

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

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