

Wadjemup Salt Production History

History · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. What was Wadjemup historically the primary source of in Western Australia?

- A) Water
- B) Salt
- C) Timber
- D) Minerals

2. Who was the first person to commercially harvest Rottneest salt?

- A) An Aboriginal prisoner
- B) Robert Thomson
- C) A Fremantle merchant
- D) The island administrator

3. When did Aboriginal prisoners arrive on the island, marking the start of large-scale salt production?

- A) 1838
- B) 1867
- C) 1950
- D) 1869

4. How was the salt collected by the prisoners?

- A) By machine
- B) With nets
- C) With picks and shovels
- D) By evaporation

5. What was used to transport the collected salt to the Settlement?

- A) A boat
- B) A horse cart
- C) A train
- D) By hand

6. In what year was the building constructed to store salt before shipping?

- A) 1838
- B) 1869
- C) 1959
- D) 1867

7. To which port was the salt shipped from the island?

- A) Perth
- B) Albany
- C) Fremantle
- D) Bunbury

8. What type of salt was initially exported?

- A) Refined salt
- B) Table salt
- C) Crude salt
- D) Sea salt

9. When was a large salt-works erected to produce refined salt?

- A) 1838
- B) 1867
- C) 1869
- D) 1950

10. What was the weekly output of the salt-works in terms of high-quality salt?

- A) One ton
- B) Ten tons
- C) Half a ton
- D) Five tons

11. What factor eventually made salt production unproductive?

- A) Lack of labor
- B) Low market demand
- C) High cost of fuel wood
- D) Competition from other sources

12. What material was used to fire the salt boilers?

- A) Coal
- B) Gas
- C) Wood
- D) Electricity

13. In what year was the salt-works building demolished?

- A) 1867
- B) 1950
- C) 1959
- D) 2012

14. What is the significance of the remaining salt store building?

- A) It's a modern replica
- B) It's one of the most intact 19th-century buildings in the Settlement
- C) It was the original prisoner barracks
- D) It was used as a lighthouse

15. What was the building used for many years after the salt-works closed?

- A) A museum
- B) A tourist information center
- C) The offices of the island administrators
- D) A restaurant