The Spanish real in Algeria during the Ottoman era Through the models preserved in the National Public Museum Cirta

There were many different foreign currencies used in Algeria during the Ottoman era, mainly the Spanish one that was widely known in various types of gold, silver and copper. Accordingly, the Spanish real was commonly used in the Algerian markets due to several reasons and factors imposed by several circumstances reflected in the models preserved in the National Public Museum Cirta in Constantine. they have a set of characteristics depending on the minting raw material, the technique how they were made, their weight, their decorative inscriptions.

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Questions:

- **1-** What does the word 'currency' mean?
- **2-** Of which raw materials is Spanish real made?
- **3-** The descriptive study of coins focuses on a set of characteristics, state them.