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The Moolah Quiz, KEY

**Instructions:** Match each monetary amount on the right with the most appropriate slang term for that amount on the left.

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| 1. _F_ Zincoln              | A. \$1000 or pounds (£); the L. or £ is Lat. abbrev. for pound; quid, or £ sterling |
| 2. _D_ Benjamin             | B. a fiver; 5 pounds, Cockney riming slang; bottle/Aristotle                        |
| 3. _A_ 1 grand              | C. \$1.00; b/c deerskins once used as currency; "buck stops here," see below        |
| 4. _J_ 1 monkey             | D. \$100; Ben Franklin's face graces it   |
| 5. _B_ deep-sea diver       | E. any welfare payment; it once was cheese  |
| 6. _E_ cheese               | F. zinc penny; a penny is 97.5% zinc now, 2.5% Cu                                   |
| 7. _C_ buck                 | G. nickel; 5 cents; fm. the similarity  |
| 8. _I_ income-poop          | H. 1 cow; fm. Lat. <i>pecunia</i> =cattle; impecunious=broke, skint                 |
| 9. _G_ quarter impersonator | I. filthy lucre, ill-gotten gains; play on nincompoop, brainless one.               |
| 10. _H_ pecuniary asset     | J. 500 £ or rupees ₹; there's a monkey on the 500 R, sym. = ₹                       |

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| 1. _G_ C-note             | A. dough, do-re-mi; folk once paid in bread, what we all "knead"; 1960s                               |
| 2. _H_ bitcoin            | B. 1 Canadian dollar; two-dollar coin=1 toonie; i.e. 2 loonies; also loony tunes                      |
| 3. _B_ loonie, toonie     | C. moolah; OOO, possibly fm. Fijian word for money picked up by US sailors; 1905 1 <sup>st</sup> used |
| 4. _C_ moolah             | D. currency not backed by gold or silver; only by the bills' green ink                                |
| 5. _J_ loot               | E. \$20 bills; Tubmans? Scheduled to appear in 2030; 1 <sup>st</sup> woman. 1 <sup>st</sup> Black     |
| 6. _A_ bread              | F. clams, beads; Native-American currency; colonial era legal tender; Mass. Wampanoag sp.             |
| 7. _D_ greenback          | G. \$100; C=Latin <i>centum</i> , largest US bill in circulation, 2024, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100      |
| 8. _E_ yuppie food stamps | H. cryptocurrency; 1 <sup>st</sup> used 2009; that's all I know; 1 bitcoin=c. \$90,000                |
| 9. _F_ wampum             | I. a quarter; 2 bits, 4 bits, 6 bits, a dollar; thus 1 bit=12.5 cents; <b>see below</b>               |
| 10. _I_ two bits          | J. plunder, booty; from Sanskrit; to colonial UK then US  |

**More:** Buck stops here. Truman popularized it. This expression dates from the mid-1800s, when in a poker game a piece of buckshot or another object was passed around to remind a player that he was the next dealer. It acquired its present meaning by about 1900. The now-obsolete Spanish dollar (also known as a peso or piece of eight, used in US SW, 19 C) was composed of eight reales, or eight bits, so a quarter of the dollar equaled two bits. The adj. "two-bit," i.e. cheap, carried over into U.S. usage.

shekel=basic unit in Israel; money in US slang; Bible

drachma=another Biblical currency; GK. original