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Weekly Test Lesson 6

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

What's This Coin Worth?

Have you ever wanted to hunt for treasure? Collecting coins is an easy form of treasure hunting! You might not think of collecting coins as exciting, but look around—in purses, pockets, and piggy banks. You might find coins that are worth more than you think! Coin collecting is an easy hobby. There are many types of coins in circulation. They pass from person to person. Here is how you can begin building your own coin collection.

First, start your collection by looking for common coins, such as state quarters. These quarters are easy to find. The state quarters were first struck, or made, in 1999. There are 50 different styles. Each one of the 50 states has its own state quarter. Many of the state quarters have pictures that show something about their state's history. Most of these coins are worth only their face value of 25 cents. But, in good condition, some are worth slightly more. You can collect a set of all 50 state quarters. It might take a while, but the quarters will be more valuable as a set.

Next, look for coins that are not so common, such as half-dollars. The Kennedy half-dollars were first struck in 1964. These coins are still in circulation, but they are not as common as the state quarters. You can ask for these half-dollars at some banks. The Kennedy half-dollar is the largest of the coins. It has a picture of President Kennedy on one side.

Then, look for rare coins. You should study nickels. Some are worth more than five cents because there are very few of them. The first nickels had a buffalo on them. These coins are called buffalo nickels. Jefferson nickels came next. They were first struck in 1938. Jefferson nickels dated 1939-D and 1950-D are very rare. Because they are so old, many have been lost or destroyed. They are not easy to collect.

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Finally, look for odd coins, such as those with errors. These coins were printed with a mistake. Sometimes a side will be blank. You might find one that has a crooked picture. The coin can even contain a small flaw in its design that is not easy to see. These coins may be tricky to find, but it is fun to look!

Now go collect some coins! Have fun on your treasure hunt!

- 1 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A

Read the sentences from the passage.

You might find coins that are worth more than you think! Coin collecting is an easy hobby. There are many types of coins in circulation. They pass from person to person.

Which is the **most likely** meaning of the word circulation?

- (A) movement between people
- (B) items shaped like circles
- (C) a game people play
- (D) travel to a bank

Part B

Which phrase from the passage supports the answer to part A?

- (A) an easy hobby
- (B) many types of coins
- (C) worth more than you think
- (D) pass from person to person

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2 How should a person begin a coin collection?

- (A) by collecting common coins
- (B) by collecting buffalo nickels
- (C) by collecting coins with errors
- (D) by collecting uncommon coins

3 Read the sentences from the passage.

Most of these coins are worth only their face value of 25 cents. But, in good condition, some are worth slightly more. You can collect a set of all 50 state quarters. It might take a while, but the quarters will be more valuable as a set.

What is the meaning of the word valuable as it is used in the passage?

- (A) easily forgotten
- (B) of great worth
- (C) hard to find
- (D) personal

4 Read the sentences from the passage. Underline the word that means “hard to find.”

Jefferson nickels came next. They were first struck in 1938. Jefferson nickels dated 1939-D and 1950-D are very rare. Because they are so old, many have been lost or destroyed. They are not easy to collect.

5 According to the passage, which of the following coins was created first?

- (A) state quarters
- (B) buffalo nickels
- (C) Jefferson nickels
- (D) Kennedy half-dollars

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6 How do the words *first*, *next*, *then*, and *finally* connect the paragraphs in the passage? Use evidence from the passage to support your answer.

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7 Choose the sentence that is written correctly.

- (A) Jimmy smiles when he was happy.
- (B) Jimmy smiles when he am happy.
- (C) Jimmy smiles when he be happy.
- (D) Jimmy smiles when he is happy.

8 Read the sentences.

We drove to the park. We had a picnic.

Which choice **best** combines the two sentences?

- (A) We drove or picnicked.
- (B) We drove or had a picnic.
- (C) We drove to the park and had a picnic.
- (D) We drove to the park and we had a picnic at the park.

9 Read the sentence.

Bats hang under bridges.

Which word in the sentence is the verb?

- (A) Bats
- (B) hang
- (C) under
- (D) bridges

10 Lane is writing a story about a baseball game. Read the paragraph from her story. Underline the **two** words that are spelled incorrectly.

My mom and I went to a baseball game. It was the best Fryday night ever! We bought a program to score the game. We were so happy our team won. They were the champions!