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NUMISMATIC 20 QUESTIONS!



1. What is the highest denomination bronze U.S. coin ever issued for circulation?

 2. What year did the Philadelphia Mint first strike coins for circulation? _____
 3. What year was the last silver U.S. Half Dollar struck for circulation? _____
 4. Why did the Mint produce zinc-plated steel cents in 1943?

 5. What year were U.S. small cents first produced for circulation? _____
 6. During what year were the first Quarter Dollars struck by the US Mint?

 7. In what year did the first US commemorative coin appear?

 8. Who designed the reverse of the JFK Half Dollar? _____
 9. Who was the first female Chief Engraver of the US Mint?

 10. Who was the first "real" woman to appear on a US coin, not just as an allegory?

 11. Which US coins feature a drum as part of their design?

 12. Franklin Half Dollars were produced for how many years?

 13. How many different mintmarks have been used on U.S. coinage?

 14. Name all three sides of a U.S. coin.

 15. U.S. Trade Dollars were introduced in 1873 to compete with the trade coinage of which other Western Hemisphere country?

 16. What branch of numismatics are elongated coins considered a part of?

 17. Which U.S. Territorial gold coins feature a bee hive or clasped hands?

 18. What was the first U.S. coin to depict an actual U.S. president?

 19. Which family first produced gold coins from their private mint in Rutherford County, North Carolina?

 20. True or False: A doubled die coin is a coin that received two strikes from coin dies. _____
- Tiebreaker:** Traditionally, in the *Red Book*, what is the very first coin pictured, year after year?

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ANSWERS

1. Two Cent Piece
2. 1793
3. 1969
4. To conserve copper for the war effort.
5. 1857
6. 1796
7. 1892; Columbian Half Dollar
8. Frank Gasparro
9. Elizabeth Jones
10. Queen Isabela of Spain; 1893
11. 1976 Bicentennial Quarter Dollar and the 1995 Civil War Battlefield Preservation Half Dollar
12. 16 years; 1948 through 1963
13. Eight; P, D, S, O, CC, W, C*, and D* (*gold issues only; pg. 22 in *Red Book*)
14. Obverse, Reverse, and Edge
15. Mexico
16. Exonumia
17. Mormon Gold Pieces; Salt Lake City, Utah, 1849-1860
18. Lafayette Dollar; 1900
19. The Bechtlers
20. False

Tiebreaker: The Spanish Milled Dollar