II. Reading

Malaysia is one of the countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). It is divided in to two regions, known as West Malaysia and East Malaysia. They are separated by about 640 km of the sea and together comprise an area of 329,758 sq km. Malaysia enjoys tropical climate. The Malaysia unit of currency is the *ringgit*, consisting of 100 *sen*.

The capital of Malaysia is Kuala Lumpur and it is also the largest city in the country. The population in 2001 was over 22 million. Islam is the country's official religion. In addition, there are other religion such as Buddhism and Hinduism. The national language is Bahasa Malaysia (also known simply as Malaysia). English, Chinese, and Tamil are also widely spoken. The language of instruction for primary school children is Bahasa Malaysia, Chinese, or Tamil Bahasa Malaysia is the primary language of instruction in all secondary schools, although some students may continue learning in Chinese or Tamil. And English is a compulsory second language.

2. True/False statements

1. Malaysia is a member country of SEAN. ☐
2. There are two religions in Malaysia. ☐
3. People speak only Malay in Malaysia. ☐
4. Primary school children learn three languages at school. ☐
5. All secondary school children learn in English. ☐

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3. Fill in the table

1. Area:
2. Population:
3. Climate:
4. Unit of currency:
5. Capital city:
6. Official religion:
7. National language:
8. Compulsory second language:

2. Answer the questions

1. Where is Malaysia ?

2. What is the capital of Malaysia ?

3. What is its population ?

4. How big is Malaysia ?

5. What language is spoken in this country?

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