

The History and Development of Cuba Street, Wellington

History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What was Cuba Street originally named for?

- A) A Maori chief
- B) A New Zealand Company immigrant ship**
- C) A prominent local family
- D) A type of tree

2. In what year was Cuba Street originally laid out?

- A) 1879
- B) 1904
- C) 1841**
- D) 1878

3. What major event in 1879 significantly impacted Cuba Street?

- A) The introduction of trams
- B) A large fire that destroyed almost all buildings**
- C) The opening of Cuba Mall
- D) The arrival of the first electric tram

4. What change in building practices was influenced by the 1879 fire?

- A) Increased use of stone
- B) A move away from the use of timber in commercial buildings**
- C) The adoption of concrete structures
- D) A shift to iron-framed buildings

5. In what year did trams first run up and down Cuba Street?

- A) 1841
- B) 1904
- C) 1879
- D) 1878**

6. Which tram route is mentioned as bringing wealthy shoppers to Cuba Street?

- A) The No. 1 Tram
- B) The No. 4 Tram, Island Bay to Tinakori Road**
- C) The No. 2 Tram
- D) The No. 3 Tram

7. What factor contributed to Cuba Street losing custom in the 20th century?

- A) A second major fire
- B) The decline of retail shopping
- C) The suburbanisation of Wellington**
- D) The closure of Te Aro House

8. When was Cuba Mall established?

- A) 1964
- B) 1979
- C) 1969**
- D) 1904

9. What is a characteristic of Cuba Street today, according to the text?

- A) A streetscape largely changed from the early 20th century
- B) A decline in community spirit
- C) A unique part of Wellington with strong community spirit**
- D) Primarily residential buildings

10. What was Te Aro House originally?

- A) A tram station
- B) A hotel
- C) A library
- D) A small drapery shop**

11. Who bought the business that became a major drapery and clothing store known as Te Aro House?

- A) Thomas Turnbull
- B) James Smith**
- C) The New Zealand Company
- D) Mr. Victoria

12. Who designed the second Te Aro House building erected in 1888?

- A) James Smith
- B) Alexander Turnbull
- C) Thomas Turnbull**
- D) Mr. Victoria

13. Despite modifications, what status does the building that replaced the second Te Aro House hold?

- A) The newest retail building on Cuba Street
- B) One of the oldest retail buildings in Cuba Street**
- C) A former tram depot
- D) A residential apartment complex

14. In what year did the last tram run on Cuba Street?

- A) 1969
- B) 1964**
- C) 1971
- D) 1959

15. What was observed when Cuba Street was closed off to vehicular traffic?

- A) It became less popular with shoppers
- B) It was an attraction to pedestrian shoppers**
- C) Traffic congestion increased nearby
- D) Businesses began to close

16. How many people signed the petition to Council asking for Cuba Street to become a permanent pedestrian mall?

- A) 500
- B) 5000**
- C) 50,000
- D) 5

17. On what date did Cuba Mall officially open?

- A) October 14, 1969**
- B) October 4, 1969
- C) September 14, 1969
- D) October 14, 1979

18. What distinction does Cuba Mall hold in New Zealand?

- A) It was the first shopping mall in Wellington
- B) It was the first street in New Zealand to be developed as a pedestrian mall**
- C) It was the first street to have electric trams
- D) It was the first street to be named after an immigrant ship

19. The image of looking south along Cuba Street from Manners Street in 1900 shows which mode of transport still in operation?

A) Electric trams

B) Motor cars

C) Horse drawn trams

D) Steam trains

20. What prominent feature is visible in the 1900 photograph of Cuba Street?

A) The Cuba Mall entrance

B) The James Smith store

C) The tower of Te Aro House

D) The electric tram lines