginia Colony
C) Province of Pennsylvania
D) New York Colony

5. Which island nation was the first in the world to issue a decimal currency system, transitioning away from the British sterling system in 1966?

A) Australia
B) New Zealand
C) Fiji
D) Jamaica

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6. The 'Krugerrand' gold coin, first minted in 1967, is a product of which specific national mint?

A) South African Mint
B) Royal Canadian Mint
C) Perth Mint
D) United States Mint

7. Before the adoption of the Euro, which country used the 'Drachma' as its official currency, a name that dates back to ancient coinage weights?

A) Greece
B) Cyprus
C) Albania
D) Bulgaria

8. In numismatics, the 'Potosí Mint' was historically significant for the production of 'pieces of eight' and was located in which modern-day country?

A) Bolivia
B) Peru
C) Mexico
D) Chile

9. The 'Rubel' currency has been the standard unit in Russia for centuries; which city was the location of the 'Red Mint' (Krasny Monetny Dvor) established in 1701?

A) Moscow
B) Saint Petersburg
C) Novgorod
D) Kazan

10. Which geographical territory issued the 'Cowrie' shell as a standardized medium of exchange for trade long before the introduction of metallic coinage?

A) West Africa
B) Polynesia
C) Scandinavia
D) Patagonia

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