

Our Coin History Multiple Choice Quiz

How much do you know about the history of Australia's coins? Find out by completing the multiple choice quiz below. Circle your answer.

1. In 1909, Federal Parliament passed a bill allowing Australia to:
 - a) have its own coins
 - b) search for gold
 - c) have its own banknotes
 - d) vote for a Prime Minister
2. Decimal currency was introduced in Australia on 14 February:
 - a) 1974
 - b) 2010
 - c) 1966
 - d) 1989
3. In 1965, The Royal Australian Mint opened in:
 - a) Hobart
 - b) London
 - c) Sydney
 - d) Canberra
4. In 1969, the circular 50 cent coin was replaced by:
 - a) a 12-sided 50 cent coin
 - b) a \$1 coin
 - c) an 8-sided 50 cent coin
 - d) it was not replaced

5. Australia's 1 cent and 2 cent coins were taken out of circulation in 1992 because:
- a) the Mint ran out of copper
 - b) their worth had dropped and they were becoming too expensive to make
 - c) there were not enough in circulation
 - d) no one used them anymore
6. In 1984, a \$1 coin was introduced to replace the \$1 note because:
- a) printing on paper was too expensive
 - b) the notes kept wearing out too quickly
 - c) the Mint didn't like the design on the note anymore
 - d) they were highly flammable
7. In 1852, gold was made into strips called:
- a) Sydney bars
 - b) Adelaide ingots
 - c) Golden dollars
 - d) Golden coins
8. Which of the following decimal coins was not introduced on 14 February 1966:
- a) 5 cent
 - b) 50 cent
 - c) 1 cent
 - d) \$2

9. The artist selected to design the coins for the decimal currency system was:
- a) James Macquarie
 - b) Stuart Little
 - c) William Henshall
 - d) Stuart Devlin
10. In 1813, round pieces were punched out of 40,000 Spanish dollars, leaving a doughnut shaped coin. These coins became known as:
- a) holey dollars
 - b) ring dollars
 - c) Proclamation Coins
 - d) doughnut dollars