

Unit 5. BEING A PART OF ASEAN

READING

I. Read the extract from a short brochure introducing Indonesia. Match the subheadings (A-E) with the paragraphs (1-5)

A. Economy

B. Sports

C. Area and population

D. Culture

E. Tourist attractions

_____ (1) Indonesia has about 17,508 islands. It covers a land area of 1,904,569km². With a population of over 237 million people, Indonesia is the world's fourth **most populous** country. The capital city is Jakarta and the official language is Indonesian.

_____ (2) Indonesia's **economy** is the **largest** in Southeast Asia. Tourism plays a big role in the economy. In 2013 tourist sector contributed about US\$9 billion. Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, China, Japan are the top five sources of visitors to Indonesia.

_____ (3) Indonesia's sports are mainly **male-oriented**. The most popular sports are badminton and football. Traditional sports include Sepak Takraw, and Pencak Silat.

_____ (4) Indonesia is a **widely diverse** nation with over 300 ethnic groups. Its culture is influenced by Chinese, European, Indian and Malay cultures. The influences of Western cultures are seen in science, technology, and modern entertainment.

_____ (5) Indonesia is famous for its islands and beautiful views. The most popular destinations in Indonesia are beaches of Bali, Lombok, wonderful islands of Java, Sumatra, Kalimantan. Museums, monuments and gardens in the capital are also famous tourist attractions.

II. Read and do the tasks below.

ASEAN

A

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations, commonly referred to as ASEAN, is a geopolitical and economic organization of 10 countries in Southeast Asia. It was established in Bangkok, Thailand by Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Since then, membership has expanded to include Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia.

B

ASEAN has a population of about 600 million which makes up about 9% of the world's population. It has an area of 4.46 million square kilometers, accounting for 3% of the total land area of the earth, and its territorial waters cover an area about three times larger than its land mass does.

C

The region's principal aims include the acceleration of economic growth, social progress, and cultural development among its members, as well as the promotion of regional peace. With these targets, 'One Vision, One Identity, One Community' is chosen as the bloc's motto.

D

In terms of economy, if ASEAN were a single country, it would already be the eighth largest economy in the world, with a combined GDP of \$2.4 trillion in 2013. The Governments of ASEAN countries have paid special attention to trade. With regard to external trade, ASEAN as a whole represents the EU's third largest trading partner outside Europe (after the US and China) with more than €246 billion of trade in goods and services in 2014. It has been estimated that a free trade area will be established in the ASEAN region by 2020. The ASEAN leaders have also adopted the ASEAN Vision 2020, which aims at forging closer economic integration within the region. The Hanoi Plan of Action, adopted in 1998, serves as the first in a series of planned actions leading up to the realization of the ASEAN Vision.

E

In addition, ASEAN is a region of diverse cultures. Therefore, ASEAN cooperation not only covers economic growth but also in a variety of areas, including education, culture and sports activities. Student

exchange programs within the regional countries are encouraged. Regional sport competitions, such as the Southeast Asian Games, the ASEAN Para Games, the ASEAN Schools Games and the ASEAN Football Championship are held with the aim of strengthening friendship among ASEAN members.

Task 1. Write A, B, C, D or E next to the statement which contains the information from the paragraph.

1. ASEAN's sea area is about three times larger than its land area. _____
2. In addition to economy, ASEAN countries cooperate in a variety of aspects. _____
3. ASEAN organization consists of 10 countries in Southeast Asia. _____
4. Maintaining regional peace is one of the bloc's principal aims. _____
5. A free trade area is estimated to be formed within ASEAN by 2020. _____

Task 2. Decide whether the following statements are True, False or Not Given.

	True	False	Not given
6. ASEAN was founded in Bangkok, Thailand by Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.			
7. ASEAN covers an area of over four million square kilometers.			
8. The bloc's motto is: 'One Vision, One Diversity, One Community.'			
9. ASEAN is the EU's third largest trading partner outside Europe.			
10. ASEAN Schools Games is a sporting event held every year by an ASEAN state member.			

III. Choose the best answer to fill in the blank.

Passage 1

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is an organization of ten Southeast Asian countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, (1) _____ Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. It promotes political, economic, cultural and social cooperation (2) _____ its members. Although ASEAN works for peace and stability in Southeast Asia, it is not a defence organization.

The members of ASEAN cooperate in such fields (3) _____ population control, prevention of drug abuse, (4) _____ research and combating terrorism. Teachers, students and artists of the member nations exchange visits. In addition, the organization develops plans to promote tourism in ASEAN countries and to encourage programs of Southeast Asian studies. It works to (5) _____ trade barriers among the members.

1. A. the B. a C. an D. Ø
2. A. between B. through C. among D. from
3. A. like B. as C. alike D. that
4. A. scientific B. science C. scientist D. scientifically
5. A. increase B. prevent C. develop D. reduce

Passage 2.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations or ASEAN was (6) _____ on August 8 1967 in Bangkok by the five original member countries, (7) _____, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. Brunei Darussalam (8) _____ on January 8, 1984, Vietnam on July 28, 1995, Lao PDR and Myanmar on July 23, 1997, and Cambodia on April 30, 1999.

As of 2006, the ASEAN region has a population of about 560 million, a total area of 4.5 million square kilometers, a combined gross (9) _____ product of almost US\$ 1,100 billion, and a total trade of about US\$ 1,400 billion.

The ASEAN Declaration states that the aims and purposes of the Association are to (10) _____ economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region and to promote regional peace.

6. A. established B. constructed C. rebuilt D. decorated
7. A. such B. like C. namely D. as
8. A. took up B. joined C. represented D. involved
9. A. home B. exotic C. domestic D. household

10. A. fetch B. endeavor C. poach D. accelerate

IV. Read the following information about Thailand. Choose the appropriate words or phrases given to fill the gap.

*agri-food production
Thai boxing*

*beautiful islands
population*

famous festivals

1. Land area: 513,120km; _____ : 67,149,778 (2014 estimated), most speak Thai; capital: Bangkok

2. based on _____; major exports: Thai rice, textile and footwear, fishery products and electronic products

3. Ko Tarutao and Ko Chang as _____, with sandy beaches and clean water; Ayuthaya as an old and beautiful city, with temples and palaces made of stone

4. shaped by many influences from Indian, Lao, Cambodian and Chinese cultures; _____: Thai New Year (water fights) and Loy Kratong, a festival of lights and lanterns

5. very popular _____; others: rugby, golf, football, etc.