Numismatics for Young Scholars

Numismatics · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. What is the formal name for the study or collection of coins, tokens, and paper money?

A) Philately
B) Numismatics
C) Archaeology
D) Cartography

2. What is the name of the side of a coin that usually features the main design or the head of a leader?

A) Reverse
B) Edge
C) Obverse
D) Rim

3. What is the term for the metal ring or raised border around the edge of a coin?

A) Rim
B) Planchet
C) Legend
D) Field

4. What do we call the blank piece of metal before it is struck by a coin die?

A) Bullion
B) Planchet
C) Token
D) Specie

5. What is the 'Reverse' side of a coin commonly referred to as in casual terms?

A) The head
B) The tails
C) The face
D) The inscription

6. What are the small ridges found on the edges of many coins called?

A) Reeding
B) Lettering
C) Cladding
D) Striking

7. Which of these terms describes a coin that was produced but never put into circulation by a government?

A) Proof
B) Counterfeit
C) Barter
D) Denomination

8. What is the 'denomination' of a coin?

A) The year it was made
B) The material it is made of
C) The face value of the currency
D) The name of the mint

9. What is a 'mint' in the context of numismatics?

A) A type of plant
B) A place where coins are manufactured
C) A coin made of copper
D) A history book

10. What is the purpose of the 'legend' or 'inscription' on a coin?

A) To add weight
B) To provide information like the date or country
C) To make the coin shiny
D) To identify the artist

11. What is the term for an imitation coin made to look like real money for the purpose of tricking people?

A) Commemorative
B) Counterfeit
C) Proof set
D) Legal tender

12. What is 'bullion' usually made of?

A) Plastic and paper
B) Precious metals like gold or silver
C) Low-value steel
D) Common iron

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13. In coin terminology, what is a 'clad' coin?

A) A coin made of only one solid metal
B) A coin made by layering different metals
C) A coin that has been cleaned
D) A coin with no face value

14. What is an 'error coin' in a numismatic collection?

A) A coin that is too heavy
B) A coin with an unintentional mistake from the minting process
C) A coin that is missing its date
D) A coin that is broken in half

15. Which organization is typically responsible for issuing currency in a country?

A) A commercial bank
B) The Central Bank or Treasury
C) The local school
D) A private jewelry store

16. What does 'obverse' mean in the study of coins?

A) The bottom side
B) The back side
C) The front or 'heads' side
D) The edge of the coin

17. What is the 'field' of a coin?

A) The flat area of the coin not occupied by the design
B) The metal used for the coin
C) The date stamp
D) The serrated edge

18. What do numismatists use 'magnifying glasses' for when examining coins?

A) To melt the metal
B) To look for small details, mint marks, or wear
C) To change the weight of the coin
D) To change the color

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