

Southeast Asia's Latest Scientific Frontiers: Marine Biodiversity, Ancient Civil

Science · Practice Test · 8 Questions

1. Which newly discovered giant isopod species, named for its resemblance to a Star Wars character, was found in the seafood markets of Quy Nhon City, Vietnam?

- A) Bathynomus rex
- B) Bathynomus vaderi
- C) Bathynomus giganteus
- D) Bathynomus doederleini

2. Archaeological evidence recently uncovered in Old Dhaka suggests the city served as a regional capital approximately how many years ago, challenging previous historical understanding?

- A) Around 1,000 years ago
- B) Approximately 500 years ago
- C) Around 2,500 years ago
- D) Since the Mughal era

3. A recent study highlighted how rising pollution levels in Southeast Asia are causing rainfall patterns to shift, with a significant intensification of precipitation occurring over which body of water?

- A) The South China Sea
- B) The Indian Ocean
- C) The Pacific Ocean
- D) The ocean surrounding the Maritime Continent

4. Which Southeast Asian nation is actively exploring traditional herbal remedies and discovering new compounds with potential therapeutic benefits as part of its medical research advancements?

- A) Thailand
- B) Indonesia
- C) Vietnam
- D) Malaysia

5. The discovery of a new black-widow pulsar, PSR J1544-2555, which spins at an extraordinary rate of 2.4 milliseconds, involved astronomers from which Southeast Asian institution?

- A) National Astronomical Research Institute of Thailand (NARIT)
- B) National Astronomical Research Institute of Singapore
- C) National Astronomical Research Institute of Malaysia
- D) National Astronomical Research Institute of the Philippines

6. What significant archaeological finding in Indonesia has been identified as the world's oldest known cave art, dating back an astonishing 67,800 years?

- A) A hand stencil in a cave in Borneo
- B) A series of depictions of ancient sea creatures
- C) A carved human figurine
- D) Cave paintings of hunting scenes

7. A 2025 study on Southeast Asian populations developed sex estimation equations based on discriminant function analysis of long bones. Which prehistoric Southeast Asian populations were primarily studied?

- A) Prehistoric Javanese and Sumatran populations
- B) Prehistoric Thai and Cambodian populations
- C) Prehistoric Philippine and Malaysian populations
- D) Prehistoric Vietnamese and Laotian populations

8. Which Southeast Asian country is working on developing a major spaceport initiative with an estimated budget of \$391 million, aiming to enter the regional space launch market?

- A) Singapore
- B) Vietnam
- C) Indonesia
- D) The Philippines